Since 1967, the Smithsonian Folklife Festival has welcomed participants and visitors from across the United States and around the world to the National Mall in Washington, D.C. The annual event takes place during the two weeks around the Fourth of July holiday. Our events are always free of charge. The Festival is co-sponsored by the National Park Service.

In 2020, the event is postponed due to the COVID-19 crisis.

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Visitors dance to Grandmaster Flash at the 2019 Folklife Festival.
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Armenian lavash cooks at the 2018 Folklife Festival
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Young visitors dance during a workshop with Black Girls Handgames at the 2019 Folklife Festival.
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Afro-Peruvian singer and Latin Grammy winner Susana Baca performs in an evening concert at the 2015 Folklife Festival.
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The Festival Marketplace is more than just a shop but a place for artisan demonstrations and workshops.
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Kim Hawkins shares elements of her clown costume during a description and touch tour for visitors who are blind or lowvision at the 2017 Folklife Festival.
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