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Wolf Trap's Filene Center Ranks # 1 in Ticket Sales and Receives Nomination for Best Small Outdoor Venue Award by *Pollstar*

Vienna, VA—The Filene Center, Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts' outdoor amphitheater, recently received massive dual recognition from international concert industry resource *Pollstar* as one of the nation's **premier amphitheater venues**. In the weekly magazine's October 22 issue, the Filene Center was listed as the **No. 1 amphitheater** for third quarter year-to-date tickets sales, **surpassing** sales of such nationally recognized venues as Red Rocks Amphitheater in Morrison, Colorado; Saratoga Performing Arts Center in Saratoga Springs, New York; and Nissan Pavilion in Bristow, Virginia. On the heels of this No. 1 ranking, the Filene Center received nomination for a **2007 *Pollstar* Concert Industry Award** in the category of Red Rocks Award/Best Small Outdoor Venue, which came to fruition from the collective decision process of industry agents, managers, talent buyers, and record company executives. The Filene Center has enjoyed previous success in this category, taking home the award in 2003.

Additional Washington D.C. area amphitheaters listed in the top 100 include Merriweather Post Pavilion (No. 26) and Nissan Pavilion (No. 24), although Wolf Trap's Filene Center has sold more tickets in the year to date than both venues combined. In a related category, Washington D.C.'s 9:30 Club was ranked No. 1 out of the top 100 club venues in the United States. *Pollstar's* latest ticket sales rankings are a testament to fans appreciation for the **high-quality programming** that Wolf Trap and other D.C. area venues continue to offer each year.

The Filene Center at Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts was named after Wolf Trap's founder, Catherine Filene Shouse, who donated 100 acres of her land and related funds to the federal government in 1966 with the specific intent of constructing the nation's first and only National Park for the Performing Arts. Throughout the summer season, Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts offers a broad representation of performance styles for all ages, including rock, pop, jazz, blues, zydeco, soul, funk, country, opera, and classical. To name a few, this past summer featured such legendary performers as Aretha Franklin, Tony Bennett, Steely Dan, Steve Miller Band, Morrissey, Bill Cosby, Harry Connick Jr., and Diana Krall, with 10 total sold-out shows.

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For more information on Wolf Trap's Filene Center, please visit <http://www.wolftrap.org/performances/filene.html>. For more information on the 2007 *Pollstar* Concert Industry Awards, please visit <http://www.pollstarpro.com/cic2008/Awards/PollstarAwards-index.html>.

