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

This August, the Smithsonian Young Benefactors celebrates its 20th year as the leading museum-based cultural organization for young professionals in our nation's capital. On August 13th, enjoy a cocktail reception with beer and wine, hors d'oeuvres, and birthday cupcakes provided by Hello Cupcake at the Embassy of Australia. At the event you will also have the opportunity to enjoy "Yuru-yururla: Women's Painting from Yuendumu," an exhibition featuring paintings by Aboriginal women on view at the Embassy. Thank you to the Embassy of Australia and to Hello Cupcake for sponsoring this event! Due to space restrictions, there are a limited number of tickets available so buy your tickets early! To learn more about this event and to purchase tickets, visit [www.YoungBenefactors.org](http://www.YoungBenefactors.org) or call 202-633-3030.

Katharine Reishman, Director of the Young Benefactors, has resigned to pursue other opportunities. We would like to thank her for her work on behalf of the Young Benefactors and wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors. I will be taking over the leadership of the Young Benefactors so please direct any questions to me.

I look forward to seeing you at the Birthday Bash on August 13th!

Sincerely,



Katherine G. Stilwill

Be sure to become a fan of the [Smithsonian Young Benefactors Facebook page!](#) We will be posting events and updates to this page throughout the year.

The Young Benefactors are always seeking volunteers, if you would like to receive volunteer notices via email, please send us an email at [yb@si.edu](mailto:yb@si.edu) and include "Seeking Volunteer Opportunities" in the subject line. You may also find occasions listed on the "Get Involved" page of the YB Website.

## Voices to Access Volunteer Project

**Saturday, August 15, 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. This 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 many now enter the

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museum through the main Entrance. If you arrive before the Museum opens, please check in through the Staff Entrance in the parking tunnel. The new location is by the gift shop on the first floor, which is straight back from the Constitution Avenue entrance of the American History Museum. (Please note that there are two gift shops and we meet at the largest one on the first floor.)

For information or to sign up, e-mail [voicestoaccess@yahoo.com](mailto:voicestoaccess@yahoo.com).

## ***New Member Dinner***

**Monday, August 3, 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.



## ***YB Second Saturday Tour***

**Saturday, August 8, 2009, 12:00 p.m.**

**Location:** [The National Gallery of Art](#)

The National Gallery of Art is located at 4th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20565.

Our group will be meeting in the West Building Rotunda near the information desk on the Main Floor.

**Metro:** The nearest Metro stops are **Judiciary Square** on the Red Line, **Archives** on the Yellow/Green Lines, and **Smithsonian** on the Blue/Orange Lines.

**Members Only! FREE!**

[American Collection](#)

By tracing the history of American art from the colonial period through the early 20th century, this tour highlights artists, patrons, styles, newly emerging themes, and the historical circumstances that helped shape the nation's artistic identity. The National Gallery's extensive collection of American art includes well-known works by Stuart, Copley, Cole, Bingham, Homer, Eakins, Twachtman, and Bellows.



Space is limited! Email [ybsecsat@yahoo.com](mailto:ybsecsat@yahoo.com) by August 5th to reserve your space. **Reservations will be taken by email at this address only and are required to attend.**

Please provide the following information in your email:

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

## Smithsonian Spotlight

Openings, Events, and Exhibitions of Interest

### Warhol Himself: Culture in Motion Performance

**Monday, August 3, 2009, 7 p.m.**

Reynolds Center for American Art and Portraiture  
McEvoy Auditorium (enter from G St.)

This performance is a compilation of Warhol's quotations -- creating an intimate portrayal of the renowned artist and pop culture icon in his own words -- and features Kryzto Lindquist as Warhol and Portrait Gallery staff Jewell Robinson as his interviewer.

Related Exhibition: *Reflections/Refractions: Self-Portraiture in the Twentieth Century*

**Free, but seating is limited; for reservations, call 202-633-8520 or email [NPGPublicPrograms@si.edu](mailto:NPGPublicPrograms@si.edu).**

**For more information:** <http://www.npg.si.edu/event/currentevents.html>.

### Fourteenth Annual Made in Hong Kong Film Festival

**August 2, 2009—August 23, 2009**

Freer Gallery, Meyer Auditorium  
This festival is cosponsored by the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office.

A selection of films that highlight Hong Kong's cinematic achievements.

All About Women (Made in Hong Kong Film Festival)  
Sunday, August 2, 2 pm

One Nite in Mongkok (Made in Hong Kong Film Festival)  
Friday, August 7, 7 pm

One Nite in Mongkok (Made in Hong Kong Film Festival)  
Sunday, August 9, 2 pm

Eye in the Sky (Made in Hong Kong Film Festival)  
Friday, August 14, 7 pm

Eye in the Sky (Made in Hong Kong Film Festival)  
Sunday, August 16, 2 pm

My Mother is a Belly Dancer (Made in Hong Kong Film Festival)  
Friday, August 21, 7 pm

My Mother is a Belly Dancer (Made in Hong Kong Film Festival)  
Sunday, August 23, 2 pm

**Free; tickets required**



**For more information:** <http://www.asia.si.edu/events/films.asp>.

### **Brew at the Zoo**

**Thursday, August 20, 2009, 6–9 p.m.**

Raise your glass to conservation and join FONZ Young Professionals at the fifth annual Brew at the Zoo. Sample beer from more than 35 microbreweries.

Your ticket includes:

- All beer sampling
- A commemorative mug
- Live music by local entertainers Gonzo's Nose and the Batala Percussion Band.

Proceeds support animal care, conservation science, education, and sustainability at the National Zoo.

Armand's Pizzeria, Hard Times Café, and Rocklands Barbeque and Grilling Company will be providing food for sale during the event.

#### **Tickets:**

General Admission:  
\$35 FONZ members  
\$50 nonmembers

VIP Brew Club:  
\$70 FONZ members  
\$85 nonmembers

\*You must be at least 21 years old to attend this event. A valid ID is required for admission. This is an adults-only event. Babies and children will not be admitted.

**For more information:** <http://nationalzoo.si.edu/ActivitiesAndEvents/YoungProfessionals/AfterHours/> or 202.633.3040.

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



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## ***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.

**SAVE THE DATE:**



### [The Second City: Best of Show 50th Anniversary](#)

**Friday, September 25, 6:30 p.m.**

\*This performance is also available on [Friday, September 25, 9 p.m.](#)

The Second City is 50! The improv troupe celebrates its golden anniversary with a musical and comedic adventure that is an up-to-the-minute satire, coupled with material from its vast archive of hilarity. The review features some of the best sketches, songs, and improvisations from The Second City's 50-year history and also guides the audience through the past year's most delectable political scandal, cultural milestones, and public disgrace. No topic or subject matter is off-limits.

Founded in Chicago in 1959, The Second City is a premier training ground for comedy's best and brightest, with an alumni list that includes Tina Fey, Stephen Colbert, Steve Carell, John and Jim Belushi, Dan Aykroyd, Bill Murray, Gilda Radner, Martin Short, and Mike Myers.

[+ BUY TICKETS](#)

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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%%

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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 <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).

For more information on the Smithsonian Resident Associate Program, visit [www.ResidentAssociates.org](http://www.ResidentAssociates.org).

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