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Wolf Trap Hosts
41st Annual Holiday Sing-A-Long

Free, Family-friendly event will include Toys for Tots Drive

Vienna, VA—The Filene Center at the Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts will come alive for the 41st anniversary of the organization's free **Annual Holiday Sing-A-Long**, scheduled for **Sunday, December 6, 2009, from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.** This season, **The United States Marine Band** will once again lead the audience in traditional holiday songs and encourage audience participation for a true sing-a-long experience. The performance will be conducted and directed by two select members of the U.S. Marine Band who will direct a choir of more than 400 members representing vocal groups from across the Washington, D.C. area. **The 2009 Holiday Sing-A-Long is free and does not require tickets.** Gates to the Filene Center open at 3 p.m. and attendees are encouraged to arrive early. Please note the Metro shuttle bus will not be running for this event. Donations of new, unwrapped toys will be gratefully accepted at the entrance for **Toys for Tots**, however are not required for admittance.

The Holiday Sing-A-Long began in 1968 when **Wolf Trap's founder, Catherine Filene Shouse (1896-1994)**, invited local church choirs to her house to sing Christmas carols and share in holiday cheer. Since then, it has evolved into a packed house at the Filene Center featuring a multitude of volunteer singers from community churches and choral groups rejoicing in the company of hundreds of area families. Audiences and chorus alike bring their own bells and candles and participate in a "Jing-A-Long," during which the audience will use their own bells to join in on "Jingle Bells," and a traditional performance of "Silent Night," accompanied by a picturesque candlelight procession exiting the Filene Center.

Featured Choral Groups TBD.

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