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present the

NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY CHORAL FESTIVAL

A MUSICAL TRIBUTE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. SALUTING
AMERICA'S MILITARY & FALLEN HEROES

MAY 28-31, 2027

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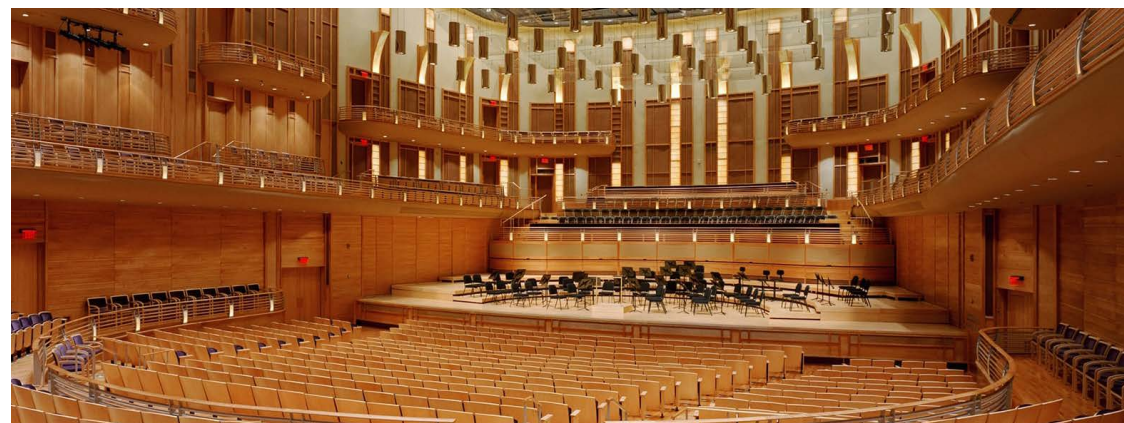
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Memorial Day (originally known as Decoration Day) is much more than a three-day weekend that marks the beginning of summer. To many people—especially the nation's thousands of combat veterans—this day, with a history stretching back to the Civil War, serves as a powerful reminder of those who gave their lives in service to their country.

In commemoration of this important holiday, Music Celebrations International and the American Veterans Center are pleased to sponsor and produce a unique Musical Tribute in our Nation's Capital that honors veterans past and present who have sacrificed so much for the liberties we enjoy today. This meaningful commemoration takes place in the Music Center at Strathmore in Washington, D.C., providing a fitting and dignified setting for reflection and remembrance.

The Music Center at Strathmore is one of the region's premier performance venues, ideal for choirs and large ensembles. Its 1,976-seat Concert Hall is celebrated for warm, pitch-perfect acoustics — achieved through state-of-the-art adjustable acoustic design — making it superb for choral music whether unamplified or enhanced. The hall's soaring glass walls and abundant natural wood create a bright, inviting atmosphere, while its traditional “shoebox-inspired” layout gives singers a balanced sonic connection with audiences throughout the space.

An uplifting and inspired program of patriotic music will be selected by Jason Max Ferdinand, the Festival Artistic Director. Dr. Ferdinand is the Director of Choral Activities at the University of Maryland. Previous guest conductors have included Dr. André Thomas, Dr. Z. Randall Stroope, Dr. Scott Buchanan, Dr. Craig Jessop, Lt. Col. John Clanton, Col. Larry Lang, Col. (Ret.) Arnald Gabriel, and Weston Noble.



SAMPLE ITINERARY

DAY ONE: FRIDAY, MAY 28, 2027

- Arrive in Washington, DC
- Meet your Tour Manager, who will escort the group through the duration of the tour
- Time permitting, enjoy a walking tour of the Lincoln, Korean, National World War II, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Martin Luther King, and Vietnam Memorials, as well as a view of the outside of the Washington Monument
- Check-in to the hotel
- *Festival Welcome Dinner and introductions*
- ***Evening Festival Chorus Rehearsal***
- Overnight at the hotel



DAY TWO: SATURDAY, MAY 29

- Breakfast at the hotel
- ***Morning Festival Chorus rehearsal***
- Lunch, on own
- Free time to explore the Smithsonian Museums or visit and tour Arlington National Cemetery. Attend a Changing of the Guard Ritual at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (School/Government Issued ID required for entry for 16 years and older)
- Dinner at a local restaurant
- ***Evening Festival Chorus Rehearsal***
- Overnight at the hotel



DAY THREE: SUNDAY, MAY 30

- Breakfast at the hotel
- ***Festival Chorus Dress Rehearsal***
- Boxed lunch provided
- ***National Memorial Day Choral Festival Performance in the Music Center at Strathmore***
- Dinner at a local restaurant
- Attend the *National Memorial Day Concert* on the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol, featuring a performance by the National Symphony Orchestra (no reserved seating)
- Return to the hotel for overnight



DAY FOUR: MONDAY, MAY 31

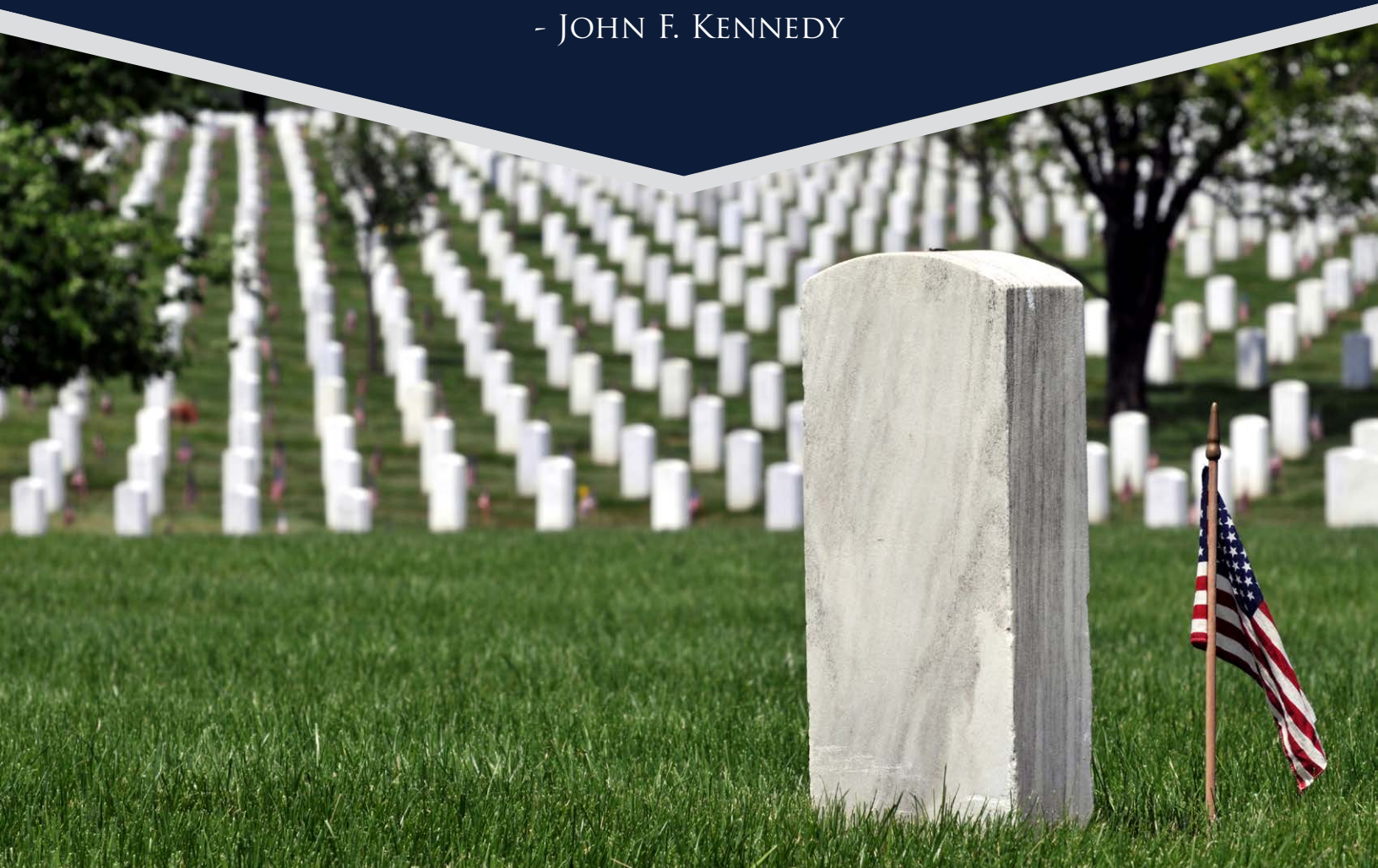
- Breakfast at the hotel
- Check-out of the hotel and board your motorcoach for transfer to the pre-parade staging area
- ***Sound-check and technical rehearsal at the National Archives Building***
- Boxed lunch, provided
- ***Festival Chorus Performance at the National Archives Building for the Opening Ceremonies of the National Memorial Day Parade on Historic Constitution Avenue***
- Celebrate Memorial Day by attending America's *National Memorial Day Parade*
- Depart for home



**Pending confirmation*

Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty.

- JOHN F. KENNEDY



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