



Smithsonian Folklife Festival

HUNGARIAN HERITAGE

The American Hungarian Federation is proud to support
The Smithsonian Folklife Festival
On the National Mall, Washington, D.C.
June 26-July 7, 2013

Call for Volunteers

The American Hungarian Federation supports the Smithsonian Institution, Balassi Institute and the Hungarian Embassy in publicizing the Festival and organizing an outreach to the Hungarian-American community.

In this message, we will focus on "Call for Volunteers," and in subsequent messages we will provide information on the other topics listed.

The Smithsonian Institution has been presenting a Folklife Festival since 1967 on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. The Festival is an annual event, celebrating cultural traditions from around the world. This is the largest and most important event of this kind in the world, reaching approximately 40 million people in the U.S.

This year, Hungary will be the Festival's guest country, presenting its cultural heritage, folk art, as well as traditional and modern Hungarian gastronomy. The Folklife Festival features music and dance performances, crafts and cooking demonstrations, storytelling, and discussion of cultural issues. The theme of this year's Festival is "Hungarian Heritage - Roots to Revival. "



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The aim of the Hungary-Festival is to represent Hungary's rich traditional folk culture (music, dance, custom, and crafts), gastronomy and viticulture. There will be over 100 artists and participants coming from Hungary and the Hungarian minority communities from across the Carpathian Basin.

For more detailed information, read: http://www.festival.si.edu/2013/Hungarian_Heritage/

The Hungarian government has designated the Balassi Institute to organize and manage the Festival. One of the aims of the organizers is to create an opportunity for a great Hungarian-American meeting. More specifically, they are asking for the support of the Hungarian-American community in the following ways:

- Publicize the Smithsonian Festival among Hungarian-American groups and the larger American community
- Hungarian-American groups to participate in the program - dance groups to perform, Hungarian scouts to "camp" at the Festival site, etc.
- Provide assistance in fundraising
- Offer in-kind help (transportation, housing, or providing transportation costs for performers arriving from Transylvania or other regions)
- Volunteer at the Festival as interpreters between the performers and the public



The Balassi Institute and the Hungarian Embassy are looking for volunteers to help promote Hungarian culture, including folk art and cuisine at the Smithsonian Folklife Festival, in Washington, D.C., June 25-30 and July 2-7, 2013. Volunteers will be asked to serve as interpreters between the performers and the public and to tell visitors about our rich traditions, history, past and present, as well as to help Festival performers from Hungary in presenting their art, crafts and stories. [Volunteers will not be remunerated and the Festival organizers

cannot offer housing in the Washington, D.C. area, but may assist in finding accommodations.]

If you are interested please visit http://ahf.cc/Smithsonia_folklife.htm and fill out the form, or complete the questionnaire below and send it via email or fax it to 703-548-0212. You can also or mail it to The American Hungarian Federation, 750 National Press Building, Washington DC 20045.



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Volunteer Registration form

Name: _____

Phone number: (day) _____
 (evening) _____

Email: _____ I can volunteer: ___ June 25-30 ___ July 2-7 ___ Both weeks

Hungarian Fluency: ___ Fair ___ Good ___ Excellent

* You must be 18 years of age unless you are part of a family or scout group.
 * Deadline is April 15.

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