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September 22, 2025

Dear Supporter:

We invite you to join us in helping the Frederick Douglass Memorial and Historical Association (FDMHA) sustain the legacy of Mr. Douglass by collaborating with FDMHA to support our Violins for Douglass Youth Program (See enclosed FDMHA and Violins for Douglass History) on **Sunday, November 16, 2025, at Howard University from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm.**

The legacy of Frederick Douglass is a privilege and responsibility to steward. As the first African American confirmed by the United States Senate to serve as the Marshall for the District of Columbia, Frederick Douglass, the Lion of Anacostia, his life and legacy are part of the bloodline of the District of Columbia.

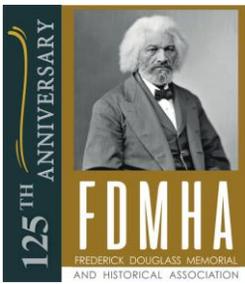
FDMHA believes grounding youth in the work and words of Douglass is foundational for positive youth development, civic education programs, and American history. One way that the FDMHA works to introduce youth to the life and legacy of Mr. Douglass is through music. We strive to engrave his spirit and courage in their heart.

The Violins for Douglass Program is designed to bring together our partners and the community at large for a day of building the interest and capacity of supporters of 19th-century American history. In addition, we further invite you to engage as a patron or to purchase advertisement space in our program journal. For your convenience, a sponsorship form that indicates the various sponsorship opportunities, payment, and submission requirements is included with this communication. The deadline to submit payment in support of your sponsorship level is **October 30, 2025.**

Additional inquiries about your sponsorship may be sent to President@FrederickDouglassMHA.org, and for more information, please visit us at www.FrederickDouglassMHA.org. We thank you in advance.

In service,

Sylvia L. Quinton, Esq., Ed.D.
President



The Frederick Douglass Memorial and Historical Association want to make the Violins for Douglass a fantastic memory! To make this happen, we are offering advertisement or donation opportunities.

Name of Department/Company:

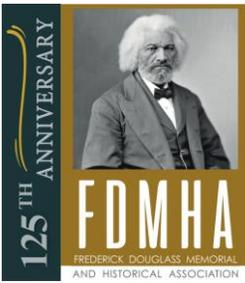
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Sponsorship opportunities:

- \$1,000 Douglass Scholar (Two 125th Anniversary Soiree tickets, VIP seating, sponsor name placed signage at events of the 125th Anniversary, event acknowledgement, full-page ad in the event program, and sponsor name appears in all advertising and marketing)
- \$750 Youth Advocate (One 125th Anniversary Soiree ticket, sponsor name placed on signage at events of the 125th Anniversary, event acknowledgement, full-page ad in the event program, and sponsor name appears in all advertising and marketing)
- \$500 FDMHA Partner (1/4 page advertisement in event program, event acknowledgement, and sponsor name appears in all advertising and marketing)
- \$250 Community Partner (sponsor name placed on the signage, event acknowledgement, name listed in event program, and sponsor name appears in all advertising and marketing)

Additional Sponsorship Opportunities

- \$100 Impact Giver (sponsor's name appears on Violins for Douglass Sling backpack with caption "This bag sponsored by..." and name appears in event program)
- \$50 Sustaining Sponsor (name placed on back inside of event program)
- \$20 Social Impact Patron (business card appears in event program)



****** Submissions due by October 30 ******

Payment and Advertisement Instructions

Digital Payment:

- Option 1: QR Code
 - Scan to submit payment.
 - Submit the following via email to President@FrederickDouglassMHA@gmail.com. Please include your business/personal name in the subject line.
 - Completed sponsorship form.
 - JPEG, PDF, or illustration of the advertisement for the journal.



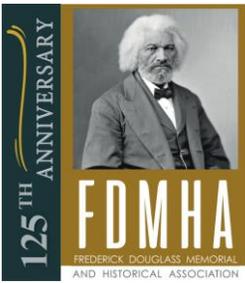
- Option 2: Payment Link:
 - Click <https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/C7TA6RWKTC4NQ> to submit payment.
 - Submit the following via email to President@FrederickDouglassMHA@gmail.com. Please include your business/personal name in the subject line.
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Mail Payment:

- Mail the completed sponsorship form along with a check or money order to:

FDMHA
Post Office Box 10611
Washington, DC 20020
Memo Line: Violins for Douglass

For questions regarding submission, please email president@FrederickDouglassMHA.org.
Thank you for your contribution!



Frederick Douglass Memorial and Historical Association History

Mr. Douglass was an author, abolitionist, orator, champion of human rights, Publisher of the North Star, an advisor to presidents, U.S. Marshall for the District of Columbia, Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia, member of the Board of Trustees for Howard University, and one of the foremost figures in American history. He is most famous for his three autobiographies: *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, My Bondage and My Freedom, and Life and Times*.

Helen Pitts Douglass, the second wife of Frederick Douglass, created the Frederick Douglass Memorial and Historical Association (FDMHA) in collaboration with the United States Congress on June 6, 1900. Mrs. Douglass bequeathed his fifteen-acre estate, known as Cedar Hill in Anacostia, to the organization. It was her desire for the home to be a lasting memorial to her late husband, Frederick Douglass.

Cedar Hill was maintained by the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs (NACWC) and FDMHA until 1962, when FDMHA deeded the property to the U.S. National Park Service (NPS). The property was deeded to the National Park Service because the maintenance of the estate was very costly. President John F. Kennedy accepted the deed of ownership.

Violins for Douglass History

On August 9, 2014, Violins for Douglass (V4D) was created by Trustee Moonyene Jackson-Amis during her tenure as the President of Frederick Douglass Memorial and Historical Association (FDMHA) from 2014 to 2017. The event was held in recognition of Freedom Summer as a tribute to Frederick Douglass and the courageous 1964 Freedom Fighters for Justice and the Right to Vote. The event was entitled "*Violins for Douglass and Remembering Freedom Summer*." The inaugural event was in partnership with the Coalition for African Americans in the Performing Arts (CAPPA).

Frederick Douglass taught himself to play the violin while a refugee in Ireland. His son, Joseph Douglass, is credited as the first Black violinist to make transcontinental tours.

The purpose of V4D is to continue honoring Frederick Douglass's love for the violin. In preserving the life, legacy, and character of Frederick Douglass for posterity, the FDMHA sponsors Violins for Douglass as a community event to support youth between the ages of 12 to 18 in their pursuit of learning and studying the violin.

The V4D program consists of a Violin Master Class for the participants, a group performance by the participants, and the awarding of a scholarship(s) for violin lessons. The scholarship is paid directly to the violin teacher.