The Smithsonian Folklife Festival is committed to making this annual event accessible. All visitors are welcome, and we try to make everyone’s visit to the Festival pleasant and enjoyable. Service animals are also welcome. We encourage you to submit suggestions on how we can improve accessibility at the Festival.

The Festival produces a program book each year, a catalog of the year’s programs. An audiotaped version of the program book is available at all information booths and at the Volunteer tent. The schedule of events for the Festival is also on tape. Large Print versions of the daily schedules and food concession menus are available at the information booths and Volunteer tent. Other formats of the program book and program signs are available on request after the Festival.

**Sign-language interpreters** are in each of the four program areas: *Food Culture USA; Forest Service, Culture, and Community; Nuestra Música: Music in Latino Culture; and Oman: Desert, Oasis, and Sea*. Program schedules indicate which sessions will be interpreted. All evening concerts are interpreted. A floating interpreter is available at the Volunteer tent to assist visitors on a first-come, first-served basis, for individuals and groups. Other forms of interpreting are available if requests are made a week before the Festival begins. Call John Franklin at 202 275-1905 (voice), 202 784-2414 (TTY) or e-mail at franklinj@si.edu Real-time captioning will be available on Thursdays and Saturdays in the *Food Culture USA*'s Beyond the Melting Pot Kitchen. Program schedules will indicate which programs will be captioned.

Audio loops are available at the music stages and the food demonstration areas of the *Food Culture USA* program.

**Mobility:** The Festival is outdoors on the National Mall on grass and gravel surfaces. These surfaces are irregular, the former having tree roots, and can be wet and soggy due to frequent rain storms. The accompanying map shows paved walkways. Music programs under tents will have demarcated seating areas for wheelchair users and a companion. A limited number of wheelchairs are available on loan during the Festival at the Volunteer tent for use on the Festival site. Volunteers are on call to assist wheelchair users. Wheelchairs are also available for use in the Smithsonian museums. Ask the security officers when entering the museums.