

Ben Folds Social Media Contest

Win two tickets to the Smithsonian Associates event, [Ben Folds: An Unconventional Icon](#) on Tuesday, Dec. 3, a Meet & Greet with Ben Folds following the program for you and one guest, and a signed copy of Ben Folds' new memoir *A Dream About Lightning Bugs: A Life of Music and Cheap Lessons*.

After we post about the contest on Instagram, follow account @SmithsonianAssociates and mention a friend you'd like to take with you to the Smithsonian Associates Dec. 3 event in the comments section to be entered. Here are specific instructions on how to submit your caption:

On Instagram: Follow the account and mention a friend in the comments section on the contest photo posted here: <https://www.instagram.com/smithsonianassociates/>

You must mention a friend in the comments section of the post using the @ symbol to be entered. If you mention multiple friends, it counts as one entry.

Terms and Conditions

1. Entrants must be natural persons, current U.S. residents, and 18 years of age or older. Entrants may not be a regent, officer, employee, fellow, intern, research associate, or volunteer of the Smithsonian Institution or a member of any of the foregoing's immediate family or household.
2. Beginning on October 15, the Smithsonian will post about this contest to attend the upcoming Ben Folds: An Unconventional Icon program on its Smithsonian Associates Instagram accounts. Participants will have 32 days to (i) mention a friend in the comments section in response to the Instagram account and (ii) follow the accounts. One entry per person; do not create multiple accounts in order to enter.
3. One entry per person. You will not increase your chance of winning by mentioning multiple people or commenting multiple times.
4. By entering, entrants warrant that his or her entry complies with these rules; entries that do not comply with the rules are ineligible to win and, if deemed inappropriate for Smithsonian audiences (i.e. general audience of all ages), deleted. See www.si.edu/termsfuse for content rules.
5. The Smithsonian will award five prizes. The prize is two tickets to the Dec. 3 program, Ben Folds: An Unconventional Icon at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian, a Meet & Greet event following the program for two people, and one signed copy of Ben Folds' memoir. If the prize in whole or part becomes unavailable for any reason, the Smithsonian reserves the right to substitute a prize of equal or lesser value. Winners may not request prize substitution. One prize per person. No cash substitutes.
6. On Nov. 18 the Smithsonian will select one winner from the eligible entries. The selection will be random. Odds of winning depend on number of entries submitted.
7. The Smithsonian will notify the winner via a private message on Instagram (using its Smithsonian Associates account). If the winner does not respond to the notification within 3 business days, the winner will forfeit their prize.
8. All entrants hold the Smithsonian, its regents, officers, employees, fellows, interns, research associates, and volunteers, as well as Instagram, harmless from and against all claims of any nature arising in connection with entrant's participation in the contest, acceptance or use of prize. The Smithsonian and its regents, officers, employees, fellows, interns, research associates, and volunteers are not liable for any costs, damages, injuries,

or other claims incurred as a result of entrants' participation in the contest or winner's acceptance and usage of the prize.

9. Winners may be required to execute an affidavit of eligibility, publicity and liability release as a condition of receiving the prize.
10. The Smithsonian is not responsible for incomplete or misdirected entries, technical or network malfunctions or failures, or causes beyond its control. Entrants are solely responsible for their submissions. Entrants may not submit materials that introduce any software viruses, worms or other programs designed to damage software, hardware or telecommunications equipment or are off-topic, partisan-political, contain advertising, personal attacks or expletives, or are otherwise abusive, threatening, unlawful, harassing, discriminatory, libelous, obscene, false, pornographic, or that infringe on the rights of any third party. The Smithsonian reserves the right to disqualify any entrant whose entry or conduct appears in any way to: inhibit the enjoyment of others; tamper with the competition; violate these rules; infringe on the rights of third parties; or act in an unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner. The Smithsonian reserves the right to cancel the contest or modify these rules at any time for any reason at its discretion. In the event of a dispute regarding the winners, the Smithsonian reserves the right to award or not award the prizes in its sole discretion.
11. By entering this contest, entrants agree to be bound by these rules and the decisions of the Smithsonian. Smithsonian decisions are final and binding in all respects.
12. No purchase necessary to enter or win. Contest void where prohibited. Winner is responsible for all taxes on the prize, if any. Winner also is responsible for all travel or other expenses associated with use of the prize.
13. The Smithsonian (and not Instagram) is administering this contest; this contest is in no way sponsored, endorsed, or administered by, or associated with, Instagram. All correspondence about the contest should be directed to the Smithsonian Associates (customerservice@smithsonianassociates.org).
14. After Nov. 21, you may obtain the names of the winners by sending an email to Lauren Lyons: [Lyonsl \[at\] si.edu](mailto:Lyonsl@si.edu)