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Smithsonian American Art Museum Celebrates 2017 National Cherry Blossom Festival With Family Activities

The Smithsonian American Art Museum will present an afternoon of activities for children and families Saturday, March 25, in honor of Washington, D.C.'s annual Cherry Blossom Festival. The program is a premier event of the festival.

Visitors can make cherry blossom-themed crafts, enjoy music performed on traditional Japanese instruments, go on a scavenger to find spring-themed artworks in the museum's galleries, enjoy face-painting and make *tatebanko* (a Japanese paper diorama) with the Smithsonian's Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery. *Taiko* drummers from Nen Daiko, the ensemble of the Ekoji Buddhist Temple, will perform at the opening of the program at the museum entrance on F Street N.W. The Smithsonian American Art Museum's Cherry Blossom Celebration is part of the museum's popular Family Festival series of monthly programs designed to spark learning, creativity and appreciation for the arts.

The program will be held in the museum's Kogod Courtyard from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is free of charge. Visit americanart.si.edu/family for more information and for a schedule of the activities planned throughout the day.

A selection of special cherry blossom-themed products will be available in the museum's store and cafe.

About the Smithsonian American Art Museum

The Smithsonian American Art Museum celebrates the vision and creativity of Americans with artworks in all media spanning more than three centuries. Its National Historic Landmark building is located at Eighth and F streets N.W., above the Gallery Place/Chinatown Metrorail station. Museum hours are 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily (closed Dec. 25). Admission is free. The Renwick Gallery, The Smithsonian American Art Museum's branch museum showcasing American craft, is located on Pennsylvania Ave at 17th Street N.W., near the Farragut West and Farragut North metro lines. Follow the museum on [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#), [Tumblr](#), [Instagram](#), [Pinterest](#), [Facebook](#), [Flickr](#), [iTunes U](#) and [ArtBabble](#). Museum information (recorded): (202) 633-7970. Smithsonian Information: (202) 633-1000. Website: americanart.si.edu.

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