SMNLB Sponsors and Contributors,

Keeping the spirit of Baseball alive. I'm writing on behalf of **SMNLB Inc.** to share an exciting opportunity to partner with us in celebrating a historic event—the **week-long celebration honoring Negro Leagues Baseball** and the 150th birthday of Baltimore's own Joe Gans, the first African American World Boxing Champion. This event, culminating on **Negro Leagues Day in Maryland** in May 2025, will not only highlight the incredible legacy of the Negro Leagues but also honor Joe Gans' contributions to both boxing and Baltimore's Negro League baseball history.

We are incredibly proud to acknowledge the work of **Mr. Hubert V. Simmons**, co-founder of the **Simmons Museum of Negro Leagues Baseball (SMNLB)** and a former player for the **Baltimore Elite Giants**. Mr. Simmons was not only a talented athlete but also a dedicated teacher and coach, deeply committed to educating future generations about the rich history of the Negro Leagues. His passion for preserving this legacy led to the museum's establishment, which is a testament to the enduring impact of the players who came before and after him.

This week-long celebration will feature a variety of events, including **interactive displays**, **presentations**, **skill challenges**, and a **community picnic**, all aimed at commemorating the history of Negro Leagues Baseball and Joe Gans. The schedule also includes a **spotlight on women in the Negro Leagues**, a special **Joe Gans exhibit**, Discovery Theater's "**Black Diamond**" play, and a gathering with **former Orioles players**.

To make this event a success, we are contacting community leaders and organizations for support. A starting donation of **\$200** will help us cover key costs, including event setup, signage, and supplies for museum displays and public presentations. Additionally, your contribution will support our efforts to provide meaningful experiences for attendees, especially as we highlight the lasting influence of figures like Joe Gans and Hubert V. Simmons on baseball and our community.

If you are interested in contributing or would like more details, please contact me directly. Donations can be made via the URL Donation or by check payable to **SMNLB Inc.** 

Your support will provide a lasting impact as we celebrate this incredible historical moment. To pay by credit card, please visit our website at <a href="http://www.smnlbinc.org/Donate">http://www.smnlbinc.org/Donate</a> to use our Donate button for a secure process through PayPal. With a special note in the "Add Special Instruction to Seller" with "May 10, 2025 Donation"

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to partnering with you as we honor the legacy of both the **Negro Leagues** and **Mr. Hubert V. Simmons**, whose dedication and leadership continue to inspire us today.

#### **Derwin Whitehead**

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# SMNLB Celebration At Orioles Park at Camden Yards May 4th 2025





Orioles Game Day Agenda

- Museum Meeting Point and Orioles Game at Camden Yards
- .... Time: 10:00 AM- 5:30 PM
- 10:00 AM: Event Welcome & Check-In
- 10:30 AM: Bus departure
- 11:30 AM: Enter Statium
- 12:15 PM: Presentation
- 01:35 PM: Game Start
- · 04:30 PM: Bus returns to Museum

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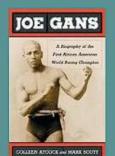
- Orioles Community Development and Youth Programs
- Broadway Services, Inc.
- NCI Networking
- Rochlin, Settleman & Dobres, P.A

Event Planner: Derwin Whitehead Contact # 443 295-3379

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# Museum Events



## Mon, May 5th

Joe Gans & Fire History Presentation

- SMNLB Class Room Presentation
- III Time: 5:30 PM 8:00 PM
- · 05:30 PM: Event Welcome & Setup
- . 06:00 PM: Guest arrival and Introduction
- · 06:15 PM: Joe Gans Presentation
- · 06:45 PM: Break for Food and museum walk-through
- 07:15 PM: History of Baltimore Fire Department

08:00 PM: Closing remarks and invitation to May 7th Play







### Wed, May 7th

Ladies of the Negro League & Black Diamonds Play

- SMNLB Class Room Presentation
- III Time: 4:30 PM 8:00 PM
- 04:00 PM: Event Welcome & Setup
- . 04:30 PM: Guest arrival and Introduction
- 04:45 PM: Ladies of the Negro League Presentation
- 05:00 PM: Black Diamonds Play 1st Show
- · 06:00 PM: Break for Food and museum walk-through
- . 06:45 PM: Black Diamonds Play 2nd Show
- . 07:30 PM: Closing remarks and invitation to May 10th event

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# Maryland Negro Leagues Day May 10th 2025





#### Skill Event Agenda

- Olympic Indoor Sports Columbia 9179 Red Branch Rd Suite#L Columbia, MD 21045
- m Time: 12:00 PM 4:00 PM
- Noon: Olympic Indoor Sports (OIS) delivers a welcoming message & Check-In (Waivers Completed)
- · 12:30 PM: Introduction of Orioles Alumni + Guest Remarks
- 1:00 PM: Introduction of Coaches & Group Breakouts (Pitching, Fielding, Hitting)
- 1:45 PM: Skill Stations Rotation
- 2:30 PM: Lunch Break
- 3:00 PM: Skill Challenges
  - o Pitching: 9-Target Challenge
  - · Fielding: Throwing Accuracy Drill
  - · Hitting: HitTrax Tunnel
- 4:00 PM: OIS representative provides closing remarks.
  - · Recognition of Participants
  - Validation for May 27 Orioles Game Tickets
  - · Sign up for Next Year's Event

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