

# WELCOME

## to Smithsonian Teachers' Night

**National Portrait Gallery  
Smithsonian American Art Museum  
Friday, September 28, 2012  
7:00–9:30 pm**

### Refreshments

Kogod Courtyard, First Floor  
Great Hall and Luce Center, Third Floor  
**Please note that food and drinks are not permitted in the exhibition galleries.**

### Door Prizes

Kogod Courtyard, First Floor  
**Check your totebag for a certificate to see if you are a winner. Prizes must be claimed by 9:00 pm.**  
Prizes donated by the Smithsonian Center for Education and Museum Studies, the Smithsonian's education offices, Smithsonian Enterprises, and Target.

### Totebag Distribution

Kogod Courtyard, First Floor  
**Turn in your coupon for your Smithsonian Teachers' Night totebag. Totebags are available for the first 3,000 attendees.**

### Museum Stores

First Floor  
**Visit the museum store to receive a 10% discount on purchases of \$50 or more.**

### Looking for Something?

**For directions and assistance during the event, please ask a volunteer wearing a white Smithsonian Teachers' Night cap.**

### Listen

**Enjoy performances throughout the evening by:**  
**Graham Road Percussion Ensemble**  
Kogod Courtyard, First Floor  
**Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Trio**  
Luce Center, Third Floor

### Smile!

**Check [flickr.com/smithsonianeducation](http://flickr.com/smithsonianeducation) for photos taken at this and past events.**  
Please note that attendees may be filmed, photographed, or recorded for educational and promotional uses, which may include posting on the Smithsonian's and other public websites and social media channels.

### Connect

**Join Smithsonian Education on**  

### Visit SmithsonianEducation.org

**Enrich your classroom throughout the year by visiting [smithsonianeducation.org](http://smithsonianeducation.org). You will find more than 2,000 classroom resources, aligned to state and Common Core standards.**

### Thank you

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# Demonstrations

Nan Tucker McEvoy Auditorium, Lower Level adjacent to the G Street Lobby

- 7:10

**Oh Freedom**  
Learn how to use the new *School's Out* teaching poster and other resources on African American art in the classroom.  
Smithsonian American Art Museum
- 7:30

**Forces of Flight**  
Learn about the basic scientific principles of air and space flight by testing your own strength against the air pressure in the gallery, exploring Bernoulli's principle, and much more.  
National Air and Space Museum
- 7:50

**Smithsonian Badges**  
Motivate your students to earn Smithsonian digital badges that represent their accomplishments (smithsonianquests.org).  
Smithsonian Center for Education and Museum Studies
- 8:05

**Dr. Craik: His Life and Times with Washington**  
George Washington's best friend tells of his adventures during war and peace with the legendary man who would become America's first president.  
George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate, Museum and Gardens
- 8:20

**EdLab: Classrooms and Effective Social Media**  
Bring the world into your classroom through an international Twitter chat.  
@SIEdLab
- 8:35

**Oh Freedom** (repeated)
- 8:50

**Dr. Craik: His Life and Times with Washington** (repeated)
- 9:05

**Forces of Flight** (repeated)
- 9:20

**EdLab: Classrooms and Effective Social Media** (repeated)

## Activities

### Play Video Games in the Galleries

*The Art of Video Games* Exhibition, Third Floor  
7:00–9:30  
Five featured games show how players interact with diverse virtual worlds, highlighting innovative techniques that set the standard for many subsequent games. The playable games are *Pac-Man*, *Super Mario Brothers*, *The Secret of Monkey Island*, *Myst*, and *Flower*.

### “Invent It” with the Lemelson Center and ePals

Kogod Courtyard, First Floor  
7:30, 8:00, and 8:30  
Get your creative juices flowing with a Spark!Lab invention challenge. Then learn how you and your students can participate in this year's Spark!Lab “Invent It” contest on ePals.com.

### Read for the Record

Lincoln Gallery, Third Floor  
7:45  
Join us in taking the pledge to read *Ladybug Girl and the Bug Squad* to children and get a free copy of the book by signing up at [wegivebooks.org](http://wegivebooks.org).

### Family Flag Book Making

National Portrait Gallery Education Center, First Floor  
7:15, 7:45, 8:15, and 8:45  
Join book artist Sushmita Mazumdar to make a “Family Flag” storybook. In this activity children develop literacy and art skills by exploring their families and the world around them.

## Meet the Curator: Gallery Talks and Book Signings

### Sidney Hart

**1812: A Nation Emerges**  
*1812: A Nation Emerges* Exhibition, Second Floor  
7:30–8:30 Gallery Talk  
8:30–9:30 Book Signing  
Through portraits and objects the *1812: A Nation Emerges* exhibition narrates a pivotal event in American history and highlights individuals who influenced events, such as President James Madison and First Lady Dolley Madison. Curator Sidney Hart will be on hand to discuss the works and sign copies of his recently published book.

### Chris Melissinos

#### *The Art of Video Games* Gallery Talk

*The Art of Video Games* Exhibition, Third Floor  
7:30–8:30 Gallery Talk  
*The Art of Video Games* is one of the first exhibitions to explore the forty-year evolution of video games as an artistic medium, with a focus on striking visual effects and the creative use of new technologies. The exhibition focuses on the interplay of graphics, technology, and storytelling through eighty games, selected with the help of the public.

### Chris Melissinos

#### *The Art of Video Games* Book Signing

Museum Store, First Floor  
8:30–9:30 Book Signing  
Author Chris Melissinos will be on hand to discuss the evolution of video games as an artistic medium and sign copies of his book, *The Art of Video Games: From Pac-Man to Mass Effect*.

## Education Hotspots

7:30–9:30  
Educators and docents will be available for questions throughout the evening. Visit the following locations to learn about available museum programs and curriculum connections.

Smithsonian American Art Museum  
*MVSEVM*, Second Floor Rotunda  
Moran's West, Second Floor  
Modernism and Regionalism, Second Floor  
Contemporary Art, Third Floor

National Portrait Gallery  
National Portrait Gallery Education Center, First Floor  
*One Life: Amelia Earhart*, First Floor  
*American Origins: Civil War*, First Floor  
*America's Presidents*, Second Floor

## Exhibitors

Kogod Courtyard, First Floor  
7:00–9:30  
Anthropology Outreach, National Museum of Natural History  
Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum  
Discovery Theater  
ePals  
Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery  
George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate, Museum and Gardens  
Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden  
National Air and Space Museum  
National Gallery of Art  
National Museum of African American History and Culture  
National Museum of African Art  
National Museum of American History  
National Museum of the American Indian  
National Museum of Natural History  
National Park Service, National Capital Parks-East

National Portrait Gallery  
National Postal Museum  
National Science Resources Center  
SIEdLab, National Postal Museum  
Smithsonian Accessibility Program  
Smithsonian Affiliations  
Smithsonian American Art Museum and Renwick Gallery  
Smithsonian Anacostia Community Museum  
Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Program  
Smithsonian Center for Education and Museum Studies  
Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage  
Smithsonian Early Enrichment Center  
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