

Spring 2010 Sampler of Smithsonian Exhibitions and Activities

Information is current as of January 15, 2010, and is subject to last-minute changes.

The Smithsonian Institution operates 17 museums and the National Zoological Park in the Washington, D.C., area, and 2 museums in New York City. **Most museums are open daily, 10 AM-5:30 PM**; all are closed Dec. 25. The Anacostia Community Museum is open daily, 10 AM-5 PM. The Smithsonian American Art Museum and the National Portrait Gallery are open daily, 11:30 AM-7 PM. Begin your Washington visit at the **Smithsonian Information Center in the Castle, open daily, 8:30 AM-5:30 PM**. To confirm hours and dates, call **Smithsonian Information, 202-633-1000** (voice/tape); 202-633-5285 (TTY), Mon.-Fri., 9 AM-5:15 PM; Sat., 9 AM-4 PM; or visit the Smithsonian on the Web at www.smithsonian.org.

Note: The Arts and Industries Building is closed in preparation for renovation.

Special Spring and Summer Hours (to confirm hours, contact Smithsonian Information)

March 28 through September 5, open most days until 7:30 PM.

- Air and Space Museum (NASM)
- Natural History Museum

May 28 through September 5, open most days until 6:30 PM.

- NASM's Udvar-Hazy Center

Selected Exhibitions

In Washington, D.C.:

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| Feb. 12-
May 9, 2010 | <i>Framing the West: The Survey Photographs of Timothy H. O'Sullivan</i> More than 80 photographs and stereographs taken between 1867 and 1874 document the landscape and reveal the forthright style Sullivan formed in response to it. Smithsonian American Art Museum |
| March 5, 2010-
Jan. 30, 2011 | <i>The Art of Gaman: Arts and Crafts from the Japanese American Internment Camps, 1942-1946</i> The exhibition showcases approximately 150 objects made by Japanese Americans in internment camps during WWII, revealing how they tried to <i>gaman</i> – to bear the seemingly unbearable with dignity and patience. Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian American Art Museum |
| March 13-
July 18, 2010 | <i>In the Realm of the Buddha</i> Two distinct exhibitions offer fascinating encounters with the sacred art of Tibetan Buddhism: <i>Lama, Patron, Artist: The Great Situ Panchen</i> and <i>The Tibetan Shrine from the Alice S. Kandell Collection</i> . Arthur M. Sackler Gallery |
| Through
April 11, 2010 | <i>World View: Smithsonian Magazine Photo Contest</i> On view are 50 photos selected from thousands submitted to <i>Smithsonian</i> magazine's 6 th annual photo contest. Smithsonian Castle |
| Through
April 25, 2010 | <i>Women and Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America</i> Through rare artifacts and photographs from more than 400 communities, this exhibition explores the role of Catholic sisters in American life. S. Dillon Ripley Center |
| Through
May 31, 2010 | <i>Directions -- John Gerrard</i> Using 3-D gaming software, Irish artist Gerrard creates contemplative scenes from his photographs of oil fields and farms. Hirshhorn Museum & Sculpture Garden |
| Through
June 6, 2010 | <i>Delivering Hope: FDR & Stamps of the Great Depression</i> This exhibition reveals how President Roosevelt, a stamp collector, changed the look of stamps to convey messages of hope and optimism during the Great Depression. National Postal Museum |
| Through
June 6, 2010 | <i>The Texture of Night: James McNeill Whistler</i> Whistler's signature contribution to 19th-century art is represented through some 15 of his Nocturnes, the artist's term for his nearly abstract moonlit landscapes. Freer Gallery of Art |

- Through July 18, 2010 **Since Darwin: The Evolution of Evolution** To celebrate the 200th anniversary of Charles Darwin's birth, this exhibition explores the significant role his theories of evolution have played in explaining and unifying all the biological sciences. **National Museum of Natural History**
- Through July 25, 2010 **Artful Animals** Some 125 works capture the physical characteristics of animals and the many ways they act out human shortcomings and successes. **National Museum of African Art**
- Through Aug. 8, 2010 **Brian Jungen: Strange Comfort** Contemporary Native artist Brian Jungen transforms the familiar and makes them into wondrous sculptures that address contemporary issues of consumerism and globalization. **National Museum of the American Indian**
- Through Aug. 29, 2010 **One Life: Echoes of Elvis** In celebration of Elvis's 75th birthday, images by artists Andy Warhol, Red Grooms, and others illuminate this pop star's career. **National Portrait Gallery**
- New Permanent **Moving Beyond Earth** This permanent exhibition showcases the achievements and challenges of human spaceflight in the United States during the space shuttle and space station era. **National Air and Space Museum**
- New Permanent **On the Water: Stories from Maritime America** This permanent exhibition traces American maritime history from 18th-century sailing ships, to 19th-century steamboats and fishing craft, to today's huge container ships. **National Museum of American History**

In Chantilly, Va.:

- Permanent **James S. McDonnell Space Hangar** Hundreds of space history artifacts are on view, including the Space Shuttle *Enterprise* (OV-101), which flew test landings for the shuttle program in the 1970s. **National Air and Space Museum's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center**

In New York City:

- Through April 4, 2010 **Design USA: Contemporary Innovation** This exhibition features outstanding contemporary designs, celebrating the accomplishments by winners honored during the first 10 years of the National Design Awards. **Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum**
- Through July 7, 2011 **A Song for the Horse Nation** The epic story of the horse's influence on American Indian tribes from the 1600s to the present is told through some 100 works. **National Museum of the American Indian, Heye Center**

Selected Special Activities

Celebrate **Black History Month** (February), **Women's History Month** (March) and **Asian Pacific American Heritage Month** (May) with a variety of programs and related exhibitions. For a calendar of events, check the Web at the beginning of the commemorative month: www.SmithsonianEducation.org/heritage.

- Sat., March 27 (Rain Date: Sun., March 28) **Smithsonian Institution's 44th Annual Kite Festival** Kite makers of all ages test their skills in this annual festival held on the Mall near the Washington Monument. Free. For details, check the Web at www.kitefestival.org.
- April 22-25 **28th Annual Smithsonian Craft Show** One-of-a-kind, limited-edition crafts by some 120 artists are exhibited for sale at the National Building Museum, 401 F St., NW. Admission fee. For details, call 202-633-5006 or 1-888-832-9554 or check the Web closer to the time of the event at www.smithsoniancraftshow.org.

The **Discovery Theater** (located in the S. Dillon Ripley Center next door to the Smithsonian Castle) brings the magic of live theater to young audiences. For fees, performances, venues, and reservations, call 202-633-8700 (voice) or check the Web at www.discoverytheater.org.

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