

56th Presidential Inaugural Swearing-In

INAUGURATION

JANUARY 20 2009

RENEWING AMERICA'S PROMISE FOUR DAY CELEBRATION JANUARY 18-21, 2009



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BARACK OBAMA

44TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Barack Obama made history on November 4, 2008, when he became the first African American elected President of the United States.

The official theme for the 56th Presidential Inauguration, "Renewing America's Promise," is a vision that underscores the President-elect and Vice President-elect's commitment to restoring opportunity and possibility for all and re-establishing America's standing as a beacon of hope around the world.

"At this moment of great challenge and great change, renewing the promise of America begins with renewing the idea that in America, we rise or fall as one nation and one people," said President-elect Obama.

"That sense of unity and shared purpose is what this inauguration will reflect."

During his inauguration President-elect Barack Obama will place his hand on the historic Bible that was used by Abraham Lincoln in his first Presidential Inauguration 147 years ago and take the Oath of Office administered by Chief Justice of the United States, the Honorable John G. Roberts, Jr.

The formal Swearing-In Program will begin at 11:30 a.m. on January 20, 2009, on the West Front of the U. S. Capitol.



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INAUGURATION EVENTS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

Official Inaugural activities begin with a free public welcome event in the afternoon to be held on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial at the west end of the National Mall.

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

The President-elect and Vice President-elect and their families will participate in activities dedicated to serving others in communities across the Washington, D.C. area.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

INAUGURATION DAY

Security checkpoints open at 8 a.m. for ticketed guests. Festivities begin at 10 a.m.

PROGRAM FOR THE 56TH PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

Musical Selections

The United States Marine Band
The San Francisco Boys Chorus
and San Francisco Girls Chorus

Call to Order and Welcoming Remarks

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein

INVOCATION

Dr. Rick Warren, Saddleback Church, Lake Forest, California

Musical Selection

Aretha Franklin

Oath of Office Administered to Vice President-elect Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
by Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, The Honorable John Paul Stevens

Musical Selection, John Williams, composer/arranger

Itzak Perlman, *Violin*
Yo-Yo Ma, *Cello*
Gabriela Montero, *Piano*
Anthony McGill, *Clarinet*

Oath of Office Administered to President-elect Barack H. Obama

by Chief Justice of the United States, The Honorable John G. Roberts, Jr.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

**The President of the United States
The Honorable Barack H. Obama**

Poem

Elizabeth Alexander

Benediction

The Reverend Dr. Joseph E. Lowery

The National Anthem

The United States Navy Band
"Sea Chanters"

56th Inaugural Parade

Parade begins at the steps of the U.S. Capitol and proceeds along Pennsylvania Avenue to the White House.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

The newly inaugurated President and Vice President will participate in a prayer service.

SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL MALL MUSEUM EVENTS AND FEATURED EXHIBITIONS

See Inaugural broadcasts live on screens in the National Museum of Natural History and the National Museum of the American Indian.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN HISTORY, KENNETH E. BEHRING CENTER

▪ **Renewing America's Promise**

January 17-19

Actors and actresses portraying American presidents and first ladies will perform throughout the museum. In addition, there will be gallery talks, music, book signings, and interpreters to help visitors appreciate the exhibits. **Special programs** will focus on Martin Luther King, Jr. with speeches and other related programming.

▪ **Featured exhibitions:** *First Ladies at the Smithsonian*; *Abraham Lincoln: An Extraordinary Life*; *America's New Birth of Freedom: Documents from the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library*

and Museum; *The American Presidency: A Glorious Burden*; *The Star-Spangled Banner*; *The Price of Freedom: Americans at War*; and the *Greensboro Lunch Counter*.

▪ **Book signings:** Author Jim Bendat signs his book *Democracy's Big Day* January 18, 1-3 p.m. Author Deborah Willis signs her book *Obama: The Historic Campaign in Photographs* January 19 and 20, 1-3 p.m.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

▪ **First Inaugural Debate Series**, presented by the National Museum of African American History and Culture in association with the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Six debate

SMITHSONIAN EVENTS, CONTINUED

teams are featured. Among them: Fayetteville State University vs. Voorhees College. The event celebrates the 100th anniversary of the first debates between historically black colleges. Monday, January 19, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Baird Auditorium.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN

- **Out of Many: A Multicultural Festival of Music, Dance, and Story**, featuring music, dancing, and storytelling from a variety of cultural traditions including American Indian, African and African American, Asian and Asian Pacific American, Central and South American, and European American. January 17-19, 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- **Featured exhibition: *A Century Ago... "They Came as Sovereign Leaders"***

HIRSHHORN MUSEUM AND SCULPTURE GARDEN

Visitors are invited to write wishes for the future and attach them to Yoko Ono's **Wish Tree** in the museum's sculpture garden, January 18-20.

SMITHSONIAN CASTLE

- Smithsonian Information Center
- ***Giving Voice to Hope***, the Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage and the National Museum of African American History and Culture offer storytelling performances addressing the journeys taken by African Americans and the meaning and importance of hope in this historic moment of our nation. Featured performers are Onawumi Jean Moss and Mitch Capel. January 18 and January 19, 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m., Castle Commons.

S. DILLON RIPLEY CENTER (INTERNATIONAL GALLERY)

- **Presidential Film Festival**, January 18-19 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- **Featured exhibitions: *Road to Freedom: Photographs of the Civil Rights Movement, 1956-1968* and *After 1968: Contemporary Artists and the Civil Rights Legacy***, presented by the National Museum of African American History and Culture. Open House, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Guided tour, 1 p.m.-2 p.m.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN ART

- **Celebrate African Music**, live performances and films, January 18-19
- **Special exhibitions** and lectures will celebrate African leadership arts.

FREER AND SACKLER GALLERIES

Celebrate Asia in America, Artists' workshops for children and families, performances, and stories of Asian and Asian American celebratory traditions, January 18-20

OFF THE MALL

NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY

- A large-scale, mixed media stenciled collage by Shepard Fairey depicting Barack Obama above the word "hope" will be on view by January 20. This iconic work was the central image for the Obama campaign.
- **Featured exhibitions: *Presidents in Waiting***, opens January 20; *America's Presidents*; *One Life: The Mask of Lincoln*

SMITHSONIAN AMERICAN ART MUSEUM

- **Inauguration tours** highlight works with an inaugural theme. January 16-18 and January 21, 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.
- **Featured exhibition: *The Honor of Your Company Is Requested: President Lincoln's Inaugural Ball***

ANACOSTIA COMMUNITY MUSEUM

Free shuttle bus service departs from the Smithsonian Castle on the Mall, January 17-19 at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. Bus departs the Anacostia Community Museum at 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. to return to the Castle.

- **Book signing** by authors Deborah Willis and Kevin Merida *Obama: The Historic Campaign in Photographs*. January 17, 11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.
- **Featured exhibition: *Jubilee: African American Celebration***

NATIONAL POSTAL MUSEUM

- **Inauguration Celebration Family Festival**, January 17, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **Inaugural Postal Cancellation** available January 20, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- **Featured exhibition: *Abraham Lincoln Certified Plate Proofs***

PLEASE NOTE:

EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE. CALL 202.633.1000, 202.633.5285 (TTY), OR STOP BY ANY SMITHSONIAN MUSEUM VISITOR INFORMATION DESK FOR UP-TO-THE-MINUTE EVENT INFORMATION.

SMITHSONIAN MUSEUMS ON THE NATIONAL MALL

Metro
January 20: Archives-Navy Memorial/Penn Quarter
 and Smithsonian stations closed all day.



Information subject to change

Smithsonian Museums on the Mall
 open 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
EXCEPTIONS
American History, January 20, open 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Smithsonian Castle, January 20, open 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
American Art Museum, daily: 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Renwick Gallery, closed January 20

Smithsonian (Independence Avenue exit)
L'Enfant Plaza (Maryland Avenue and 7th Street exit)

National Portrait Gallery and Smithsonian American Art Museum: 11:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Renwick Gallery: closed January 20

Smithsonian (Mall exit)
Federal Center SW
Anacostia Community Museum

The Constitution Ave. entrance at both the American History Museum and Natural History Museum will be closed on Tuesday, January 20. No wheelchair access at the Natural History Museum on the 20th.