

Desperately Seeking: Collaboration

Are you an artist seeking a venue for your MINDS WIDE OPEN event? Is your venue still looking to confirm a performance, lecture or exhibit for the Celebration? The MINDS WIDE OPEN team wants the celebration to include as many performers, artists and cultural organizations as possible. And we've heard from a number of performers and venues that are still looking to finalize their events . . .

In an effort to foster collaboration, we are encouraging artists and venues to join our Facebook discussion to find a match. If you are an artist or performer in need of a venue or if you have a space that you think would be suitable for a cultural event (exhibit, performance, book signing, etc.), we encourage you to join this discussion and look for a match. Help make this the best and biggest Celebration possible.

To find a match:

- Join Facebook, if you aren't already a member ([instructions on our site](#))
- Become a fan of the MINDS WIDE OPEN Facebook page ([instructions on our site](#))
- Select the Discussions tab
- Participate in the discussion to find your MINDS WIDE OPEN match!

173 Days until MINDS WIDE OPEN – Have you registered your event(s)?

DAYS UNTIL THE CELEBRATION: 167 EVENTS SCHEDULED: 1085

Are you ready to register your MINDS WIDE OPEN events? To provide you with increased exposure and utmost convenience, we have partnered with the Virginia Tourism Corporation: a single event registration on the Virginia Tourism website also gives you a listing on the MINDS WIDE OPEN website. For more on registering through Virginia Tourism [click here](#).

If your event is still in the planning stages, or if you prefer to fill out a physical form, you can register using our Participant Registration Form. If your event hasn't posted to our website within ten business days, please let us know.

Register your event as soon as possible. Remember, we're less than seven months away from the beginning of the MINDS WIDE OPEN celebration and the media launch takes place on Wednesday, September 30.

Ad Templates and Participant Toolkit Available on Website



New to the website, free [Ad Templates](#) are available for download. Include these MINDS WIDE OPEN ads in your program materials, as posters, in newsletters and mailings. A variety of sizes and formats are available for download – at no cost to your organization!

Also available on www.vamindswideopen.com:

- See what's planned for the celebration on the [Calendar](#) page.
- The [Participant Toolkit](#) includes everything participants need to register their event through the Virginia Tourism Corporation & MINDS WIDE OPEN websites.
- For publicity, participants can download the official logos (in a variety of formats) and promotional descriptions describing the celebration.
- Be sure to check out the Publicizing on the Web tips for YouTube, Facebook and Twitter.

Media Launch: Rescheduled



The media launch for MINDS WIDE OPEN has been rescheduled for Wednesday, September 30, 2009 at the Governor's Mansion in Richmond, VA. All living First Ladies of Virginia will serve as Honorary Chairs; former First Ladies Susan Allen, Jeannie P. Baliles, Lisa Collis, Roxane Gilmore, and Virginia (Jinks) Holton will join First Lady Anne Holton for the launch honoring Virginia women artists B.J. Brown, Nikki Giovanni, Marian Van Landingham, Daphne Maxwell Reid and Stoner Winslett