



AMERICA! **Choral Festival**

March 20-22, 2026 | Washington, DC

Z. Randall Stroope, Artistic Director



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CELEBRATIONS**
INTERNATIONAL

Celebrate America's 250th birthday in 2026 by joining singers from across the country for the America! Choral Festival, March 20-22, 2026. Z. Randall Stroope will lead the festival chorus up to a finale concert held in the iconic John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. The concert will feature the world premiere of a specially commissioned piece by Z. Randall Stroope, created especially for this festival. Washington, DC is the heart of the United States and offers limitless opportunities to celebrate America and its rich history and culture. Explore the National Mall, flanked by the Washington Monument, U.S. Capitol, Lincoln Memorial, and numerous monuments and memorials. Get a taste of American history in the world-famous Smithsonian museums, showcasing the nation's diverse history and culture.



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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

DAY ONE: THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026

- Arrive in Washington, DC
- Meet your Tour Manager, who will escort the group through the duration of the tour
- Sightseeing may include a panoramic motorcoach tour of Historic Washington, DC, including Lafayette Square for a photo opportunity of the White House
- Check-in to the hotel
- Dinner at a local restaurant
- Enjoy an evening walking tour of the Lincoln, Korean, World War II, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Martin Luther King, and Vietnam Memorials, as well as a view of the outside of the Washington Monument
- Return to the hotel for overnight

DAY TWO: FRIDAY, MARCH 20

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning excursion to **Mount Vernon**, the historic home of George & Martha Washington
- Lunch, on own
- Afternoon free to explore the **Smithsonian National Museum of American History** and/or the **Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture** (timed entrance tickets required)
- *Festival Welcome Dinner and introductions*
- ***Evening Festival Chorus Rehearsal***
- Overnight at the hotel

DAY THREE: SATURDAY, MARCH 21

- Breakfast at the hotel
- ***Morning Festival Chorus Rehearsal***
- Lunch, on own
- Visit the **National Archives** to view original copies of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the Emancipation Proclamation
- Time permitting, explore one of the Smithsonian Museums
- Dinner at a local restaurant
- ***Evening Festival Chorus Rehearsal***
- Overnight at the hotel



DAY FOUR: SUNDAY, MARCH 22

- Breakfast at the hotel
- **Festival Chorus Dress Rehearsal at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts**
- Boxed lunch provided at the Kennedy Center Café
- **America! Choral Festival Performance in the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts**
- Depart for home



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