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THE JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS



Music Celebrations International
Concert Tours With Integrity

Music Celebrations International is pleased to present the 9th Capital Orchestra Festival, an exclusive musical event held February 20, 2023 in the Concert Hall at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. Four select orchestras will be featured in performance at this historic concert venue. Each orchestra will also take part in a clinic with Colonel Dennis M. Layendecker - Former Commander & Conductor of the United States Air Force Band and Orchestra, and retired Chair of Music at George Mason University.

Washington, D.C. is a town of eclectic renown: it is a government town, an international business hub, a city of scandals, and the political capital of the world. But Washington also has another significant distinction – it is a national center for the arts. In a city that claims Duke Ellington, Pearl Bailey, Jelly Roll Morton and Shirley Horn, it is expected that jazz not only be appreciated, but showcased. The city’s proximity to the Appalachian Mountains led to bluegrass and country first finding a large forum in the Washington, D.C. area. The first nationally televised country music concert was broadcast from Constitution Hall in 1948.



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The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts is America’s living memorial to President John F. Kennedy, attracting millions of visitors each year to more than 2,000 performances, events, and exhibits. With its artistic affiliates, the National Symphony Orchestra and Washington National Opera, the Center is one of the nation’s busiest performing arts centers dedicated to providing world-class art, powerful education, and outstanding memorial experiences to the broadest possible constituency. On September 7, 2019, the Kennedy Center inaugurated the REACH, its first-ever major expansion, providing visitors with new opportunities to interact and engage with the Center as the nation’s premier nexus of arts, learning, and culture.

SAMPLE ITINERARY:

2 NIGHTS / 3 DAYS

DAY ONE: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2023

- Arrive in Washington, D.C.
- Meet your Tour Manager, who will escort you through the duration of your activities
- Sightseeing may include a panoramic tour of Historic Washington, D.C.
- Check into your hotel
- Dinner at a local restaurant
- Enjoy an evening walking tour of the Lincoln, Vietnam, Korean, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and National World War II Memorials, as well as a view of the outside of the Washington Monument
- Return to the hotel for overnight

DAY TWO: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Visit Ford's Theater, where Lincoln was shot, and the Peterson House, where Lincoln passed away
- Visit Arlington National Cemetery and participate in a special wreathlaying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (School/Government Issued ID required for entry for 16 years and older)*
- *Festival Welcome Lunch – enjoy a private cruise on the Potomac River where all participating orchestras share a buffet luncheon, dance and get to know each other*
- Tour of one of the Smithsonian Institution Museums
- **Participate in a clinic with Col. Dennis M. Layendecker**
- Visit Capitol Hill and see the Supreme Court and Capitol buildings
- Dinner, on own
- Return to the hotel for overnight

DAY THREE: MONDAY FEBRUARY 20

- Breakfast at the hotel
- *Morning sound check at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts*
- Lunch at the KC Café
- Guided tour of the Kennedy Center facilities
- **Capital Orchestra Festival Performance at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts***
- Following the performance, depart for home

***Pending confirmation**

This is a very flexible itinerary. Except for confirmed appointments and performances, the places of interest and thesequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable. In the event of an unavoidable conflict in the performance and the sightseeing schedule, the concert schedule will prevail, and it may be necessary to exclude some sightseeing activities.



BOSTON INSTRUMENTAL FESTIVAL

March 18-19, 2023

Symphony Hall, Boston

Music Celebrations International is pleased to produce the Boston Instrumental Festival taking place March 18-19, 2023 in the iconic Boston Symphony Hall. Few cities in the United States rival the historical and musical significance of Boston. From its celebrated symbols of patriotism to its undiscovered neighborhoods, the sights and sounds of the nation's revolutionary birthplace inspire millions of visitors every year.



CREMONA ORCHESTRA FESTIVAL

June 27 - July 1, 2023

Cremona, Italy

Music Celebrations International in cooperation with the Cremona City Council and Chamber of Commerce welcome you and your ensemble to perform in the Cremona Orchestra Festival, an exclusive music event that will take place June 27 - July 1, 2023! The Orchestra Festival will be part of the prestigious two-weeks long Cremona Music Festival. Two or more select orchestras will be featured in performance in this historic city which is filled with musical history and craft. All participating orchestras are selected by application process through Music Celebrations.



NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY CONCERT SERIES

May 26-29, 2023

Washington, DC

Music Celebrations International and the American Veterans Center are pleased to present the National Memorial Day Concert Series held in Washington, DC. Performances will take place throughout Memorial Day Weekend in and around Washington, DC, including the National Mall. Other performance opportunities may be available upon request.



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