Festival ADA: 25 Years of Disability Rights
July 24, 25, and 26, 2015, from noon to 5 p.m.

Festival ADA is part of a collaborative effort to commemorate two anniversaries:

• the 25th anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), comprehensive civil rights legislation for people with disabilities; and

• the 40th anniversary of VSA, which provides quality arts and education programming for people with disabilities around the globe.

Come learn about the ADA and its impact on the lives of Americans with disabilities from people who wrote, advocated for, and ensured the passage of the law. • Hear stories of how the ADA personally affected the lives and work of activists, artists, athletes, and architects with disabilities. • Enjoy music, dance, and storytelling performances. • Join theater, music, and dance workshops. • Visit demonstrations of accessible video gaming, transportation, technology, and international programs.

Disability history, arts, and culture — from the experts

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DISCUSSION STAGE

Located outside the National Museum of American History (NMAH) on the southwest corner of the South Terrace facing the National Mall

Friday, July 24, 2015

Noon to 12:45 p.m. History and Passage of the ADA: Congressional and Legal Perspectives Congressman Tony Coelho, Senator Tom Harkin, Congressman Steny Hoyer, Governor Lowell Weicker. Moderator: I. King Jordan

1:00 to 1:45 p.m. Access Tech Mark Barlet, Jason Barnes, Rory Cooper, Gil Weinberg. Moderator: Lee Page

2:00 to 2:45 p.m. Demonstration: Dance AXIS Dance Company

3:00 to 3:45 p.m. Looking Back at 25 Years of the ADA Irene Bowen, Lois Curtis, Lex Frieden, Bobby Silverstein. Moderator: John Wodatch

4:00 to 4:45 p.m. Performance: American Sign Language Storytelling Manny Hernandez

Saturday, July 25, 2015

Noon to 12:45 p.m. ADA and Employment Rights Lori Golden, Maureen Gormley, Kathy Martinez, Lydia Vreeland. Moderator: Chai Feldblum
1:00 to 1:45 p.m. History and Passage of the ADA: Wider Impact of the Law  Marca Bristo, Arlene Mayerson, Becky Ogle, Elizabeth Savage. Moderator: John Wodatch

2:00 to 2:45 p.m. Universal Design  Valerie Fletcher, Susan Henderson, Rex Pace. Moderator: Jack Catlin

3:00 to 3:45 p.m. Deaf President Now  Bridgetta Bourne-Firl, Greg Hlibok, Jeff Rosen. Moderator: Brian Greenwald

4:00 to 4:45 p.m. Performance: Vocal  Blessing Offor

Sunday, July 26, 2015

Noon to 12:10 p.m. ADA 25th Anniversary Party  Pierce Bush, Lex Frieden

12:10 to 12:55 p.m. Signing of the ADA: The Ceremony on the White House Lawn  Congressman Tony Coelho, Senator Tom Harkin, Elizabeth Savage, Pat Wright. Moderator: Carolyn Osolinik

1:00 to 1:45 p.m. Section 504, Eugenics, and Institutionalization  Susan Burch, Marilyn Golden, Brian Greenwald, Judith Heumann, Kim Nielsen. Moderator: Joe Shapiro

2:00 to 2:45 p.m. Deaf Space and Accessible Architecture  Hansel Bauman, Jack Catlin, Christopher Hoffmann. Moderator: Valerie Fletcher

3:00 to 3:45 p.m. Paralympics and Sports Inclusion  Cheri Blauwet, Ann Cody, Eli Wolff. Moderator: Jim Welch

4:00 to 4:45 p.m. Looking Forward after the First 25 Years: The Youth Perspective  Rabia Belt, Melissa Draganac-Hawk, Maria Town, Alex Van Hook. Moderator: Rebecca Cokley
DEMONSTRATION AREAS
Located outside the National Museum of American History (NMAH) on the South Terrace facing the National Mall (unless specified otherwise)

Accessible Communications: Federal Communications Commission, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Comcast, Convo Communications, iCanConnect


ADA Commemorative Postmark and Cachet: U.S. Postal Service

ADA25 Legacy Bus and Disability Rights Museum on Wheels: July 26 only, across Madison Drive from NMAH

Adaptive Gaming: AbleGamers Charity

Americans with Disabilities Act Information: U.S. Department of Justice

Art Project: Google Cultural Institute, on the north-facing steps of NMAH

Assistive Technology: Administration for Community Living, National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research

DeafSpace: Gallaudet University

Disability Around the World—Sports and Technology: U.S. Department of State and USAID
Employment: Job Accommodation Network, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Family Activities: Postcard-making with Smithsonian National Postal Museum; and workshops on music (July 24-26), theater (July 24-26), and dance (July 26)

Human Engineering: Human Engineering Research Laboratories, University of Pittsburgh

Race Car: SAM Project with Arrow Electronics

Service Animals: Canine Companions for Independence, Canine Partners for Life, Guide Dogs for the Blind, Hero Dogs, the Seeing Eye

ADDITIONAL 25/40 EVENTS


Cabinet of Curiosities: How Disability Was Kept in a Box, with actor and performance artist Mat Fraser, 8 to 10 p.m., Wednesday, July 22, 1st floor, NMAH.

Conversations on Latinos and the ADA, noon to 4 p.m., Friday, July 24, Warner Bros. Theater, 1st floor, NMAH.

Disability Film Festival, noon to 5 p.m., Saturday, July 25, Warner Bros. Theater, 1st floor, NMAH.

Disability Stories, an international Twitter Chat, starting July 15, at #DisabilityStories.

More information at americanhistory.si.edu/ADA25 and 2540celebration.com/schedule-of-events.
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At the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts — Celebrate VSA’s 40th Anniversary:

**Millennium Stage Performances**, 6 p.m., Grand Foyer, Friday, July 24: Blessing Offor; Sunday, July 26: Artist to be announced.

**National Dance Day: Dance for Everybody**, 4:30 to 7 p.m., Saturday, July 25, Grand Foyer, dance with AXIS Dance, Antoine Hunter, and Evan Ruggiero.

**VSA Exhibitions of Art and History at the Kennedy Center** — open daily 10 a.m. to midnight, until August 2: ADA 25th Anniversary: Championing Disability Rights; Disability Pride on Both Sides of the Camera; Tom Olin: Photographing The Revolution; Focus Forward; VSA 40th Anniversary: Championing the Arts; VSA Permanent Art Collection.

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