Young Ambassadors
Smithsonian Latino Center
June 22-28, 2008

Agenda
Sunday, June 22  Arrivals to Washington, DC

Bus pick up: 1:00 PM / End at 5:30 PM

Holiday Inn, Washington-Capitol
550 C Street, SW
Phone: 202-479-4000

3:30 PM  Informal Hang Time with the Young Ambassadors and SLC
Roof top Holiday Inn

5:30 PM  Brief Orientation & Introductions to Young Ambassadors
Program and Smithsonian Latino Center

6:00 PM  Discussion: Rules of the Road, and Roles and Responsibilities
SLC Conference Room

6:30 PM  Dinner and Ice Breaker Activity
Led by Young Ambassador Mentors (YAM’s)
SLC Conference Room

7:30 PM  Project Development Meeting
SLC Conference Room

8:30 PM  Depart for Holiday Inn

Monday, June 23  Welcome to Washington, D.C. and the Smithsonian Institution

8:30 AM  Breakfast
Vie de France

9:30 AM  Welcome and Meet the SLC
SLC Conference Room
Dan Sheehy, Acting Director, Smithsonian Latino Center
Raquel "Rocky" Egusquiza, Director of Community Development and International Strategy at Ford Motor Company Fund
Noralisa Leo, Deputy Director and External Affairs Officer, Smithsonian Latino Center
Melissa Carrillo, Virtual Museum/Web Programs Director, Smithsonian Latino Center
Ranald Woodaman, Public Programs and Exhibitions Director, Smithsonian Latino Center
Olga Alvarado, Assistant to the Acting Director, Smithsonian
Latino Center

10:30 AM  Presentation: Latino Art
Margarita Aguilar, Specialist, Latin America, Christie’s
SLC Conference Room

Before joining Christie’s, Margarita Aguilar was Curator at El Museo del Barrio, New York where she participated in all Curatorial projects since 1998. Ms. Aguilar received her BA from New York University; a MA in Art History from Hunter College and is a Doctoral candidate in Art History at The Graduate Center, The City University of New York.

11:30 AM  Conversation with the Artist: Miguel Luciano

12:30 PM  Depart for Donald W. Reynolds Center

1:00 PM  Lunch
Courtyard, Donald W. Reynolds Center

2:00 PM  Tour: Smithsonian American Art Museum (SAAM)
Suzannah Niepold, Education Specialist, SAAM

The Smithsonian American Art Museum is America's first federal art collection, dedicated to the enjoyment and understanding of American art. The museum celebrates the extraordinary creativity of our country's artists, whose works are windows on the American experience.

3:00 PM  Tour and Hands-On Activity: Recognize! Hip Hop and Contemporary Portraiture
Geri Provost Lyons, Youth and Family Programs Coordinator
Jobyl A. Boone, Guest Curator
National Portrait Gallery

On July 1, 2006 the National Portrait Gallery welcomed home our treasured collections to a newly restored historic building in Washington. Among our thousands of artworks returning to public view in the nation’s capital are the famous “Lansdowne” portraits of George Washington, as well as portraits of notable Americans such as Marilyn Monroe and Shaquille O’Neal.

4:30 PM  Debrief Session and Project Development Meeting
NPG Education Center

6:00 PM  Depart for ESPN Zone

6:30 PM  Welcome Dinner
ESPN Zone
555 12th St. NW
Washington DC

Tuesday, June 24

Bus pick up: 8:15 AM

8:30 AM  Depart for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

9:00 AM  Breakfast
KC Café

10:00 AM  Tour: John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
Rock Creek Parkway and New Hampshire Avenue, NW

The Center opened its doors on September 8, 1971, and celebrates its birthday each September with the free Open House Arts Festival. As always, the Center continues its efforts to fulfill President Kennedy's vision by producing and presenting an unmatched variety of theater and musicals, dance and ballet, orchestral, chamber, jazz, popular, and folk music, and multimedia performances for all ages. Every year the institution that bears President Kennedy's name brings his dream to fruition, touching the lives of millions of people through thousands of performances by the greatest artists from across America and around the world.

11:00 AM  Special Presentation: Meet the Artists
Septime Webre, Artistic Director, The Washington Ballet Company

12:00 Noon  Lunch
KC Café

1:00 PM  Presentation: Career Opportunities in the Performing Arts
Ramien Pierre, Administrator of Kennedy Center Arts Management Programs, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
Bus pick up: 2:00 PM

2:00 PM  Depart for Smithsonian Folkways Recordings

2:30 PM  Visit: Smithsonian Folkways Recordings
          2nd floor, Capital Gallery

4:00 PM  Conversation with Congressman Xavier Becerra (CA-31)
          SLC Conference Room

5:00 PM  Dinner
          Mitisam Café, National Museum of the American Indian

6:00 PM  Debrief and Project Development Meeting
          SLC Conference Room

**Wednesday, June 25**

Bus pick up: 7:45 AM

8:00 AM  Depart for the Smithsonian Zoological Park (NZP)

8:30 AM  Breakfast
          Smithsonian National Zoological Park (NZP)
          The Smithsonian’s National Zoo was founded in 1889. Its mission is to provide leadership in animal care, science, education, and sustainability. About 2,000 individuals of 400 different species are in the animal collection.

9:00 AM  Presentation: Exhibit Design at the National Zoological Park (NZP)
          Kara Blond, Exhibits Program Coordinator

10:00 AM Highlights Tour: Smithsonian National Zoological Park (NZP)
          3001 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington

12:00 PM Meet & Greet Lunch at the Amazonia Gallery
          Kairo Vivas, Museum Specialist, Amazonia Gallery

1:00 PM  Explore Amazonia Gallery
Bus pick up: 1:25 PM

1:30 PM  Depart for SLC

2:00 PM  Panel: Career and Leadership Opportunities  
SLC Conference Room

Raquel "Rocky" Egusquiza, Director of Community Development and International Strategy at Ford Motor Company Fund  
Macarena Hernández, Staff Writer, The Dallas Morning News  
Pamela Hudson Veenbaas, Program Manager, Office of Research and Training Services, Smithsonian Institution

3:00 PM  Break

3:30 PM  Conversation with Camilo Pardo  
Manager of Design, Ford Motor Company Strategic Studio  
SLC Conference Room

4:30 PM  Debrief and Project Development Meeting

6:30 PM  Working Dinner  
Capital Gallery Roof Top

7:30 PM  Conversation with a Writer: Mirta Ojito  
SLC Conference Room

9:00 PM  Walk to the Holiday Inn

Thursday, June 26

8:30 AM  Breakfast  
Vie de France

Bus pick up: 9:15 AM

9:30 AM  Depart for the Organization of American States

10:00 AM  Tour: Art Museum of the Americas, Organization of American States  
201 18th Street, NW

Bus pick up: 11:30 AM
11:30 AM  Depart for Lunch

12:00 Noon  Lunch and Discussion
           Vie de France

Bus pick up: 2:15 PM

2:30 PM  Depart for the Cultural Resources Center (CRC)
          4220 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, MD

3:00 PM  Tour: Cultural Resources Center, collections from the National Museum of the American Indian

           Linda Greatorex, Collections Manager, NMAI Office of Collections Management

Bus pick up: 4:25 PM

4:30 PM  Depart for the SLC

5:00 PM  Break

5:30 PM  Debrief Session

6:00 PM  Dinner
          SLC Conference Room

7:00 PM  Project Development Meeting

Friday, June 27

9:00 AM  Breakfast
          Mitisam Café, National Museum of the American Indian

10:00 AM  Visit the National Museum of the American Indian
          4th Street and Independence Avenue, SW

11:00 AM  Depart for SLC

11:15 AM  Documentary Presentation: Mendez vs. Westminster: For all the Children/Para todos los niños
          Capital Gallery

12:00 Noon  Brown Bag Lunch & Conversation with Ms. Sylvia Mendez and Ms. Sandra Robbie
            Capital Gallery
1:00 PM  Final preparations for project presentations  
SLC Conference Room

Or

Visit the Smithsonian Folklife Festival  
National Mall

3:00 PM  Group Project Presentations  
SLC Conference Room

5:00 PM  Break

6:30 PM  Depart for Farewell Dinner

7:00 PM  Farewell Dinner  
Mio Restaurant

9:30 PM  Depart for the Holiday Inn

Saturday, June 28

9:00 AM  Breakfast  
Vie de France

Bus load and pick up: 10:00- 10:25 AM

10:30 AM  Depart for airport