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Media Advisory

WHAT: “Remembering the 1930s Family Day” and recording of oral histories

WHEN: Saturday, May 9
Noon – 4 p.m.

WHERE: Kogod Courtyard
Smithsonian American Art Museum
Eighth and F streets N.W.

People of all ages are invited to attend “Remembering the 1930s Family Day” and play vintage board games such as Monopoly and Scrabble, participate in a quilt-printing activity, enjoy a performance of swing and the Lindy Hop by dance group Fidgety Feet and venture on an “I Spy” scavenger hunt. The event will be presented by the Smithsonian American Art Museum May 9 from noon until 4 p.m. in the Kogod Courtyard. Senior members of the public with memories of the Great Depression are encouraged to attend and record an oral history with Smithsonian Folkways Recordings, the nonprofit record label of the Smithsonian Institution. A screening of the classic film “Annie” will take place at noon in the museum’s McEvoy Auditorium.

This event is being held in conjunction with the museum’s exhibition, “1934: A New Deal for Artists,” which recognizes the 75th anniversary of the Public Works of Art Project/Program, a New Deal effort to employ artists during the Great Depression.

Contact Mandy Young before the day of the program to make arrangements. On May 9, Mandy can be reached on her cell phone at (202) 631-5222. Camera crews are not permitted in exhibition galleries without prior consent and a staff escort.

The Smithsonian American Art Museum is located at Eighth and F streets N.W., above the Gallery Place/Chinatown Metrorail station. Hours are 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, except Dec. 25. Admission is free. Smithsonian Information: (202) 633-1000 or TTY (202) 633-5285. Museum information: (202) 633-7970. Web site: americanart.si.edu.

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