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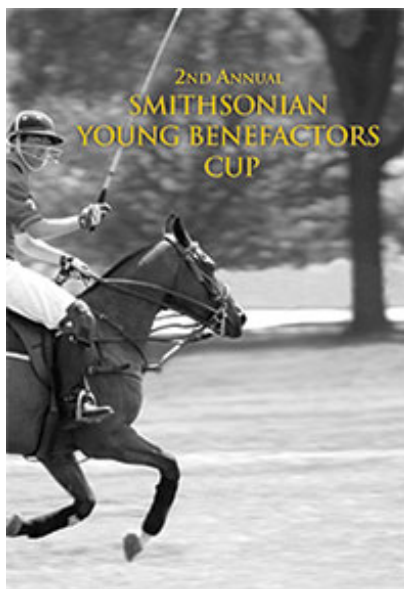
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Dear %%FIRST_NAME%% %%LAST_NAME%%,

2nd Annual Young Benefactors Cup Countdown – 100 days until the games begin!



Fancy spending the afternoon at a polo match, mingling with celebrities or possibly even a jodhpur-wearing Young Benefactor member? Budding Julia Roberts or Richard Gere's have less than 100 days for their very own Pretty Woman moment out on the pitch treading the divots in between plays at the Stomping of the Divots!

Tickets to the event are now available. Call 202-633-3030 or order online.

General Admission tickets are \$125 for YB Members and \$150 for Non-Members. Early Birds can catch the After Party ticket. If you purchase your General Admission tickets before June 20th, your tickets will include the After Party at the Mandarin Oriental. (\$125 for YB Members and \$150 for Non-Members)

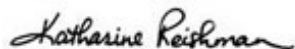
Be a part of the VIP set and get access to the VIP Tent where you can mingle with VIPs, players, hosts, sponsors and enjoy the festivities with the limited number of VIP tickets available. Tickets are \$325 for YB Members and \$375 for Non-Members. VIP tickets include access to the After Party at the Mandarin Oriental, immediately following the trophy presentations.

Hope to see you all at the [Polo Kick-Off Event](#), Thursday, June 5th at the Embassy of Argentina. Finally, don't forget to attend our monthly events, including the Second Saturday Tour, Voices to Access Project, and New Member Dinners to meet other YBs while giving back to this great Institution.

Encourage your friends to join! Please forward this newsletter and bring a friend to our monthly Happy Hour events. For membership or event information, go to

www.YoungBenefactors.org or email yb@si.edu.

Sincerely,



Katharine Reishman

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Smithsonian Young Benefactors Cup Kick-Off Party

PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME

Thursday, June 5, 7:30 to 10 p.m.

Location: Embassy of Argentina

1600 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

Metro: Dupont Circle (Red line)

Come celebrate the beginning of the polo season and officially kick off the **2nd Annual Smithsonian Young Benefactors Cup** at this exclusive event at the Embassy of Argentina. The evening, which is sponsored by Capitol File, will feature a selection of Argentine wines and cuisine, Tango performances, music, and more!

Tickets are \$40 for members and \$60 for non-members. In addition, we are offering a special \$30 price with the same-day purchase of a new YB Membership (purchase must be made by calling 202-633-3030).

Due to space restrictions, there are a limited number of tickets available. Ticket sales will close at 12 noon on Thursday, June 5. There will be no tickets sold at the door.

To purchase tickets, visit www.YoungBenefactors.org or call 202-633-3030.

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Get Smart

Special Advanced Screening

Tuesday, June 17, 7:00 p.m.

Location: Regal Gallery Place Stadium 14

4th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

Metro: Chinatown/Gallery Place (Red, Yellow, and Green lines)

In the all-new action comedy "Get Smart," opening June 20, secret agent Maxwell Smart (Steve Carell) is on a mission to thwart the latest plot for world domination by the evil crime syndicate known as KAOS.



When the headquarters of U.S. spy agency CONTROL is attacked and the identities of its agents compromised, the Chief (Alan Arkin) must promote his ever-eager analyst Maxwell Smart, who has always dreamt of working in the field alongside stalwart superstar Agent 23 (Dwayne Johnson). He is partnered instead with the lovely-but-lethal Agent 99 (Anne Hathaway). Given little field experience and even less time, Smart—armed with nothing but a few spy-tech gadgets and his unbridled enthusiasm

—must defeat KAOS to save the day.

Directed by Peter Segal (“The Longest Yard”), “Get Smart” is written by Tom J. Astle & Matt Ember, based on characters created by Mel Brooks and Buck Henry. It also stars Terence Stamp and James Caan. Rated PG-13.

We would like to thank Warner Bros. Pictures for the generous contribution to make this screening possible.

Tickets are \$12 for YB members and \$15 for non-members. To purchase tickets, visit www.YoungBenefactors.org or call 202-633-3030.

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Happy Hour

Wednesday, June 18, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Location: Clarendon Grill

1101 N. Highland Street, Arlington, VA

Metro: Clarendon (Orange line)



Nonmembers Welcome! \$10 suggested donation for Culture4Kids Fund

Join the Young Benefactors on the newly renovated patio at Clarendon Grill for sunshine, friendship, and specials on domestic and import beer. Be sure to bring your friends as our monthly happy hours provide nonmembers with a great venue for learning about our organization. And, as your mixing and mingling, don't forget to make a donation to the YB Culture4Kids Fund, which provides local youth with access to the diverse, educational experiences offered by The Smithsonian Associates' Summer Camp and Discovery Theater.

For more information, please contact yb@si.edu.

YB New Member Dinners

Monday, June 16, 6:45 to 9:00 p.m.

NEW Location: [The Melting Pot](#)

701 7th Street, NW, Washington, DC

Metro: Dupont Circle (Red Line)



Calling All New Members!

The Young Benefactor Leadership Committee invites you to attend our New Member Dinners at Tallula. These dinners provide a perfect opportunity to meet other new Young Benefactors as well as current members and chairs of our committees. There is no charge to attend the dinner; however, attendees are responsible for their food and drink costs along with any applicable gratuities.

At The Melting Pot, the YBs will enjoy a prix fixe menu of 4 courses for \$28, wine specials, and use of a private room.

Reservation Policy: New Member Dinners are designed to provide new members with an opportunity to meet each other and learn about the organization in a small group setting (10 to 15 people per dinner). Therefore, we require that all interested attendees RSVP. Seats for each monthly dinner will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. If the available seats have been filled for the dinner you

request, your name will be placed on the waitlist, and you will be confirmed for a seat at a future dinner.

To RSVP: Send an email to ybnewmembers@yahoo.com with the following information: "New Member Dinner" (Subject Line), your name, email, phone, date of dinner you would like to attend, month/year you joined, and your YB member ID.

YB Second Saturday Tour

Saturday, June 14, 12 noon

Location: National Gallery of Art
4th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC
Metro: Archives/Navy Memorial (Yellow and Green lines)

FREE for Members Only!

"Impressionism"

Join other Young Benefactors members for a special tour at the National Gallery of Art to view the Impressionist masterpieces by artists such as: Monet, Degas, Van Gogh, and Mary Cassatt.

In April 1874, a group of young renegade artists opened an exhibition independent of the official Salon. The founders of this society were animated by the will to break with official art. These future impressionists did not want to simply paint what they saw, but rather a mix of reality merged with their own viewpoint. Simultaneously, French philosophers and scientists were studying theories of color and perception, which influenced the impressionists to paint candid glimpses of their subjects showing the effects of sunlight, changing seasons, and weather patterns.

Boldly rejecting the mainstream, these artists set a new standard for modern painting and a renewed concept of timeless beauty.

Space is limited! Email ybsecsat@yahoo.com by June 12th to reserve your space. **Reservations will be taken by email at this address only and are required to attend.** The Smithsonian Young Benefactors are planning to go to lunch following the event. Attendees will be responsible for their own lunch and any applicable gratuities. All are invited to attend.

Please provide the following information in your email:

- "June Tour Reservation Request" in the subject line
- Your name and your YB Member ID

Voices to Access Volunteer Project

Saturday, June 21, 10:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: [National Museum of American History](#)
14th Street & Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC
Metro: Federal Triangle or Smithsonian Metro (Blue and Orange lines)

The Voices to Access Project provides cassette recordings of the *Smithsonian* magazine and other printed materials to more than 800 people monthly who are visually impaired. YB members volunteer in

the packaging and mailing process, allowing the Smithsonian to offer the recordings free to those who need it. It is a wonderful way to give back to the Smithsonian while meeting other YB members in a small group setting. The group may go to lunch afterwards.

Since the museum is now closed for renovation until fall 2008, you will receive instructions on how to enter the museum upon signing up. The Voices to Access Project takes place in the Accessibility Office (Room 2100A) on the second floor. The office is situated near the end of the *Communities in a Changing Nation* exhibition.

For information or to sign up, e-mail voicestoaccess@yahoo.com.

YB Spotlight

Openings, Events, and Exhibitions of Interest

[The 42nd Annual Smithsonian Folklife Festival](#)

The 42nd Annual Smithsonian Folklife Festival, produced by the Smithsonian Institution's Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage, is a living exhibition of traditional culture that enables the public to learn from and interact with exemplary keepers of diverse traditions. This year the Festival features three programs: Bhutan: Land of the Thunder Dragon, NASA: Fifty Years and Beyond, and Texas: A Celebration of Music, Food, and Wine. Located on the National Mall, the festival runs June 25th through the 29th and July 2nd through the 6th.

[Sunset Serenades at the National Zoo](#)

The National Zoo's free summer concerts on Lion/Tiger Hill will return Thursdays starting on June 26th and running through August 7th. Musical performances range from jazz and folk to blues and rock and roll. Visitors are encouraged to bring a picnic or purchase snacks at the Mane Restaurant.

Recommended Resident Associate Events

As a Young Benefactors Member, you receive member discounts to the nearly 1,200 Resident Associate programs offered each year. Visit ResidentAssociates.org or grab a copy of the monthly *Smithsonian Associate* catalog for a complete program listing and ticket information.

[Hong Kong: City between Worlds](#)

Monday, June 16, 6:45 to 9 p.m.



From mountainside temples, teahouses, and noodle stalls to congested Mong Kok and its bookshops, wet markets, and neon-lit skyscrapers, **Leo Ou-fan Lee** knows every part of Hong Kong. Perched on the fault line between China and the West, this bustling city is known for its multi-faceted complexity.

In illustrated presentations, Lee offers an insider's view of his hometown, from its first days as a trading port to its current status as a special administrative region of the People's Republic of China. The relationship between Hong Kong's geography and its colonial experience is illuminated as Lee relates the history and culture that make Hong Kong so different from its neighbors.

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[Life and Death in Extreme Environments](#)

Tuesday, June 17, 6:45 to 9 p.m.



Stories of human achievements and survival against the odds have always been fascinating. We wonder how the body copes, whether living in the world's harshest environments or mounting expeditions to its hottest, coldest, and highest places. Answers lie in the study of environment physiology, the responses and adaptations of the human body to extreme conditions. This seminar uses case studies to illustrate principles of survival and the range of environments that can support human life. Lecturer Claude Piantadosi is a professor of medicine at Duke University Medical Center and author of *The Biology of Human Survival*.

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[Disdain, Danger, and Desire: Romance in Jane Austen](#)

Wednesday, June 18, 6:45 to 9 p.m.



This evening seminar provides a new look into some of Austen's heroines' hidden sensations, which are subtly and enticingly disrupted by the insistent pulse of desire, and explores how Austen's most satisfying and universally sympathetic love stories are those that arise from human frailty, ineptitude, and foolishness.

Critical readers explore how sometimes Austen's characters need more support from their society to acknowledge and act on their passions. Participants re-examine quiet Anne Elliot and Fanny Price in search of where in their narratives they tell us what they want. Film clips highlight the discussion and help to uncover some of the often overlooked and tantalizing tidbits of Austen's novels.

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[Evening Picnic at the Zoo](#)

For Resident Associate and YB Members and Smithsonian Staff Only

Wednesday, June 25, 6 to 8:30 p.m.



The National Zoo has more than 45 species from North America, including endangered species such as the bald eagle, prairie dog, sea lion, black-footed ferret, and flamingo. This year at our annual evening picnic at the National Zoo, we celebrate what our country has to offer: North America's 5.8 billion acres boast an amazing abundance and diversity of wildlife.

Stroll around to see animals in their outdoor enclosures, visit animal houses, and take advantage of opportunities to meet some animals at close range as their keepers give informal talks.

The picnic area of Lion/Tiger Hill features a barbecue buffet, beer, and soda (included in the price of the ticket). Live music is provided by **Slim Harrison and the Sunnyland Band**.

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[A Traveler's Guide to Worldwide Cruises](#)

Wednesday, June 25, 6:45 to 9 p.m.



Experience some of the world's most alluring destinations as an imaginary passenger on different cruise ships.



First, we delve into the romantic past of great ocean liners such as the Queen Mary and Ile de France and follow the changes in cruise travel through the 20th century. Then we learn about the variety of today's cruise vessels, taking a route from Dubai and Jordan to the Suez Canal on a luxury cruise liner; from the Falkland Island to Antarctica and Cape Horn on a small expedition vessel; through Norway's villages via coastal ship; from Cannes and Malaga to the Caribbean; from St. Helena via the Canary Islands to Cape Town on a cargo ship; down the Mississippi River on a classic riverboat; and through France's countryside on a luxury barge. Included are tips on picking the cruise that is right for you, exploring beyond the usual destinations, and before-you-go secrets.

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Please share your thoughts and/or questions. The YB Committees value your input and welcome all volunteers. Contact information and Committee descriptions are available at www.youngbenefactors.org/contact.shtm.

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