



## Smithsonian's Anacostia Community Museum Open Call for Talent!

### *Guidelines and Information*

The Smithsonian's Anacostia Community Museum is welcoming talent entries from August 4, 2017 12:01 AM EST through August 23, 2017 11:59 PM EST from talented people in the Greater Washington, DC Metro Area\* for a virtual talent show and the chance to be chosen to *perform at the Smithsonian Anacostia Community Museum's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Block Party* on October 7, 2017 or to *perform at the Smithsonian Anacostia Community Museum's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House* on September 15, 2017.

The acts submitted can include musical and/or dance performance, theatrical presentation, poetry, or unique talent. Entrants must be 13 or older at the time of entry; **however**, any entrant aged 13-17 **must** submit his or her entry through his or her parent or legal guardian.

#### Content Guidelines for Submissions

- Content must be appropriate for all ages, and original to you.
- Performances surrounding the importance of community and culture will take priority.
- Acts should engage audience and provide a unique, welcoming atmosphere.
- Performance must be safe for performer and audience, and appropriate for the performance space.

Entries must come in the form of video, CD, or .mp3 and digital video entries are preferred. Entries will not be returned or retained. Entries should be no longer than three minutes. The Museum's staff and Youth Advisory Council will judge the submissions with the goal of selecting two based on creativity, expression (i.e. personality), audience appeal, relevance to the theme (50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ACM/importance of community and culture), skill level, safety and appropriateness for the space.

Your talent entry will require your name (and parent or legal guardian's name if you are between the ages of 13 and 17), location, and email address (this personally identifiable information will be used only to contact you directly on the status of your talent performance.)

The performances selected will be notified via-email between August 30, 2017 and September 2, 2017, and they will have 72 hours to respond. The Smithsonian reserves the right to disqualify entrants who do not respond and/or select another performance, or not.

By entering, you agree that: the Smithsonian may use your entry materials and, if chosen as winner, video/photograph/record your performance at the anniversary events and use those videos/photos/recordings in perpetuity for any purpose and in any media without notice; you waive any claim for compensation or injury that they may have against the Smithsonian arising out of your participation in this call or your attendance and/or performance at the anniversary events. As a condition of winning, winners (and parents or legal guardians for winners aged 13-17) will be required to sign a release and liability waiver. The Smithsonian reserves the right to disqualify any entrant

whose conduct appears to tamper with the competition, inhibit the enjoyment of others, violate Smithsonian policy or rules, or act in a disruptive, crude, or unprofessional manner. The Smithsonian is not responsible for entries it did not receive or causes beyond its control, and reserves the right to modify this call or, if there is a dispute over the winners not select any performer, for any reason at any time and in its sole discretion. By entering, also, you agree that Smithsonian decisions are final and binding.

Please submit digital entries to [HannonA@si.edu](mailto:HannonA@si.edu), and send mailed entries to:

Smithsonian Anacostia Community Museum  
Attn: Jenelle Cooper-Tolson  
1901 Fort Place SE  
Washington, DC 20020

You are also welcome to drop entries off at the museum, but it will provide no advantage to the selection of your talent.

\*all entries submitted must be from people/groups willing to travel (at their own cost) to the museum (1901 Fort Place SE, Washington, DC 20020) on 10/7/17 and 9/15/17.