

## Spring 2009 Sampler of Smithsonian Exhibitions and Activities

Information is current as of December 15, 2008, 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](http://www.smithsonian.org).

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

### Selected Exhibitions

#### In Washington, D.C.:

- Jan. 16, 2009-  
March 22, 2009 ***America's New Birth of Freedom: Documents from the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum*** To celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth, 10 rare and important documents, including a signed copy of the Emancipation Proclamation, are on display. **National Museum of American History**
- Jan. 23, 2009-  
April 26, 2009 ***Orchids through Darwin's Eyes: 15th Annual Orchid Show*** To mark the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of naturalist Charles Darwin's birth, this exhibition reveals the diversity of orchids through his eyes. **National Museum of Natural History**
- Feb. 4, 2009-  
Aug. 2, 2009 ***Artists in Dialogue: Antonio Ole and Aime Mpane*** Antonio Ole of Angola and Aime Mpane of the Democratic Republic of Congo respond to each other's art with original, site-specific works. **National Museum of African Art**
- Feb. 26, 2009-  
May 17, 2009 ***Louise Bourgeois*** Drawings, prints, paintings, and sculptures by French artist Louis Bourgeois (born 1911) represent most of the avant-garde artistic movements of the 20th century, from Surrealism to Conceptual art. **Hirshhorn Museum & Sculpture Garden**
- March 13, 2009-  
June 7, 2009 ***The Art and Craft of Greene & Greene*** The contribution of brothers Charles and Henry Greene to the American Arts and Crafts Movement is revealed through some 130 objects – including furniture, stained glass, and metalwork. **Renwick Gallery** of the Smithsonian American Art Museum
- March 21, 2009-  
Sept. 20, 2009 ***The Tale of Shuten Doji*** (working title) Modes of visual narration are explored through handscrolls, screens, sketches, and book illustrations telling the *Tale of Shuten Doji*, a Japanese folktale about the conquest of the monster Shuten Doji by the hero Minamoto Yorimitsu (948-1021). **Arthur M. Sackler Gallery**
- Through  
March 3, 2009 ***Accommodating Nature: The Photographs of Frank Gohlke*** Landscape photographer Frank Gohlke (b. 1942) has captured the tension between humanity and nature in his images. **Smithsonian American Art Museum**
- Through  
March 9, 2009 ***Road to Freedom: Photographs of the Civil Rights Movement, 1956-1968*** On view are unforgettable images that changed the nation by raising awareness of injustice and the struggle for equality. **S. Dillon Ripley Center**
- Through  
May 10, 2009 ***Moonlight and Clouds: Silver and Gold in the Arts of Japan*** This exhibition features 32 objects in which gold and silver were applied to create a more refined design, a technique developed by Japanese artists in the 17th century. **Freer Gallery of Art**

- Through  
July 5, 2009      **One Life: The Mask of Lincoln** The museum reveals the many faces of Abraham Lincoln through images from the collection, including Alexander Gardner's cracked-plate portrait. **National Portrait Gallery**
- Through  
Aug. 16, 2009      **Fritz Scholder: Indian/Not Indian** Works in a range of media from the 1960s and 1970s are on view to highlight the career of artist Fritz Scholder (Luiseno, 1937-2005). **National Museum of the American Indian**
- Through  
Sept. 20 2009      **Jubilee: African American Celebrations** African American holidays and celebrations from the 18<sup>th</sup> century to the present are explored through images. **Anacostia Community Museum**
- Through  
Oct. 29, 2009      **Alphabetilately** Celebrating its 15th anniversary, the museum documents stamp collecting and the history of the postal service through 26 topics, with each topic represented by a letter of the alphabet in the form of a stamp. **National Postal Museum**
- Indefinitely      **Military Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV)** On view are 6 aircraft that represent modern unmanned flight systems technology. **National Air and Space Museum.**

#### **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 5, 2009      **Solos: Tulou/Affordable Housing for China** Highlighted is a section of a bedroom from this prototype affordable housing project. **Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum**
- Through  
May 17, 2009      **Fritz Scholder: Indian/Not Indian** Works in a range of media from the 1980s and 1990s are on view to highlight the career of artist Fritz Scholder (Luiseno, 1937-2005). **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 at [www.smithsonianeducation.org//heritage](http://www.smithsonianeducation.org//heritage).

- Sat., March 28  
(Rain Date:  
Sun., March 29)      **Smithsonian Institution's 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Kite Festival** Kite makers of all ages test their skills in this annual festival held on the Mall near the Washington Monument. Free.
- April 23-26      **27<sup>th</sup> 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 check the Web closer to the time of the event at [www.smithsoniancraftshow.org](http://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](http://www.discoverytheater.org).

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