

The Hubert V. Simmons Museum of Negro Leagues Baseball Inc. is sharing an exciting opportunity to partner in a historic event. We have planned a week-long event honoring Negro Leagues Baseball and the 150th Birthday of Baltimore's own Joe Gans, the first African American World Boxing Champion and early baseball player. This event culminates on **Negro Leagues Day in Maryland, May 10, 2025.**

We are always proud to honor the legacy of **Mr. Hubert V. Simmons**, co-founder of the **Simmons Museum of Negro Leagues Baseball** and former player for the Baltimore Elite Giants. Mr. Simmons was a gifted athlete, a passionate teacher and coach, and dedicated to educating all about the rich history of the Negro Leagues. His commitment to preserving this history led to the creation of the museum in the Metro Center at Owings Mills.

We will recognize and honor the contributions of **Audrey Simmons, Geraldine Day, and Camay Calloway Murphy**, who have touched the community in countless ways, while helping to preserve Negro Leagues player history. They were executive directors of organizations in the communities, whose leadership has been influential in American History. Their presence will be deeply missed, and their guidance will persist.

This week-long celebration will feature a variety of events, including **interactive displays, presentations, skill challenges**, and a **community picnic**. The schedule includes a spotlight on **women in the Negro Leagues**, a special **Joe Gans exhibit**, and community gatherings at Camden Yards and later with **former Orioles and Negro Leagues players**.

To make this event a success, we are asking the community and organizations for support. Donations will help cover key costs including event setup, signage, honorarium, public presentations, and transportation. They will support our efforts to provide meaningful experiences for the community and particularly the participating youth.

If you are interested in contributing directly or want more details, please feel free to contact us directly by phone or email shown below. Donate online or by checks payable to **SMNLB Inc.** You may contribute online by credit card or by PayPal using the website <http://www.smlbinc.org/Donate>. Use the Donate button to reach the secure PayPal process. Add the note - "**May 10, 2025 Donation**".

Thank you for your attention. We hope to partner with you as we honor the legacies of these key community influencers that have inspired us.

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