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

Presented by the Smithsonian Institution and The Kennedy Center in conjunction with Gallaudet University, Edward M. Kennedy Institute, National Endowment for the Arts, U.S. Department of Transportation, and the U.S. Postal Service

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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 Hilbok, 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