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WHAT: ECHO ARTS FESTIVAL at Glen Echo Park

The Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture presents Echo Arts Festival, celebrating visual and performing arts at Glen Echo Park. The **free** festival will feature live music, dance and movement, open studios and galleries, hands-on art activities, a live projection project, and more. This event is open to the public from 12:00pm to 5:00pm on Sunday, September 29, and takes place throughout the Park.

This year, headlining the live performances is Project Locrea (from LO-ve and CRE-ativity), a global jazz-fusion ensemble that creates and performs original compositions and contemporary arrangements inspired by the folk music of different countries. Combining sound and instrumentation of world folk traditions with classical, jazz, and contemporary music conventions, the project's fosters understanding of and deeper connections between cultures. Project Locrea's performance will take place in the Bumper Car Pavilion from 4:00pm – 5:00pm.

Visitors are also invited to participate in hands-on art projects throughout the day, including creating crafts based on the historic Dentzel carousel. In the Park's Hall of Mirrors Dance Studio, video artist Sue Slagle (stage name SUE-C) will feature visitors' creations in a video projections project. Festival attendees can also contribute to a collaborative, mixed-media community arts quilt reflecting each participants perception of what it means to be loving and joyful. And several participatory line dancing workshops will also be offered, giving visitors a wonderful opportunity to connect with others through dance.

The Festival also marks the final day of the 2024 carousel season, so everyone is encouraged to take a "last ride" on the historic 1921 Dentzel carousel before it closes for the year to reopen in May 2025. (Carousel tickets are \$2.00 per ride or \$5.00 for an all-day wristband.)

Visitors can spend a day at the Park enjoying performances, art activities, carousel rides, art demonstrations, live music, and so much more! The Money Muscle BBQ food truck, as well as Rocky Ice Cream, will provide food and drink for thousands of expected visitors.

WHEN: Sunday, September 29, 2024; 12pm - 5pm

WHERE: Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Glen Echo, MD

WHO: Presented by the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture

INFORMATION: All activities and parking are free, except carousel rides. Carousel rides are \$5.00 per person for unlimited rides all day. Contact (301) 634-2222 or visit <https://glenechopark.org/echoarts>

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Note to editors: High-resolution images of the carousel and performers are available by emailing jcloud@glenechopark.org

ABOUT GLEN ECHO PARK

Glen Echo Park is one of the finest cultural resources in the Washington, DC area. The Park is home to 13 resident artists & organizations, including two award-winning children's theaters; a nature & aquatic life program for kids; a thriving social dance program; a restored 1921 Dentzel Carousel; numerous art studios and galleries; and hundreds of classes in visual & performing arts, including ceramics, painting, photography, glass, music, dance, and more. These activities, as well as free summer concerts, festivals, and special events bring thousands of visitors to the Park each year.

ABOUT THE GLEN ECHO PARK PARTNERSHIP FOR ARTS AND CULTURE

The Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture, a non-profit organization, manages the arts programs and historic buildings Glen Echo Park, a vibrant arts and cultural center in Montgomery County, MD. The Park offers classes and camps in visual and performing arts, art exhibitions, children's theater performances, summer concerts, nature programs, special events and festivals, and a lively social dance program. Glen Echo Park is located at 7300 MacArthur Blvd. in Glen Echo, Maryland, six miles northwest of Georgetown along the scenic Potomac River palisades.