

National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade® Presented by Events DC



Don't miss this long-standing Washington tradition. The Parade marches down Constitution Avenue between 7th and 17th Streets featuring floats, giant helium balloons, marching bands and performances from Drew Lachey, Jo Dee Messina, DJ Kool, Brian Justin Crum and more! The Parade is hosted by ABC7/WJLA's Alison Starling and Jonathan Elias, with a special appearance by Carrie Ann Inaba. Good Morning America's Rob Marciano and ABC7/WJLA's Michelle Marsh return as on-the-street reporters while Loo Katz and Chilli Amar return as West End announcers. Grandstand tickets are available for sale at nationalcherryblossomfestival.org/parade. This event is presented by Events DC and supported by All Nippon Airways (ANA). Segment sponsors include DowntownDC BID and Reagan National and Dulles International Airports. The official vehicle sponsor is DARCARS Automotive Group and media sponsors are ABC7/WJLA, News Channel 8, 97.1 WASH-FM and The Washington Informer.

LINE OF MARCH

"Celebrate" Opening Performance featuring 2017 Sing Into Spring Winners, KHA, Roquois and ShaMain and Parade Cast sponsored by Events DC

Opening Performance featuring CitySights DC Double Decker Bus

Metropolitan Police Department
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Motorcycle Team

Metropolitan Police Department
Honor Guard

The Dogwood Trail Court
Capitol Movement and Ring THE WORLD – Japan & Washington D.C.

United States Park Police
Motorcycle Unit

United States Park Police Honor
Guard

Chief of Police, Robert MacLean
and the United States Park Police

United States Park Police
Mounted Horse Patrol

Pink Care Bear Balloon

Carrie Ann Inaba from "Dancing
with the Stars"

2017 Poster Float sponsored by
MGM National Harbor featuring
Blu Cantrell – "Hit 'Em Up Style"

Foothill High School Band -
California

Limitless Dancing Warriorettes-
Maryland

The All American Brigade from
Western Alamance High School-
North Carolina

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KHA sponsored by The
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Military District of Washington
Units

Commander of Troops and Joint
Staff

The United States Army Band
Pershing's Own

United States Army Marching
Platoon

United States Marine Corps
Platoon

Joint Staff Honor Guard

United States Navy Marching
Platoon

United States Air Force Platoon

United States Coast Guard
Platoon

3rd United States Infantry Old
Guard Fife & Drum Corps

Good Morning Washington
Coffee Mug Balloon sponsored
by ABC7/WJLA-TV &
NewsChannel 8

ABC7 MobileTrak7 Vehicle

DC Emancipation Day Float
Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes
Norton, District of Columbia
Delegate to the U.S. House of
Representatives

Frank W. Ballou High School
"Majestic" Marching Knights –
Washington, DC, sponsored by
Events DC

Events DC float presents DJ Kool
- "Let Me Clear My Throat" with

The Philadelphia High School
for Creative and Performing
Arts (CAPA) Dancers

The MGM Lion presented by
MGM National Harbor

Woodland High School
Wildcat Marching Band-
Georgia sponsored by CSI
Printing & Graphics

UniStars Unicycling
Showtroupe

Edgewater Eagle Band-
Florida

Almas Shrine Klowns and
Firetruck

PowerTaps Cloggers Drum
Float with Tamagawa
University Dance and Taiko
Group- Japan, Sponsored
by Japan National Tourism
Organization (JNTO)

His Excellency & Mrs.
Kenichiro Sasae, The
Ambassador of Japan

National Conference of State
Societies' (NCSS) Princesses

NCSS Queen's Float-Japan
Sakura Queen, Yuki Shimono,
2017 Japan Cherry Blossom
Princess, U.S. Cherry Blossom
Queen Runner Up, 2017 Miss
Congeniality sponsored by
Reagan National/ Dulles
International

2017 Sing Into Spring Winner
Roquois sponsored by The
Washington Informer

Washington Nationals Racing
President Teddy Roosevelt
and The NatMobile

Miss District of Columbia's
Outstanding Teen 2016 Nilah
Pettus & Miss Maryland's
Outstanding Teen 2016
Allison LaForce

"Hoosiers Bus"

Batalá Washington sponsored
by El Tiempo Latino

Japanese Lantern Balloons
sponsored by Microsoft

Parade Youth Choir
performance-"Better When
I'm Dancin" sponsored by The
University of the District of
Columbia

National Park Service Tree
Maintenance Truck with Crew
and Paddles the Beaver

National Park Service float
with Superintendent Gay
Vietzke and the National Mall
and Memorial Parks Rangers
and Volunteers featuring
Jo Dee Messina with CAPA
Dancers-"Take It"

Downtown Ambassadors
sponsored by the
DowntownDC Business
Improvement District

Gotta Swing Lindy Hoppers

Chartiers Valley Showband-
Pennsylvania

Sing Into Spring Vocal
Competition Group Winners,
Treble in Paradise A Cappella
Group- "Mercy," sponsored
by The Newseum



and The Okinawan Taiko
Drummers of Wisconsin

Goodwill Ambassadors Float
with special performance

Wauwatosa East High School
Red Raider Marching Band-
Wisconsin

Blazen Divaz - Idaho

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Miss Rodeo Virginia Program
DOMO Balloon sponsored by
NHK WORLD TV

NHK WORLD TV and
broadcast partner Maryland
Public Television Float

Performance with the Junior
Exile Group

Very Hungry Caterpillar
Balloon sponsored by the
DowntownDC Business
Improvement District

Gainesville High School
Hurricane Marching Band-
Florida

Spring Is Alive Float
sponsored by Carmine's
featuring Miss USA 2016,
Deshauna Barber

The Philadelphia High School
for Creative and Performing
Arts (CAPA) Dancers-
"FAME"

Central Farm Market 1938
Chevy Pick-up Truck

P.O.M. Squad - Maryland

All Star Dancers -"Dancin' on
the Avenue/ Dancin' in the
Streets," sponsored by The
University of the District of
Columbia

Still Hot to Trot- Virginia

ANA: Love the Journey Float
featuring Brian Justin Crum
and The Washington Wizard

Girls-"Show Me Love"
FLY-ANA Jet Balloon

Virginia Tech's Regimental
Band, The Highy-Tighties-
Virginia

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ShaMain sponsored by The
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C.V. Russell Jr. Ambassador
Marching Band-Virginia

The Washington Redskins
Cheerleaders- "24 K Magic"

Miss America 2017 Savvy
Shields

Miss District of Columbia
2016 Cierra Jackson & Miss
Maryland 2016 Hannah
Brewer

Mr. Potato Head Balloon
sponsored by ABC7/WJLA-TV
& NewsChannel 8

Springtime Float sponsored
by DARCARS Automotive
Group featuring Drew Lachey
and the Copeland Mills
Dancers - "Because of You"

Lassiter High School -
Georgia Marching Trojan
Band sponsored by
Mitsubishi Heavy Industries
America Inc.

Bunch of Blossom Balloons
sponsored by Japan National
Tourism Organization (JNTO)

The National Park Service
Recycling Team

Finale Performance "Love
Can Move Mountains" with
Tamika Patton and Parade
Cast

Groups in Opening and
Finale Performances:
Charlens School of Dance,
Cheering/Capitol Movement
Cheerleaders, Copeland
Mills Dancers, Dogwood Trail
Court, Perna Dance Center,
The Philadelphia High School
for Creative and Performing
Arts (CAPA) Dancers, POM
Squad, Power Surge Dancers,
West Chester University
All Star Color Guard, West
Chester University All Star
Flags

Vintage Vehicles provided by:

Central Virginia Mustang
Club

Potomac Classic Thunderbird
Club Convertibles

1964 Plymouth Sport Fury
Convertible Owner: Jack and
Cheryl Gallagher

1963 Buick Wildcat
Convertible, 1964 Cadillac
Eldorado Convertible and
1976 Cadillac Eldorado
Convertible Convertible
Owner: Randy Denchfield

1964 Convertible Turquoise
Mercury Comet Owner: Bill
Bonstra

1973 Oldsmobile Delta 88
convertible & 2007 Ford
Mustang Cobra Convertible
Owner: K Beverly Lake Anna
Cruisers Car Club



2017 National Cherry Blossom Festival® Parade

Produced by the National Cherry Blossom
Festival in association with JM Best
Entertainment, Inc.

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Coordinating Producer

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TINA'S COSTUMES
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LADEVA DAVIS
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Costume Designer

Costume Supervisor
Lead Choreographers

Television Facilities

Audio Mixer
Still Photographer
Parade Operations

Choreographers