



Winter Music Program

President's Park will be accepting applications beginning on Saturday, September 1, 2007 until Friday, September 21, 2007.

Greetings! Thank you for your interest in the National Park Service Winter Music Program!



How To Apply

The dates for 2007 National Park Service Winter Music Program will be announced at a later date.

Performance requests will be accepted from Saturday, September 1 until Friday, September 21, 2007 by fax or electronically. Applications must be submitted by Friday, September 21, 2007.



How To Be Selected

Five business days after September 22, a committee will begin to review all completed applications.

Within two to three weeks after the deadline, the Music Program Coordinator will contact you to discuss your possible performance date.



Selected groups will be performing their holiday programs on stage for the National Park Service Winter Music Program. (Photo by Peter N. Moreno, 2001)

Due to the popularity of the winter music program, each group will be limited to one performance. It's very important to prioritize the **three possible dates** you wish to perform. Your application will be placed in a "first-choice date" category along with other "first-choice date" applicants. One member of the committee will randomly pick three envelopes for the "first-choice date". If not selected, your application will be placed with "second-choice date" applicants and so on to

the "third-choice date" group. If not selected at all, your application will be placed on a waiting list in case a group decides not to perform. (One application per group)



Logistical Information such as location, stage facilities, sound equipment, parking, and more can be found on President's Park's website: www.nps.gov/whho/pageant and click on "National Park Service Winter Music Program"

Application

- Instructions
- Name of Performing Group for Pageant Program
- Where to submit your confirmation package
- How to contact you
- Select Three Performing Dates
- Equipment Requests
- Musicial Entertainment Policy
- Music Selections

President's Park
c/o Winter Music Program
1100 Ohio Drive, SW
Washington, DC 20242

Phone: 202-208-1631
Fax: 202-208-1643
Visit website:
www.nps.gov/whho/pageant

INSTRUCTIONS

1. **How to fax:** Print this application, fill it out and fax it to 202-208-1643
2. **How to e-mail:** Visit <http://www.nps.gov/whho/pageant>, to copy this application, press "Ctrl- A" to select, press "Ctrl-C" to copy, open Microsoft Word, press "Ctrl-V" to paste, and be sure to save the application. After the application is filled out and saves, go to your mailbox and send the application to Jennifer_Feeney@nps.gov as attached file.

The information below will be printed in the "Pageant of Peace" program. Please OMIT long name of performing group.

Name of Group

Location (City & State)

Director

Where should we mail your confirmation package once your group has been selected?

Name

Address

City State Zip

How can we contact you?

Phone #1 Phone #2

Email

Please type in performance date (i.e. Saturday, December 13) and check once for performance time. (Please pick three different dates)

1. 6 - 6:30 pm 7 - 7:30 pm 8 - 8:30 pm

2. 6 - 6:30 pm 7 - 7:30 pm 8 - 8:30 pm

3. 6 - 6:30 pm 7 - 7:30 pm 8 - 8:30 pm

Musical Entertainment Policy

The National Park Service Winter Music Program at President's Park is intended to provide musical entertainment for park visitors at the Christmas Pageant of Peace site. These visitors come from diverse backgrounds. They include individuals, families and groups, the very young and senior citizens. They come from all over the world.

Under the Establishment Clause of the Constitution, the National Park Service may not advance or inhibit religion or promote or affiliate itself with any religious doctrine or

organization. The National Park Service may not discriminate among persons on the basis of their religious belief and practices. Further, the Service may not engage in a practice that has the purpose or effect of promoting or endorsing particular religious belief. Nor may the government act in such a fashion as to become excessively entangled with religion.

It is the policy of the National Park Service that all performances, which include religious music, must meet the Establishment Clause standard.

The Establishment Clause standard does not require the National Park Service to prohibit all religious music as part of the Visitor's Program, but any inclusion of religious music must be limited to a small portion of the overall presentation and must otherwise meet the standards indicated above, and be approved in advance.

Please check this box that you have read the "**Musical Entertainment Policy**".

EQUIPMENT REQUESTS

Equipment is available on site. Please check it what you need.

Folding Chairs
(MAX. 40 chairs) How many?

Music Stands
(MAX. 30 stands) How many?

Choral Risers
(There are **five** choral risers set up permanently on stage.)

Electric Piano
(Full keyboard with 88 keys)

Sound System

CD Player Cassette Player

Microphone(s)
How many?

(PLEASE NOTE: A professional sound technician will be available on site every evening to assist your needs.)

Also, the evening's **TOASTMASTER** will be announcing your group, so please bring a short introduction about your performers.)

Your "Holiday" Performance

Music selections/songs (Please limit your program to 30 minutes)

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2.
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10.

Band Choir Dance

No. of performers:

If other, please describe



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Story of the National Christmas Tree

(Excerpted from A Brief Story of the National Christmas Tree by C.L. Arbelbide)

In November 1923, First Lady Grace Coolidge gave permission for the District of Columbia Public Schools to erect a Christmas tree on the Ellipse south of the White House. The organizers named the tree the "National Christmas Tree."

That Christmas Eve, at 5 p.m., President Calvin Coolidge walked from the White House to the Ellipse and "pushed the button" to light the cut 48-foot Balsam fir, as 3,000 enthusiastic spectators looked on. The tree, donated by Middlebury College, was from the President's native state of Vermont.

From 1924 to 1953 live trees, in various locations around and on the White House grounds, were lit on Christmas Eve. In 1954 the ceremony

returned to the Ellipse and expanded its focus. Local civic and business groups created the "Christmas Pageant of Peace." Smaller live trees representing the 50 states, five territories, and the District of Columbia, formed a "Pathway of Peace." On December 17, 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower lit the cut tree donated by the people of Michigan. Cut trees continued to be used until 1973.

Center to the season's celebration is the living National Christmas Tree, a Colorado blue spruce from York, Pennsylvania, planted on the Ellipse October 20, 1978. The tree stands as a daily reminder of the holiday spirit and of the tradition each succeeding President has participated in since 1923.