GLEN ECHO PARK
Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture

MEDIA ADVISORY

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LIGHT UP THE HOLIDAYS at Glen Echo Park Includes Holiday Events & Performances



PHOTO/VIDEO OPPORTUNITIES (November 14):
**** Tommy McFly and Glen Echo Park Partnership CEO flip the switch to light up the 105-year-old carousel's exterior holiday lights.**
**** Visitors in the Park's three Partnership Galleries view hand-made art & holiday gifts for sale.**
**** Waltz dancers attend a Fall Ball gala dance**
**** Holiday lights around the Park.**

PHOTO/VIDEO OPPORTUNITIES (December 5):
**** Children & families enjoy hands-on winter crafts & live holiday music**
**** Glassblowing holiday ornament workshop**
**** Holiday children's theater productions: *The Nutcracker* & *Frosty the Snowman***
**** Visitors in the Park's three Partnership Galleries view hand-made art & holiday gifts for sale.**
**** Pottery Winter Market in the Park's Bumper Car Pavilion**
**** Holiday lights around the Park.**

WHAT:
Celebrate the season under twinkling lights strung throughout Glen Echo Park, enjoy holiday magic and a lineup of events and activities for the whole family! Browse and buy fine artworks, visit open art studios, attend children's theater performances, participate in winter workshops, and more. A new Light Up the Carousel celebration kicks off the Park's Light Up the Holidays event series, which also includes the *Holiday Art Show & Sale*, Shop Arts Saturday, Winter's Eve, and Toast to You! A Donor Appreciation Event. It's also a season of giving—a great time for Park visitors to support the arts & culture programs they love. **Light Up the Holidays** has something for everyone!

- ❖ Shopping
- ❖ Classes & Workshops
- ❖ Children's Theater & Performances
- ❖ Donor Appreciation
- ❖ Open Studios
- ❖ Holiday Lights

The ***Holiday Art Show & Sale*** bookends the season, running from November 14, 2026 - January 10, 2027. Visitors can stop by the Popcorn Gallery, Stone Tower Gallery, and Park View Gallery to find truly one-of-a-kind gifts for friends and family! The show features approximately 2,000 art pieces in a variety of mediums, including glass, ceramics, photography, painting, and jewelry, and more than 100 participating local artists. An opening reception with many of the artists in attendance will be held Saturday, November 14, from 6pm to 8pm.

Coinciding with the opening reception on November 14, the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture ("the Partnership") presents an inaugural **Light Up the Carousel** event, illuminating the 105-year-old Dentzel carousel with a display of twinkling lights to welcome the holiday season. **NBC4's Tommy McFly will flip the switch to brighten the evening with spectacular carousel lights.** Free hot apple cider will be available and Indonesian food truck Saté will offer dinner options. Following the lighting, visitors are invited to take their own holiday photos inside the historic carousel building (suggested donation is $25). Select gifts will also be available for those who choose to make donations of $125+. The evening marks both the beginning of the Park's holiday event series and year-end fundraising campaign, making it the perfect opportunity to make a donation to support the Park's arts programs and historic buildings.

On November 28, the Partnership hosts **Shop Arts Saturday**—a reminder on Small Business Saturday that individual artists and galleries are small businesses, too! Visitors are invited to include the Park's many Visual Arts Studios & Galleries in their holiday shopping plans. Support local artists as you browse & buy gifts at the Holiday Art Show & Sale, Art Glass Center, Glen Echo Glassworks, Glen Echo Pottery, Photoworks, SilverWorks, Stone Tower Studio, and Yellow Barn Gallery.

Families will gather at the Park for **Winter's Eve** on December 5, a holiday event designed with all ages in mind. Join us for children's winter crafts; hands-on blown glass ornament workshops ($); and holiday music performances by resident performing arts groups, including Washington Conservatory of Music's Suzuki Students and local acoustic band Sticky G. (Only those activities with a "$" require a fee; all other events and activities are FREE.) Also on December 5, donors & members are invited to ***Toast To You!*****,** an appreciation event featuring festive drinks & treats and special gifts from the Partnership. Glen Echo Pottery's ***Winter Market*** (December 5 & 6), will feature functional and decorative ceramic works in the Bumper Car Pavilion.

Throughout the season, Glen Echo Park hosts holiday theater productions, including ***The Nutcracker* & *Frosty the Snowman,*** and holiday classes & workshops. These and all events and activities can be found here on the **Light Up the Holidays** event page: **https://glenechopark.org/holidays**

WHEN:
November 14, 2026 - January 10, 2027

- **Light Up the Carousel**: November 14, 6pm
- ***Holiday Art Show & Sale***: November 14, 2026 - January 10, 2027. Popcorn Gallery & Stone Tower Gallery: Thursdays & Fridays, 12pm - 4pm; Saturdays & Sundays, 12pm - 6pm. Park View Gallery: Monday - Saturday, 10am - 6pm, with holiday hours listed on the website. Opening Reception: Saturday, November 14, 6pm - 8pm
- **Shop Arts Saturday**: November 28, 12pm - 6pm
- **Winter's Eve**: December 5, 3pm - 6pm
- For dates and times of children's theater holiday performances and holiday classes & workshops, visit **glenechopark.org/holidays**

WHERE:
Glen Echo Park
7300 MacArthur Boulevard, Glen Echo, Maryland *(For media parking at the event, call or text contacts above.)*

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

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High-resolution images of previous years' Light Up the Holidays events are available. Email 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.

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