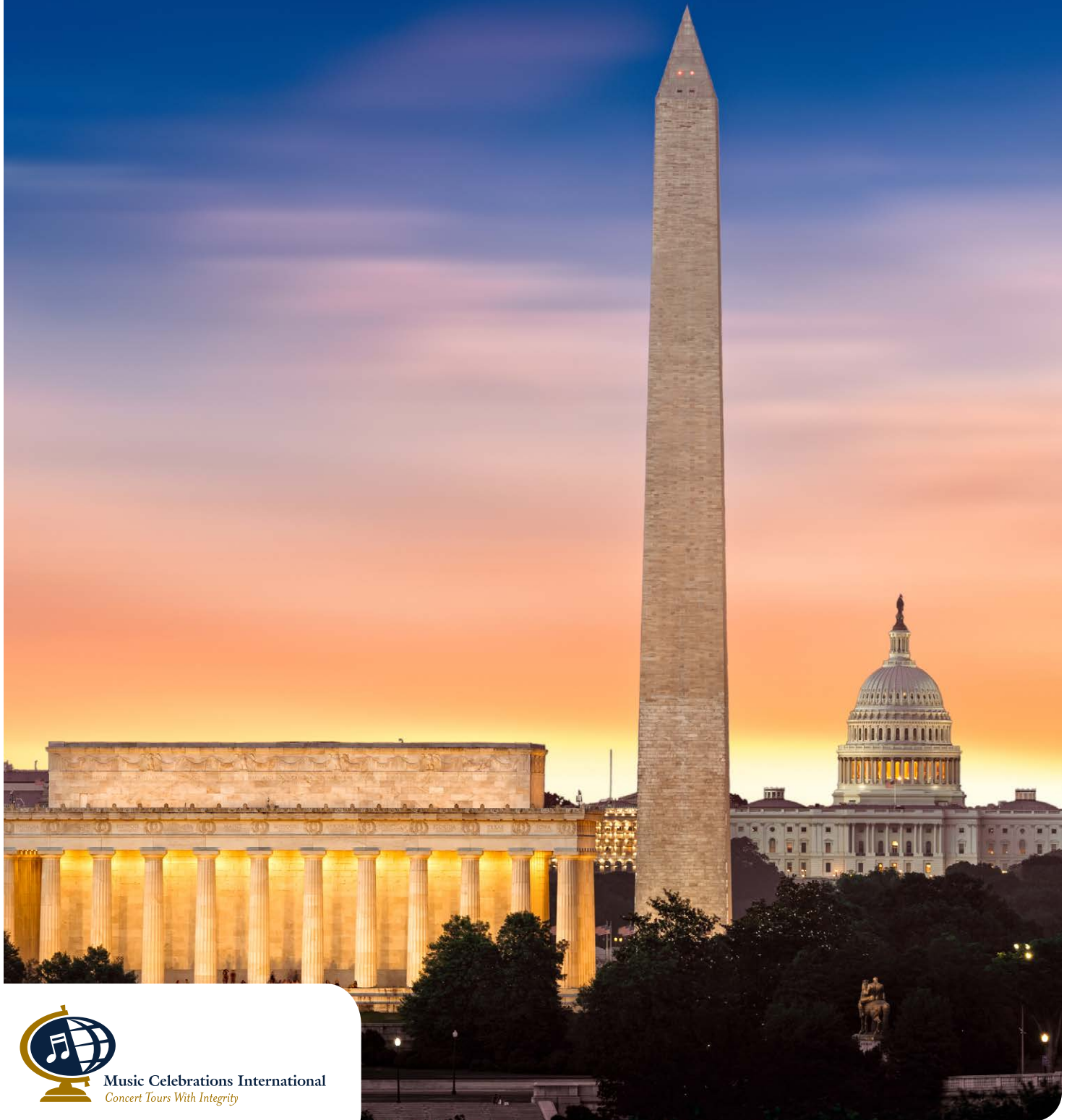


National Festival of the States in  
**Washington, DC**

*An exclusive concert series for bands*



**Music Celebrations International**  
*Concert Tours With Integrity*



World War II Memorial

# An Exclusive Concert Series

The National Festival of the States is an annual concert series developed by Music Celebrations in various cities throughout the United States. These performance tours are supported by local government offices, community organizations, tourist boards, and the like. Such affiliations offer a more memorable musical, cultural and educational experience for recommended ensembles (both instrumental and vocal) to perform in different venues in the most historic cities and celebrate the founding, history, and institutions of the United States!

From its celebrated symbols of patriotism to its undiscovered neighborhoods, the sights and sounds of the nation's capital inspire millions of visitors every year. Packed with famous sights, free attractions, and an endless calendar of special events, Washington, DC offers year-round inspiring experiences.

Washington, DC is a town of much renown: it is a government town, a company town, a scandalous town and the political capital of the world. But Washington also has another significant distinction – it is a musical town. 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. John Philip Sousa, “The March King,” was a native of DC and conducted the U.S. Marine Band for a number of years. The city's proximity to the Appalachian Mountains led to bluegrass and country first finding a large forum in the Washington, DC area. The first nationally televised country music concert was broadcast from Constitution Hall in 1948. Opera and classical music is the entertainment for dignitaries, diplomats, the sophisticated and the romantic. Washington, DC is home to one of the best opera companies in the world, the Washington National Opera. The Washington, DC area is also the capital of choral music, with more than 70 choral groups throughout the region.

*“This is the single most memorable event of my teaching career of 22 years. The students experience at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and Arlington National Cemetery left an indelible impression on them as to the sacrifice and cost for our freedoms. Parents keep telling me about how their children are still talking about the trip.”*

Daniel Zettlemoyer, Director  
Nitschmann Middle School Band





# The MCI Difference

Music Celebrations International (MCI) provides customized tours (stateside & abroad), festivals, collaborations, world-class clinicians, premier venues, and so many exciting possibilities to explore for your ensemble!

Partnering with MCI will provide you and your ensemble with:

- 30+ years of experience
- The best trained and most knowledgeable staff in the industry who have produced over thousands of concert tours across the United States
- Dedicated Performance Specialists who coordinate all the venues and promotion so you can focus on the music!
- Offices and personnel throughout the United States
- Staff comprised of musicians, music educators, and travel industry experts

*"The experience with The United States Air Force Band was one of the most outstanding musical experiences our band members have ever had. It was wonderful! They acted as though they were truly glad we were there and they gave us a tremendous musical experience, playing with us and working with their assistant conductor, Lt. Col. Donald Schofield who did amazing things in helping our band to improve their performance."*

Dale Cleland  
Lake Oswego Millennium Concert Band

*"Our trip to Washington, DC was both memorable and musically satisfying. The performance venues were outstanding and the audiences receptive and appreciative."*

Dr. Alan LaFave,  
Dean of the School of Fine Arts  
Northern State University Band





SAMPLE PERFORMANCE ITINERARIES IN  
**Washington, DC**



**Tour 1 -  
1 Night / 2 Days**



**Tour 2 -  
2 Nights / 3 Days**



**Tour 3 -  
3 Night / 4 Days**



**Tour 4 -  
4 Nights / 5 Days**



**Tour 5 -  
5 Nights / 6 Days**

*These and all other tours may be viewed on our website at [www.musiccelebrations.com](http://www.musiccelebrations.com).  
Fully-customized tours may also be created to meet your specific needs and interests.*

*Contact one of our trained and experienced Tour Consultants to explore  
itinerary ideas and cost estimates.*

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