

News Release: Suitland High School Choir to Perform at Grand Opening of Smithsonian African American Museum

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UPPER MARLBORO, MD – Choral students from the Center for Visual and Performing Arts (CVPA) at Suitland High School will perform at the historic grand opening of the National Museum of African American History and Culture on Saturday, September 24 in Washington, D.C. The new museum is devoted exclusively to the documentation of African American life, art, history and culture

"Our students are extremely excited about this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," said Maria Saldana, Program Coordinator, Center for Visual and Performing Arts at Suitland High School. "The opening of the museum is a historic event for our nation, and we are so proud that our students have the opportunity to showcase their vocal talents and be a part of this wonderful moment."

The CVPA choir is performing under the direction of Ricky Manor, a music director, composer and music producer best known for his work on *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*.

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Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS), one of the nation's 20th largest school districts, has 201 schools and centers, more than 133,000 students and nearly 20,000 employees. The school system serves a diverse student population from urban, suburban and rural communities located in the Washington, DC suburbs. PGCPS is nationally recognized for college and career-readiness programs that provide students with unique learning opportunities, including dual enrollment and language immersion.