

Discovery Theater has presented live educational performances at the Smithsonian to young people throughout the Washington, D.C., area and beyond since 1979. With programs that enrich the Smithsonian experience for nearly 50,000 children annually, Discovery Theater is a gateway to the exhibits, collections, and themes contained in the museums and galleries on the National Mall and in our community.

There's so much to do and explore at the Smithsonian—and Discovery Theater is the ideal place to begin!

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EZRA JACK KEATS'

# THE SNOWY DAY

SPECIAL SCREENING & HOLIDAY SING-ALONG
HOSTED BY CHRIS LANE



This program is made possible by:

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Ages 2 to 6
Pre-K to 1st Grade



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#### ABOUT THE FILM

The Snowy Day is a Daytime Emmy Awardwinning animated film, based on Ezra Jack Keats' 1962 classic story. Narrated by Laurence Fishburne, it features the voice talents of Regina King, Angela Bassett and Jamie-Lynn Sigler.

The film follows young Peter's magical, snowy walk to his Nana's house to bring home their Christmas Eve dinner. One the way, he meets some new (and diverse) friends who come together to celebrate many traditions.

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the lives of his multiracial characters on his childhood but added loving parents, friends and pets. He wanted no child to be an outsider. "If we could see each other exactly as the other is," he wrote, "this would be a different world."

## A HUGE THANKS TO...



The **Ezra Jack Keats Foundation** for making this program possible. For more books and information about *The Snowy Day*, visit their website: www.ezra-jack-keats.org.

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**Penguin Random House** for donating the copies of the books for the audience.

And **Chris Lane** for hosting! Visit <u>www.lanedesign.org</u> for more info.

# MAKE A HANGING SNOWFLAKE

#### Materials:

- 4 popsicle sticks
- A big bag of white buttons/decorations
- White paint
- Glue



#### **Directions:**

- Glue the sticks together by placing a dot of glue in the middle of one stick and forming an X with the sticks. Then add the next two sticks to make a snowflake with eight branches.
- 2. Paint the popsicle sticks white and wait for them to dry.
- 3. Glue on some white buttons!
- 4. Tie a string around the end of one branch (the button should hold it in place) and make a loop for hanging!

For more crafts: <u>thecraftingchicks.com/2010/12/christmas-word-art-framed.html</u>

### **SMITHSONIAN CONNECTION**

## Zoolights at the National Zoo



Join the thousands of visitors who make Zoo-Lights a part of their annual holiday tradition. A free event, ZooLights includes live music performances, tasty winter treats, and plenty of opportunities for holiday shopping. More than 500,000 environmentally-friendly LED lights transform the Zoo into a winter wonderland complete with a dazzling light show set to music!

nationalzoo.si.edu/events/zoolights