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Dear %FIRST\_NAME% %LAST\_NAME%,

Summer is here and the city is filled with events, tourists and good old Washington heat! Escape the heat and enjoy one of D.C.'s finest treasures, The Smithsonian Associates, featuring some truly unique programs such as strolling through Gaudi's Barcelona with art historian Philip Jacks and travelling to Russia and Turkey with gifts of Tsars of Imperial Russia. For a full listing of Resident Associate programs (RAP), please visit [www.residentassociates.org](http://www.residentassociates.org). As a YB Member, you are able to take advantage of the discounted member pricing.

Lastly, thank you for making the 19th Annual Smithsonian YB Gala such a wonderful success! We would like to congratulate Gala Co-Chairs, Jennifer Lee and Lindsay Rosenthal, and the Gala Committee, on doing a fantastic job—thank you for your hard work and support!

Enjoy your summer and be sure take time to explore all the Smithsonian has to offer!

Sincerely,



Katharine Reishman

## *Voices to Access Volunteer Project*

**Saturday, June 20, 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 American History Museum has now re-opened, you may now enter the museum through the main Entrance. If you arrive before the Museum opens, please check in through the Staff Entrance in the parking tunnel. 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 *Communities in a Changing Nation* exhibition.

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## *YB Second Saturday Tour*

**Saturday, June 13, 2009, 12:00 p.m.**

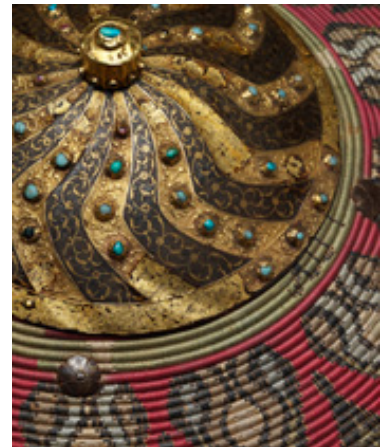
**Location:** [Arthur M. Sackler Gallery](#)

1050 Independence Avenue at Seventh Street, SW

**Metro:** Smithsonian (Blue and Orange lines)

**FREE for Members Only**

[Tsars and The East: Gifts from Turkey and Iran in the Moscow Kremlin](#)



The Sackler Gallery has partnered with the State Museums of the Moscow Kremlin, to showcase a unique exhibit of lavish gifts, and tributes offered to the tsars and court of Imperial Russia from embassies, diplomatic missions, and trade delegations of Ottomans and Safvids.

Ranging in date from the late sixteenth to the late seventeenth century, the exhibit shows the lavish gifts of rarely seen arms, armor and jeweled ceremonial vessels and regalia. It also explores the reasons why these extraordinary gifts were presented, their artistic and cultural impact, and the aesthetic styles and ceremonial etiquette they inspired that came to characterize the Russian court in the seventeenth century and beyond.

Space is limited! Email [ybsecsat@yahoo.com](mailto:ybsecsat@yahoo.com) by June 9th to reserve your space. **Reservations will be taken by email at this address only and are required to attend.** The Smithsonian Young Benefactor's will be planning on going to lunch following the event. Lunch will be on your own. 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

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## ***YB New Member Dinner***

**Monday, June 1, 6:45 to 9 p.m.**

**Location:** [The Melting Pot](#)

1220 19th Street, NW, Washington, DC

**Metro:** Dupont Circle (Red Line)

**Calling All New Members!**



The Young Benefactors Leadership Committee invites you to attend our New Member Dinners now at The Melting Pot. 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 a salad and two fondue courses for \$20 (plus tax and gratuity), 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 (15 to 30 people per dinner). Therefore, we require that all interested attendees RSVP. Seats for each 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 a waitlist, and you will be confirmed for a seat at a future dinner.

To RSVP: Send an email to [ybnewmembers@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

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## ***Happy Hour***

**Thursday, June 17, 6 to 9 p.m.**



**Location:** [Yaku](#)

1900 Clarendon Blvd

Arlington, VA 22201

(703)248-0844

**Metro:** Court House Metro (Orange Line)



**Nonmembers Welcome! \$10 Suggested Donation for the YB Culture4Kids Fund**

The Smithsonian Young Benefactors are invited to Yaku. YAKU, is a “Chifa” restaurant lounge located in Clarendon. Chifa is the fusion of Chinese and Peruvian cuisine developed by Chinese immigrants to Peru in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It is also used to define a restaurant where this type of fare is served and is recognized as an ever-evolving style of cooking. The name YAKU means “water” in Quechua (Incan Language) and is intended to capture Asian-influenced Andean culinary styles unique to the region.

Join the YBs for an evening of international cocktails and music while meeting new friends. Yaku is designed by Grupo7, the architecture and interiors firm who designed Latin Concept's Mate, Ceviche Restaurant and K Street Lounge. So, you know you will no doubt be whisked away to far away lands upon arrival!

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.

For more information, please contact [yb@si.edu](mailto:yb@si.edu).

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## *Smithsonian Spotlight*

Openings, Events, and Exhibitions of Interest



### [On the Water: Stories from Maritime America](#)

Marine transportation and waterborne commerce underlie American history like a strong and steady ocean current. Maritime trade established major cities, created connections between people and places and opened the continent. Visitors to this new permanent exhibition will explore life and work on the nation's waterways, discovering the stories of whaling crews, fishermen, shipbuilders, merchant mariners, passengers, and many others. From 18th-century sailing ships, 19th-century steamboats and fishing craft to today's mega containerships, the exhibition will reveal America's maritime connections through objects, documents, audiovisual programs, and interactives. Visitors will discover the continuous and significant role maritime activity has played in American lives.

For more information: <http://americanhistory.si.edu/exhibitions/exhibition.cfm?key=38&exkey=1207>.



### [I Do Solemnly Swear: Photographs of the 2009 Inauguration](#)

**April 29, 2009 - July 12, 2009**

This exhibition features over 30 framed color and black-and-white photographs highlighting the week-long events surrounding the historic Presidential Inauguration of Barack Obama. Included in the exhibition are photographs by both professional and amateur photographers who recorded events surrounding the peaceful American transfer of power. The photographs on view include selections from the National Museum of American History's new acquisition of 2009 inaugural photographs by leading photojournalists, including David Hume Kennerly, Bob McNeely and Karen Ballard.

For more information: <http://americanhistory2.si.edu/news/pressrelease.cfm?key=29&newskey=992>.



### [Farmers, Warriors, Builders: The Hidden Life of Ants](#)

**May 30, 2009 - October 10, 2009**

Did you know that some ants grow their own food, just like farmers? Or that other ants build highways that can be seen from the air? Or that large ant colonies go to war with each other? Get a look at life from an ant's point of view with large-format photographs of ants going about their daily business, a cast of an underground ant city, and a live ant colony.

For more information: <http://www.mnh.si.edu/exhibits/ants/index.html>.

For other new and upcoming events at the Smithsonian, [click here](#).

## 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](http://ResidentAssociates.org) or grab a copy of the monthly *Smithsonian Associate* catalog for a complete program listing and ticket information.



### [Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks: Thelonious Monk's 1959 Town Hall Concert Full Orchestra](#) Sat., June 6, 7:30 PM

The Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra (SJMO) was founded in 1990 with an appropriation from Congress in recognition of the importance of jazz in American culture. In the fourth year of its series with The Smithsonian Associates, SJMO has been hailed for its “vitality and skill” *Jazz Times*, “crisp ensemble work,” and “many gifted soloists” *Washington Post*. This season looks back five decades to reflect the importance of 1959 as a time of transition in the jazz world. Under artistic and musical director **David N. Baker**, the SJMO delves into those vast changes.

Thelonious Monk organized a 10-piece ensemble to interpret his compositions in a concert at New York's Town Hall in 1959.

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### [Staying Cool About Summer Wines](#) With Tastings Thurs., June 18, 6:45 to 8:45 p.m.

Choosing the right summer wine can be a tough job. Spicy hot food off the barbeque demands a full-bodied red. Cold soups and light salads beg for a crisp white. What is best to serve with a fruit-based dessert? When is sparkling white wine the best option?

Are you sweating already? Well, don't. Helping us to stay cool about wine when the air heats up and the humidity is high is expert **Kelly Magyarics**. She suggests which of the crisp whites, refreshing sparklers, and barbeque-loving reds work well when cooking inside is hardly an option.

[+ BUY TICKETS](#)

In order to purchase tickets online, you will need to login to our website. Only current Young Benefactors members are able to purchase tickets at the member rate for both Young Benefactors and Resident Associate programs/events.

**If you have not yet used your Temporary Login, which is linked to your Smithsonian account, please use the information that appears below:**

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%%\$temp\_password%%

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 <http://youngbenefactors.org/ticketing/contact.aspx>.

For more information on the Young Benefactors of the Smithsonian Institution, visit [www.YoungBenefactors.org](http://www.YoungBenefactors.org).

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