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FREE DAILY PERFORMANCES OFFERED AMONG THE BLOSSOMS AT TIDAL BASIN WELCOME AREA AND ANA PERFORMANCE STAGE

Washington, DC [March 2, 2016] – The National Cherry Blossom Festival will offer free daily performances at the **Tidal Basin Welcome Area and ANA Performance Stage** from Saturday, March 19 – Sunday, April 3. At the Welcome Area, open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., visitors can access Festival information and view performances from noon to 6 p.m. The line-up will include a wide variety of cultural offerings including vocalists, bands, dancers, drum performances, exhibitions and more.

More than 100 performances on the ANA Performance Stage celebrate the friendship symbolized by the gift of cherry blossom trees through a dynamic mix of American, Japanese, and other cultural performing arts. Visitors enjoy upbeat displays of diverse talent with a vibrant selection of entertainers including The National Hand Dance Association, Fluria Flamenca Dance Company, Creighton's Corner Elementary Chorus, Sachiyo Ito and Company, and more.

With ANA's support, attendees will have the opportunity to receive amenities along with Festival information. Visitor services will be located by the stage and sponsored by the Festival and the National Park Service (NPS). NPS rangers will offer guided tours, children's activities and a variety of other information. Relax and enjoy the atmosphere with concessions from Guest Services, Inc. and Eastern National. For the full performance schedule, visit nationalcherryblossomfestival.org.

The National Cherry Blossom Festival is the nation's greatest springtime celebration. The 2016 Festival, March 20 – April 17, includes three spectacular weeks and four weekends of events featuring diverse and creative programming promoting traditional and contemporary arts and culture, natural beauty, and community spirit. Visit nationalcherryblossomfestival.org or call 877.44.BLOOM for more information and find us on Facebook (CherryBlossomFestival), Twitter (@CherryBlossFest), and Instagram (@CherryBlossFest).

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