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What's New at the Smithsonian in May!

Come explore the world around you through new and selected ongoing exhibitions. You will find something for everyone, from major artworks to rare artifacts to scientific discoveries.



l-r: *Perspectives: Ai Weiwei* (Sackler Gallery). *Titanoboa: Monster Snake* (Natural History Museum). *Ambrotypes* (Portrait Gallery).

Most museums are in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area and are open 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., unless otherwise listed. For more exhibitions, as well as special hours and other information, visit www.si.edu.

Are you interested in ART and DESIGN? If so, see . . .

African Art Museum, 950 Independence Ave., SW

May 9, 2012 *Lalla Essaydi: Revisions*

Through Oct. 13, 2013... *The Walt Disney-Tishman African Art Collection Highlights*

Indefinitely *African Mosaic: Celebrating a Decade of Collecting*

American Art Museum, 8th and F Sts., NW Hours: 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

Through May 20 *Annie Leibovitz: Pilgrimage*

Through Sept. 30 *The Art of Video Games*

Fun for kids!

Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum, 2 East 91st St., NY Hours: Call 212-849-8400

Fee for nonmembers. While the museum is closed for renovation, its exhibitions are held off site.

May 26, 2012 *Graphic Design—Now In Production* (on Governors Island, New York City)

Freer Gallery of Art, Jefferson Dr. and 12th St., SW

Through June 24 *Hokusai: Paintings and Drawings*

Through July 29 *Hokusai: Japanese Screens*

Through Aug. 5 *Winged Spirits: Birds in Chinese Painting*

Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, 7th St. and Independence Ave., SW

Through May 13 *Doug Aitken: Song 1*

Through Feb. 24, 2013... *Ai Weiwei: Circle of Animals/Zodiac Heads*

Sackler Gallery, 1050 Independence Ave., SW

May 12, 2012 *Perspectives: Ai Weiwei*

Through June 17 *Hokusai: Thirty-six Views of Mount Fuji*

Smithsonian Castle, 1000 Jefferson Dr., SW Hours: 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Through mid-May (TBA) . *Bradley and Hubbard: Masters of Metal Work* (cases)

Permanent *The Smithsonian Institution: America's Treasure Chest*

Selected Upcoming Exhibitions . . .

June 15, 2012

1812: A Nation Emerges

Portrait Gallery

June 20, 2012

African Cosmos: Stellar Arts

African Art Museum

June 21, 2012

Over, Under, Next

Hirshhorn Museum

Summer 2012 (tentative)

American Trail

National Zoo

July 2, 2012

Pushing Boundaries: Portraits by

Robert Weingarten

Ripley Center

July 20, 2012

40 under 40: Craft Futures

Renwick Gallery

July 28, 2012

Worlds within Worlds: Imperial

Paintings from India and Iran

Sackler Gallery

Are you a fan of HISTORY and CULTURE? If yes, visit . . .

African American History and Culture Museum, scheduled to open late 2015
Through Oct. 14..... *Slavery at Jefferson's Monticello: Paradox of Liberty*
(on view at American History Museum, 14th St. and Constitution Ave., NW)

American History Museum, 14th St. and Constitution Ave., NW
Special extended hours: Open 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m. **most Fridays and Saturdays** in May
Through July 13..... *New Acquisition: The BMI Archives Confederate Music Collection*
Indefinitely *American Stories*

American Indian Museum (NMAI), 4th St. and Jefferson Dr., SW
May 25, 2012 *Best in the World: Native Athletes in the Olympics*
Through Jan. 7, 2013 *A Song for the Horse Nation*

NMAI's George Gustav Heye Center, One Bowling Green, New York City
Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursdays until 8 p.m.
Through July 19..... *Small Spirits: Dolls from the National Museum of the American Indian*
Through Aug. 31..... *IndiVisible: African-Native American Lives in the Americas*

Anacostia Community Museum, 1901 Fort Place, SE Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
May 7-July 29, 2012 Galleries and the public program room are closed during renovation; most programming will occur off site at venues throughout the District of Columbia.

Portrait Gallery, 8th and F Sts., NW Hours: 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
May 25, 2012 *Ambrotypes from the National Portrait Gallery*
Through Sept. 2, 2013 ... *A Will of Their Own: Judith Sargent Murray and Women of Achievement in the Early Republic*

Postal Museum, 2 Massachusetts Ave., NE
Through Jan. 6, 2014 *Fire & Ice: Hindenburg and Titanic*
Permanent..... *Systems at Work*

What do they have in common?

Do you like SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY? Then check out . . .

Air and Space Museum (NASM), 7th St. and Independence Ave., SW
Special extended hours: Open 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m. **most days**, through September 3
Through Nov. 25 *AirCraft: The Jet as Art*
Through Jan. 6, 2013 *Fly Marines! The Centennial of Marine Corps Aviation: 1912-2012*

NASM's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air and Space Museum Pkwy, Chantilly, VA
Permanent Space Shuttle *Discovery*, in the James S. McDonnell Space Hangar

National Zoo, 3001 Connecticut Ave., NW Hours: Call 202-633-4888
Through Dec. 31 *Jessie Cohen: An Eye for Animals*

Natural History Museum, 10 St. and Constitution Ave., NW
Special extended hours: Open 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m. **most days**, through September 3
Through Aug. 5..... *X-Ray Vision: Fish Inside Out*
Through Jan. 6, 2013 *Titanoboa: Monster Snake*

S. Dillon Ripley Center, 1100 Jefferson Dr., SW
May 11, 2012 *The Patents and Trademarks of Steve Jobs: Art and Technology that Changed the World*

Special Smithsonian-wide Events . . .

May is **Asian Pacific American Heritage Month!**
www.smithsonianeducation.org/heritage_month/

Smithsonian Folklife Festival
June 27-July 1 and July 4-8
www.festival.si.edu/

Discovery Theater brings live theater to young audiences.
discoverytheater.org

General Information:

Visit the **Smithsonian Information Center**, open 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., in the Castle (1000 Jefferson Dr., SW, Washington, D.C.) to plan your day at the largest museum complex in the world. All Smithsonian museums are closed December 25.

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