



Presidential Inauguration 2009

A Guide to Inauguration Events in Washington, DC

Updated draft as of 1/8/09: The Presidential Inauguration will be held on January 20, 2009. A week of festivities will include the Presidential Swearing in Ceremony, Inaugural Address, Inaugural Parade and a night of Inaugural Balls and galas honoring the new President of the United States.

The theme for the 2009 presidential inauguration will be "A New Birth of Freedom," commemorating the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth. The words come from the Gettysburg Address and express Lincoln's hope that the sacrifices of those who died to preserve the nation shall lead to "a new birth of freedom" for our nation.

The days leading up to the historic inauguration is filling up with events. We anticipate a large number of celebrities and influencers to be in town for the festivities. We are seeing events fly on and off the schedule – many have been cancelled or scaled back due to security, financial and logistical pressures.

Friday, January 16th

- **BET's VIP dinner** at Debra Lee's home 7pm-10pm
- **Hip-Hop Caucus concert** at Ibiza (1222 1st Street, NE)
- **National Congress of Black Women "Just Desserts" (also called "A Historical Affair") reception and dance** at US Chamber of Commerce from 9pm to 1am; \$135 reception / \$285 Dinner
- A **"Celebration of Change" Inaugural Ball** at the Grand Hyatt
- Franco Nuschese is hosting a **private party at Café Milano**
- **JayZ is performing at LOVE**, doors are open from 8pm to 4am **NEW ADDITION**

Saturday, January 17th

- **The People's Inaugural Prayer Breakfast** at the Independence Ballroom of Grand Hyatt Hotel; 8am start and \$100 tickets (www.peoplesinauguralgala.com)
- **Politics and Poetry Champagne Brunch** at the O Street Mansion from 10:30am to 2:30pm; hosted by the National Congress of Black Women

- **A Salute to Michelle Obama luncheon** at B. Smith's from 12:30pm – 2:30pm
- **[Inaugural Celebrity Basketball Game](#)** 4pm at Calvin Coolidge Senior High School. Confirmed celebrity participants include the Redskins' Clinton Portis and Santana Moss, the Baltimore Ravens' Willis McGahee, and the 49ers' Vernon Davis. The event benefits the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Washington. Tickets: \$15; \$100 for VIP tickets
- **People's Inaugural Women's Leadership Luncheon** at the Grand Hyatt Hotel at 1pm (\$150 ticket)
- **Family Concert featuring Sweet Honey in the Rock** hosted by the Washington Performing Arts Society from 2pm-5pm at the People's Congregational United Church of Christ (\$12 tickets)
- **The Slate Group** is hosting a party from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at the home of Christopher Hitchens and Carol Blue **NEW ADDITION**
- **Radio One Inaugural Celebration** from 5pm-9pm at Lincoln Theater
- **International Inaugural Ball** from 7:30pm to 3am at L'Enfant Plaza Hotel. Hosted by Inner Caucus and WHUR 96.3 FM, this ball features Project Runway finalist Korto Momolu and performance by Kindred - \$150 per ticket
- **The New Republic** is hosting a 7:30pm party at Sidney Harman's house **NEW ADDITION**
- The **"People's Inaugural Premier"** at the Historical Society from 8pm to 12am (\$250 for VIP ticket)
- **BET** is hosting its second **Honors Award** on Saturday at the Warner Theater
- **Diddy's Inaugural Gala at LOVE**, doors are open from 8pm to 4am **NEW ADDITION**
- **Change the Game Gala** at the Sports Club/LA at the Ritz Carlton from 9pm to 1am (\$75 ticket)
- **"A Dream and a Change" ball** with various delegations from NJ, NY, IL, NoVA Urban League Young Professional, Greater Baltimore Leadership Association, Greater Washington Urban League from 8:00pm to 3:00am at the Hyatt Regency; www.inaugurationevents2009.com
- The **"Audacity of Hope" party** from 8pm to 1am at the Four Seasons; Audacity of Hope Ball Proceeds benefit Returning Wounded Soldiers from Iraq and their Families. (\$350 ticket)
- **The Green Inaugural Party: Maximum Celebration, Minimum Impact** 8pm- midnight at Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium. Tickets are \$500 [Green Inaugural Ball](#) Billed as the most environmentally-friendly pre-Inaugural celebration. Headline performance by Wyclef Jean. Organic food and drink, LED lighting, entertainment audio-visual production will be tailored to minimize environmental impact. (Not to be confused with Al Gore's event on the 19th)
- **Spirit of Asia in America: Presidential Inaugural Reception** at the St. Regis, Astor Ballroom and hosted by the Asia Society to celebrate the democratic process and the contributions of Asian Americans to this historic Presidential election (\$150 ticket; \$275 per couple)
- Three Dog Agency is hosting an event at Café Milano to benefit Horton's Kids from 11pm – 2am



Sunday, January 18, 2009

- **Presidential Inaugural Committee Official Welcome Event** will take place in the afternoon at the Lincoln Memorial. President-elect Barack Obama and Vice-President-elect Joe Biden will officially kick-off the inauguration activities with an event that is free and open to the public on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.
- **Brunch to Honor Michelle Obama** (private) at the Four Seasons (More details to follow).
- **The Young & Powerful Presidential Brunch** from 11am to 2pm at the City Club in Franklin Square
- **'Obama on Mt Rushmore' Champagne Brunch** from 10:30am to 1:30pm at the Fairmont Hotel
- **Artist and Athletes Alliance Diplomatic Luncheon** at the Decatur House including a host committee of various ambassador and the prime minister of Kenya
- **Route 44 to The White House** at Four Seasons Hotel where Grammy winner Albertina Walker, the "Queen of Gospel", will headline a gospel and musical Inaugural brunch. The event will benefit the DC-based CB&JT Family Foundation which provides youth mentoring and senior assistance programs for underserved families
- **Children's Inaugural Ball** from 12pm to 5pm at The Historical Society of DC
Free tickets, but no longer taking ticket requests. www.everychildmatters.org
- **EMILY's List luncheon** at the Hilton Washington from 12pm to 2pm featuring Senators-elect Kay Hagan and Jeanne Shaheen and Governor-elect Bev Purdue (\$150 ticket)
- **California State Society Inaugural Fashion Show & Lunch** at 11:30am at Ritz-Carlton (\$200 ticket)
- **The People's Inaugural Gospel Concert** at the Lincoln Theater at 2pm (\$85 ticket)
- **BET International Reception** at BET Headquarters (6th floor), 4pm to 7pm
- **Alaska State Society inaugural celebration** at Sonoma from 5:30pm-8:30pm (\$50 ticket)
- **Junior Statesmen Foundation: 75th Anniversary event** at The Hotel Monaco from 6pm to 9pm (\$75 ticket)
- **"Welcome to DC Event" hosted by Mayor Fenty** (to Benefit DC Public Schools) at the DC Armory starting at 6pm
- **"Diamond & Stars"** event for the Obamas' charities of choice at the J.W. Marriott (we hear this was moved to the Italian Embassy) with 5:30pm VIP reception **CANCELLED**
- **African American Church Ball** from 6pm at the Grand Hyatt
- The **African Diaspora** Inaugural Ball from 7pm to 12am at the Harman Center for the Arts
- **Maryland Inaugural Ball** from 7pm to 11pm at the Mayflower



- **Congressional Black Caucus Institute** is hosting a DC premiere of "Gospel Hill" at the Uptown Theater including Angela Bassett and Danny Glover; cast party at Charlie Palmer's **NEW ADDITION**
- **Voto Latino Inaugural Party** "Celebrando El Cambio-Renewing America's Promise," from 7:30pm to 12am at Union Station. Marc Antony, Rosario Dawson, Tony Plana and Wilmer Valderrama are among the expected revelers. Funds raised will go to the Friends of the National Museum of the American Latino, a nonprofit raising money to build a Latino museum in DC.
- **Young Jeezy's Official Inauguration Celebration** at Love with performances by T.I. and Young Jeezy, hosted by Akon from 8pm to 4am **NEW ADDITION**
- **The People's Inaugural LGBT Gayla** from 8pm to 2am at the Historical Society of DC
- **Metropolitan Gala** from 8pm to 1am at the Georgetown Waterfront
- **Foreign Diplomats Ball** at the James Monroe House
- **2009 Ohio Celebration** at the Mayflower Hotel (\$250 per ticket)
- **California Inaugural Bash** is hosted by the California Democratic Party; 8 PM-midnight at National Air and Space Museum; (\$150 ticket)
- **"Dreams of My Father" American Scholars Inaugural Ball** hosts are expecting 1500 guests to attend this event at the Four Seasons featuring Macy Gray, LL Cool J, Alicia Keys and preeminent African American scholars and education leaders (\$550 VIP ticket; \$350 ticket)
- **Lincoln 2.0 Ball** is slated for Sunday at 8pm with proceeds benefitting the American Art Museum and the American Experience Foundation); Smithsonian American Art Museum (\$375 ticket, \$850 VIP)
- **Volta Live "Red Goes Blue" Inaugural Bash** at the Mellon Auditorium from 8pm to 11pm to honor Senator Harry Reid and Nevada
- **Aloha Inaugural Ball** at the Marriott Wardman Park
Organized by former Obama campaign workers, the ball will carry out a Hawaii theme with island entertainers and hula dancers, reminiscent of the president-elect's years in Hawaii. (\$300 ticket)
- **Inaugural Yellow Dog Benefit for TAPS** with proceeds going to the families of service members who lost their lives in the military (www.taps.org); 10pm-2am - Rock and Roll Hotel

Monday, January 19, 2009 – A National Service Day

- **Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service**
The President-elect and Vice President-elect and their families, like Americans in communities all across the country, will participate in activities dedicated to serving others in communities across the DC area.
- **The Oprah Winfrey Show - SOLD OUT**
John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. According to Harpo Productions, Winfrey will host a live episode of "The Oprah Winfrey Show" from the Kennedy Center Opera House on Jan. 19. At least two shows are planned in DC, the second on Wednesday.



- **GE and NBC Universal** are hosting an inaugural brunch at the National Museum of Women in the Arts **NEW ADDITION**
- **Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee luncheon** with Nancy Pelosi from 11am to 2pm at the Mellon Auditorium
- **Italian American Democratic Leadership Council Inaugural Celebration** at the Darlington House from 5pm to 7pm
- **Free Concert! Aretha Franklin, Nuttin' But Stringz & the Let Freedom Ring Choir** at 6pm; John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Millennium Stage; Free tickets are required. Beginning at 4 pm on January 19, tickets will be distributed one (1) per person, on a first-come first-served basis, in line in front of the Concert Hall.
- **Concert for America's Children (Presidential Inaugural Committee Official Event)** Evening at the Verizon Center. Tickets: Concert will be free, but tickets are required.
- **Bipartisan Policy Center** is hosting an event from 6pm to 8:30pm at Zaytina **NEW ADDITION**
- **International Conservation Caucus Foundation Gala** at the Mellon Auditorium at 6:30pm VIP reception, 7:30pm dinner (\$2,500 per ticket)
- **Artists and Athletes Alliance / Service Nation** event at Café Milano from 7pm-10pm
- **Pearl Presidential Inaugural Gala** **SOLD OUT**
Hosted by Asian Americans for Obama, the event will start at 7pm at Mandarin Oriental Hotel (\$250 ticket)
- **2009 Green Inaugural Ball** at the Portrait Gallery from 7pm-12am **SOLD OUT**
Not to be confused with the Wyclef Jean event on the 17th, this event is hosted by Al Gore. The 2009 Green Inaugural Ball Host Committee also includes the Sierra Club, National Wildlife Federation, and American Wind Energy Association.
- **Netroots Nation "Yes We Can" party** at the Clarendon Ballroom from 7pm to 12am (\$90 ticket)
- **Arab-American 2009 Inaugural Celebration** is hosted by the Arab-American Institute at The Fairmont Washington from 7 PM-11 PM featuring Arab-American comedians Dean Obeidallah and Aron Kader of Comedy Central's Axis of Evil entertain party-goers. (\$100 ticket)
- **Hip Hop Summit Action Network black-tie event** from 8pm – 2am at the Harman Center; hosted by Russell Simmons, LL Cool J and T.I.
- **HuffPo Ball** at The Newseum at 555 Pennsylvania Ave, NW from 8pm to 1am
- **A Salute to Change Gala** presented by The National Black Chamber of Commerce and the National Newspaper Publishers Foundation from 8pm-midnight at Embassy of France. The Gala Benefits the NNPA Foundation and the NNPA Media Services Wing of the John H. Johnson School of Journalism at Howard University. Evening includes buffet dinner, dancing and a full bar – Sponsored by Hennessy Entertainment. Attire: Black Tie Optional. (\$250 ticket)
- **Inaugural party hosted by Luke Russert** at the Rookery from 8pm to 4am



- **Legends Ball** – old school hip-hop artists including **Doug E. Fresh, Slick Rick and Biz Markie** and guest DJ DJ Tiz will perform at Club 1223. Party runs from 6pm to 4am **NEW ADDITION**
- **Historical Inaugural Ball** is hosted by the Historical Society, this event from 8pm to 1am
- **HBCU Inaugural Gala Ball** for Historically Black Colleges and Universities from 8pm-1am at Sequoia at Washington Harbor

State Events On January 19th:

- **Arkansas State Society Inaugural Gala** at National Press Club at 8pm (\$150 VIP ticket)
- **Colorado Inaugural Ball** at the Westin DC City Center from 6pm to 10pm (\$350 ticket)
- **Sunshine and Stars Florida Inaugural Ball** at the Corcoran Gallery of Art **SOLD OUT**
- **Georgia Inaugural Gala** at National Museum of Natural History from 8pm to 12am
- **Illinois Society Inaugural Gala** at Renaissance Washington Hotel from 5:30pm to 1:30am
- [Indiana Society Inaugural Gala](#) at 6pm at Omni-Shoreham Hotel; (\$350 ticket)
- [Kentucky Society Bluegrass Ball](#)
6:30pm at Marriott Wardman Park Hotel; NOTE: Qorvis is working in close cooperation with the organizers of this event. This event is the Washington Post's Top Pick.
- **New Hampshire State Society Reception** at Willard Intercontinental Hotel at 5pm
- [New Mexico State Society Land of Enchantment Inaugural Ball](#) **SOLD OUT**
Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian from 7pm to 10pm
- [North Carolina State Society Ball](#) at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel **SOLD OUT**
- **Yes We Did! Celebration** hosted by the Pennsylvania Democratic Party at Washington Plaza Hotel. Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell, Senator Bob Casey, Chairman T.J. Rooney, members of the Pennsylvania Congressional delegation and other Pennsylvania Democrats join together for a night of fun and celebration. (\$150 ticket)
- [South Carolina State Society Inaugural Ball](#)
8pm at the Smithsonian Air and Space; (\$125 ticket)
- **South Dakota State Inaugural Reception** from 6:30pm to 9pm at James Monroe House (\$50 ticket)
- [Texas State Society Black Tie and Boots Inaugural Ball](#)
Gaylord National Resort, National Harbor, Maryland
- **Virginia Ball** at the Westin Arlington Gateway from 7pm to 11pm



Presidential Inauguration / Swearing in Ceremony / Parade:

Tickets Required

Each Senator and Representative receives a limited number of free tickets to the swearing-in ceremony that they may distribute to the public at their discretion. One KY Congressman's office recently said that it received 10,000 requests for only 300 allocated tickets. No website or other ticket outlet actually has inaugural swearing-in tickets to sell, regardless of what they may claim.

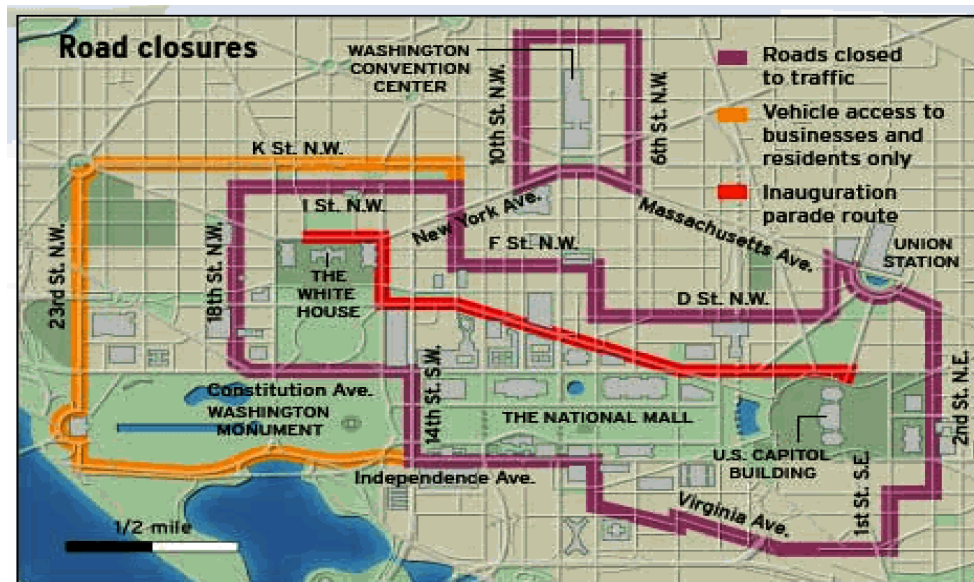
The President-elect will take the oath at noon on Tuesday, January 20, 2009. Following the oath of office, the President will give his inaugural address, setting out his vision for America and goals for the nation. After the Inauguration ceremonies, the President and the Vice-President traditionally attend an inaugural luncheon hosted by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies.

The parade will take place in the afternoon of Tuesday, January 20, 2009 on Pennsylvania Avenue, NW with viewing stands and bleachers set-up between 3rd and 17th Streets.

<http://dc.about.com/library/maps/blmapinauguration.htm>

Since Thomas Jefferson's second inaugural ceremony on March 4, 1805, it has become tradition for the President to parade down Pennsylvania Avenue from the Capitol to the White House. The only President not to parade down Pennsylvania Avenue was Ronald Reagan. President Reagan did not do so in 1985 due to freezing cold temperatures which were made dangerous by high winds. In 1977, Jimmy Carter started a new tradition by walking from the Capitol to the White House; although for security reasons, subsequent Presidents have only walked a part of the way.

The Presidential Inauguration Parade is expected to be the most attended event of the year. Security will be complex and many roads will be closed. Parking will be extremely limited. You should expect long lines and delays. The best way to get to the parade will be by [Metro](#). You can purchase your Metro fare in advance to save time. According to Weather Underground's Trip Planner, since 1993, temperatures on Jan. 20 in Washington have run from an average low of 27 to an average high of 39.



Tuesday, January 20, 2009

There are many parade viewing parties along the parade route. We're hearing that Secret Service is requiring guests enter the security checkpoints at very early hours. At least a handful of parties have been cancelled due to the early morning deadlines to load in their guests.

- **Inaugural Brunch for Change** from 9am - 2pm at the Monocle. Congressman Jim Pascrell is the Honorary Host of the event
- [New York State Society Pre-Inaugural Parade Brunch](#) at Willard Intercontinental Hotel (\$175 ticket)
- **Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom** is hosting a luncheon and parade viewing party from 12pm – 6pm **NEW ADDITION**
- **Podesta Group/Heather Podesta Partners** is hosting a party from 3pm to 5pm at Tosca **NEW ADDITION**
- **The Creative Coalition and BGR Group** are hosting an inaugural brunch and open house from 11am to 4pm at the Homer Building at 6th and F Streets **NEW ADDITION**

Inaugural Galas and Balls

Many inaugural balls and galas will take place at venues throughout Washington, DC from January 15-24th, 2009. The official balls are planned by the Presidential Inaugural Committee and unofficial balls and parties are planned by the State Societies of Washington, DC and a variety of other organizations.

Official Presidential Inaugural Committee Balls: Just Announced

All official balls require an invitation to purchase a ticket. The President-elect and the Vice President-elect will appear at each of the 10 inaugural balls.

President-elect Barack Obama will host a **Youth Inaugural Ball, five Regional Inaugural balls, and a ball for his Home States – Illinois and Hawaii** at the DC Convention Center

Vice President-elect Joe Biden will host a ball for his Home States as well: **Delaware and Pennsylvania** (DC Convention Center). These balls round out the list of official inaugural balls to be held on Tuesday, January 20, along with the previously announced **Neighborhood Inaugural Ball** and **Commander in Chief's Ball**.

The Youth Ball, to be held at the Washington (Hinckley) Hilton, is intended for young Americans aged 18-35 and will celebrate the inauguration of the new president and the role young Americans can play to serve their communities. Tickets will be available at a reduced price of \$75. Performances include Kanye West, Fall Out Boy and an A-list performer to be named shortly. Hosted by an A-list celeb. Remote locations in Kenya, New Orleans and Washington, DC will showcase young people 'being the change' to help their communities.

Neighborhood Inaugural Ball for DC residents at the DC Convention Center

Commander-in-Chief's Inaugural Ball - Enlisted active duty and reserve military at National Building Museum



The Regional Inaugural Balls are an inaugural tradition that President-elect Obama will continue, inviting guests from the Midwest, the West, the East, the South, and the Mid-Atlantic regions to their own celebrations. Tickets will be available to invited guests for \$150.

- **Eastern Inaugural Ball** - CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT, PR, and USVI invited guests at Union Station;
- **Mid-Atlantic Inaugural Ball** - MD, VA, DC, NY, NJ, and WV invited guests at the DC Convention Center;
- **Midwest Inaugural Ball** - KS, IN, IA, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI, and MO invited guests at the DC Convention Center
- **Southern Inaugural Ball** - AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, and TX invited guests at the National Guard Armory
- **Western Inaugural Ball** - AK, CA, ID, MT, OR, WA, WY, AZ, CO, NV, NM, UT, OK, GUAM/AS invited guests at the DC Convention Center

State Society Galas on January 20th:

[Arizona Inaugural Gala](#)

8pm at the Historical Society of Washington DC at 801 K Street, NW
Tickets: \$175 per person / \$300 per couple

[Michigan Inaugural Ball](#)

7:30pm to 12am at Smithsonian American History Museum

[Garden State Inaugural Gala](#)

7:30pm at Washington Court Hotel

Unofficial Inaugural Balls and Galas on January 20th:

All America Ball

9pm - 1am at Westin Washington DC City Center Hotel (\$175 ticket)

American Music Inaugural Ball

Two-ball event (3500 guests) event to be held at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel

1. **Legends Ball** hosted by Dionne Warwick (black tie) (\$450 ticket)
2. **Urban Ball** hosted by Ludacris (dress to impress) (\$350 ticket or \$675 to attend both)

American Indian Inaugural Ball

8:00pm at Hyatt Regency Crystal City at Reagan National Airport

Ancestors Dream Inaugural Ball

Gaylord National Resort from 8pm to 2am, hosted by the Prince George's County Presidential Inaugural Committee



BET Inaugural Ball

Mandarin Oriental hotel from 9pm to 2am with proceeds benefiting America's Promise Alliance, the nation's largest non-profit alliance dedicated to the well-being of children and youth founded by Colin and Alma Powell. The Ball will also support two DC institutions - Dunbar High School and the Duke Ellington School of the Arts.

Bytes & Books Inaugural Ball

7:00pm at Folger Shakespeare Library at 201 East Capitol Street SE
The National Coalition for Technology In Education and Training plans to honor George Lucas and Senator Ted Kennedy at its \$2,500-per-couple event (for the lowest-tiered sponsorship).

Brandywine Street Association Inaugural Ball at Carnegie Institution of Science from 8pm to 1am

Congressional Black Caucus Institute Gala Celebration **NEW ADDITION**

8pm at the Four Seasons Hotel

Corcoran Gallery of Art hosted by Information and Communications Technologies

Hosted by LINK AMERICAS Foundation, The Alliance for Public Technology, The Children's Partnership, Education Development Center and the George Lucas Educational Foundation - Edutopia. (\$1,000 ticket)

The Creative Coalition Inaugural Gala Ball

Pre-ball VIP dinner, concert and inaugural ball at Harman Center for the Arts. The event is expected to include a large number of celebrities including Spike Lee, Susan Sarandon, and Elvis Costello. Director Barry Levinson will be shooting final scenes for a film called Poliwood, a documentary about Hollywood's involvement in the presidential race.

DC's 51st Inaugural Ball

John Wilson Building at 8pm

Equality Ball

Presented by the LGBT community (HRC, PFLAG, etc), the event will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at the Mayflower Hotel. Appearances by Cyndi Lauper, Melissa Etheridge, Rufus Wainwright and others. (\$375 ticket)

The George Washington University Inaugural Ball

8:00 p.m. at the Omni Shoreham Hotel at 2500 Calvert Street, NW

Georgetown Harbour Inaugural Gala

8pm sponsored by: Tony & Joe's Seafood Place in Georgetown's Washington Harbour; Tickets start at \$150 and increased after Jan. 1

Google Event

The Google party will be at 9pm-2am on at the Mellon Auditorium (1301 Constitution), sponsored jointly with the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. 2,000 guests (invite only) and Google will match suggested donations to designated charities. Event will be a "lounge", an alternative to traditional balls, which means no black tie.

Heroes Red, White & Blue Inaugural Ball

Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at 9pm at the Warner Theater

Celebrate America's military heroes and to honor injured service members and their families at Walter Reed Army and National Naval Medical Centers and to benefit the USO of Metropolitan Washington and the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS)



The Hill Ball

B Smith's Restaurant from 8:30pm-11:30pm

Historic Inaugural Ball

8pm to 1am at the Historic Society of Washington D.C., at 801 K St NW, Washington D.C. Sponsored by Changeworks, LLC, this gala celebrates the inauguration of Barack Obama and the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr

Howard University Inaugural Champagne Brunch, Parade Viewing and Gala

Howard's Armour J. Blackburn Center

Land of Enchantment Inaugural Ball

Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian at 4th St. and Independence Ave. SW

MTV "Be the Change" Ball CANCELLED

Tuesday, January 20, 2009

Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center

Official Obama Inauguration Celebration Party

Fur (33 Patterson Street, NE)

Inaugural Peace Ball

7 pm at Smithsonian Postal Museum. Hosted by Busboys and Poets, the Smithsonian Postal Museum and special guest host Harry Belafonte, the ball will be the largest gathering of peace activists in Washington on Inauguration Day without a protest. (\$165 ticket)

Pearl Gala

Hosted by Asian Americans for Obama from 7 PM-midnight at Mandarin Oriental. (\$250 ticket)

The President's Ball

7:30 p.m. - 1 a.m. at The Washington Times Building (\$250 ticket)

The Purple Ball SOLD OUT

Fairmont Hotel at 2401 M St, NW, hosted by Lou Gossett Junior's Eracism Foundation. This is a small, more intimate champagne dinner that is expected to include both celebrities and politicians. The host committee includes notable names like Amy Brenneman, Ashley Judd, Brad Silberling, Josh Lucas, Kate Walsh and Patricia Arquette.

RIAA/Feeding America (formerly known as Second Harvest) Inaugural Ball

Ibiza from 10pm – 2am featuring Rihanna

Sikh Inaugural Ball

Benefitting the DC Boys & Girls Club, the event will be held at the Ascot-I the Indian Experience

The Spirit of Hope Inaugural Ball

The Washington Club at Patterson House Mansion at 15 DuPont Circle

Unity in Service Inaugural Ball

Trinity University, Main Hall Social Room at 125 Michigan Ave NE

The unofficial ball gives recognition to the men and women of our military with selected Service members serving as honorary co-hosts and a portion of each ticket price is set aside to benefit military families in need through the Armed Forces Relief Fund. (\$90-175 ticket)



Vanity Fair / Estee Lauder Party at The Park from 10pm to 4am (invite only)

We the People Presidential Inaugural Gala & Ball

Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill; Organized by campaign volunteers, the gala recognizes the hard work and dedication of volunteers across the country with a VIP celebration, featuring open bar, three-course dinner and live entertainment. Hill Harper and BeBe Winans plus event hosts including Senator Max Baucus, Senator Barbara Boxer, Senator Robert C. Byrd, Senator Benjamin Cardin, Senator Robert Casey, Jr., Senator Byron L. Dorgan, Senator Chuck Grassley, Senator John Kerry, Senator Frank Lautenberg, Senator Patrick Leahy, Senator Barbara S. Mikulski, Senator Ben Nelson, Senator Bernard Sanders, Senator Arlen Specter, Senator Sheldon Whitehouse.

After-parties and Hearsay Items: (we will continue to update this list)

Don Peebles, his wife Katrina and an evolving list of celebrity co-hosts, including Star Jones and Chris Tucker are hosting an event at the Georgetown Club. The invitation-only event for a few hundred guests will kick off at midnight after official festivities on January 20; it runs til 4am and breakfast dishes will be served

Perennial Sports is hosting a VVIP event at Cady Alley / L2 / Leopold

We hear:

...that Esquire is hosting an event at the Newseum on Sunday night for www.obamathatone.com

...there's a launch party for Gwen Ifill's book "Age of Obama" on Saturday, January 17th

...there is a parade viewing party at the Canadian Embassy

...that Ellen Malcolm of EMILY's List is hosting an after-party at Lebanese Taverna

...that Maureen Dowd is hosting an event over the weekend to honor David Geffen

