





Music Celebrations International is pleased to present the Capital Orchestra Festival, an exclusive music event that will take place on February 14, 2016 at the Concert Hall of Washington, D.C.'s John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Four select orchestras will be featured in performance at this historic concert venue. All participating orchestras are selected by application process through Music Celebrations.

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.

The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts is a world-renowned arts complex on the Potomac River in Washington, D.C. It opened in 1971 as a living memorial to the 35th President of the United States, John Fitzgerald Kennedy. Designed by architect Edward Durrell Stone, it was built by Philadelphia contractor John McShain and is administered by a bureau of the Smithsonian Institution. It is often referred to as the "National Center for the Performing Arts," serving as the home of the National Symphony, Washington Ballet, Washington National Opera, and the Washington Performing Arts Society. Thousands of art performances are given annually on the various stages and theaters that exist within the structure.

# Sample Itinerary: 2 Nights / 3 Days

#### Day One: Saturday, February 13, 2016

- 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
- Take 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 14

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning sound check at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
- Lunch at the KC Café
- Take a tour of the Kennedy Center facilities
- Capital Orchestra Festival Performance at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
- Dinner at a local restaurant
- · Return to the hotel for overnight

#### Day Three: Monday, February 15

- Breakfast at the hotel
- · Check out of the hotel
- Visit Ford's Theater, where Lincoln was shot, and the Peterson House, where Lincoln passed away
- Take a tour of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Remember the Children: Daniel's Story
- Lunch, on own
- Take a tour of one of the Smithsonian Institution Museums
- Take a walk along Pennsylvania Avenue for a view of the White House
- (White House visits must be requested through a member of Congress)
- Visit Capitol Hill and see the Supreme Court and Capitol buildings
- Depart for home

Longer and shorter tour options are available upon request.









## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### National Memorial Day Concert Series

Washington, D.C. | May 28 - 30, 2016

#### **Washington National Mall**

The 2016 National Memorial Day Concert Series is an exclusive event hosted by Music Celebrations International, with support from the American Veterans Center. This concert series will feature outstanding musical performances by choirs, concert bands, and orchestras in Washington, D.C. at various memorial and monuments on the Washington National Mall over Memorial Day Weekend.

### Summa Cum Laude International Youth Music Festival

Vienna, Austria | July 1 - 6, 2016

Musikverein, Wiener Konzerthaus

The Summa Cum Laude Festival in Vienna is Austria's premier global youth music festival for choirs, bands and orchestras. Taking place every July in Vienna's two main classical concert venues, the Golden Hall of the Musikverein and the Konzerthaus, it offers an international environment where a thousand young musicians enjoy intercultural exchanges and build bridges that span continents.

# From Beethoven to Dvořák - Prague Orchestra Festival

Prague, Czech Republic | June 26 - 30, 2016

Dvořák Hall

Music Celebrations International is proud to produce this event at Dvorák Hall in the Rudolfinum, home of the Czech Philharmonic, on June 29, 2016. Built on the banks of the Vltava, the Rudolfinum opened in 1885, and held its inaugural concert in 1896 with Dvorák conducting the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra in the hall that now bears his name. Four select orchestras will perform a stand-alone, featured performance at this historic concert venue to commemorate Beethoven, Dvorák, and other great composers.

### West Coast Orchestra Festival

Los Angeles, California | June 24, 2016

#### **Walt Disney Concert Hall**

The West Coast Youth OrchestraFestival is designed to bring together four outstanding youth orchestras from across North America to perform for one another and the community in a World Class venue on the West Coast. The location will rotate between prestigious halls, and in 2016 the festival will take place in Music Center's Walt Disney Concert Hall.

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