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## SCHEDULE & EVENT BASICS

### Event Basics

DATE: Saturday, September 23, 2023

TIMING: 7PM Reception | 8PM Dinner | 10:30PM Dancing

ATTIRE: Black Tie

LOCATION: Filene Center Stage  
Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts  
1551 Trap Road, Vienna, VA 22182

ENTRANCE: Via the Main Gates of Filene Center, off the Main Circle

### What is the evening's schedule?

**7:00 PM** – Cocktail Reception including full bar and hors d'oeuvres, *Filene Center Stage*

**8:00 PM** – Guests invited to dinner tables for live program and 3-Course Dinner, *Filene Center Stage*

**10:00 PM** – After dinner dancing & lounge, featuring a live band, sweet bites, and cocktails, *Filene Center Stage and Lower Level Backstage*

**12:00 MIDNIGHT** – The 2023 Wolf Trap Ball Concludes

### How do I get invited to the VIP Reception?

The VIP reception is available to designated attendees of the following sponsors

- Diamond Sponsors
- Host Sponsors
- Presenting Sponsors
- the Event Sponsor

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## ARRIVALS, ADA, & MOVEMENT

### Ways to arrive at the Wolf Trap Ball

To get to the Wolf Trap Ball, we encourage car services such as Uber, Lyft, and Reston Limousine.

- **Complimentary Valet Parking & Car Service** Drop off will be available on the main circle of the Filene Center, near the box office.
- **Self-parking** will be open on Encore Hill.
- **Accessible Parking & Drop Off** will also be available.

Attendants will be present to direct you to your preferred arrival location.

### ADA/Mobility Considerations

If you have mobility considerations to share, we encourage you to contact [WTBall@wolftrap.org](mailto:WTBall@wolftrap.org) no later than Thursday, September 21 so we may assist you with arrangements for a comfortable arrival. On-site staff will also be available to assist.

### I use a wheelchair/crutches/ have ADA license plates. How do I enter?

Thank you for letting us know. We have a parking lot and valet specially reserved for you to use. As you/your car enters the circle, please look out for signs labeled "Permit Only Lot #4". Attendants will direct you to the self park or valet parking, as you prefer. Staff at the Hospitality desk will greet you as you enter stage door and check you in.

### I have a hard time with stairs. Is there an elevator to the restrooms/VIP reception?

Yes, we have a small elevator available to help you reach downstairs. We reserve use for those with mobility considerations. On-Site staff will be happy to guide you.

## SPONSOR/REGISTRANT QUESTIONS

### When/how will I receive my tickets?

No physical tickets are required. Staff will check you in by name when you arrive and provide your table assignment at the door. For ease of your guest's arrival, it's important to submit/update your guest names and any dietary restrictions/allergies before the event to [wtball@wolftrap.org](mailto:wtball@wolftrap.org).

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## How do I find out more about my/our sponsorship benefits?

You will be contacted by someone from the Special Events team via the [WTBall@wolftrap.org](mailto:WTBall@wolftrap.org) email address with a detailed email explaining your benefits and deadlines. If you have not received this email by July 19 (and after that – within a week of your pledge/payment), please contact [WTBall@wolftrap.org](mailto:WTBall@wolftrap.org) and we will be happy to assist.

## How do I know what to expect when I attend the Wolf Trap Ball?

General information about the ball can be found at [www.wolftrap.org/ball](http://www.wolftrap.org/ball). This document contains most of our Frequently Asked Questions to provide even more information.

By Friday, September 15, all registrants will receive a detailed “Know Before You Go” email. We will also send a reminder email on Friday, September 22, which will contain any final updates available at that time.

If you still have questions, please direct them to [WTBall@wolftrap.org](mailto:WTBall@wolftrap.org) or 703.255.4030.

## My sponsorship includes <#> dinner attendees. Is that the number of guests I should invite?

Please count yourself as one of the attendees included with your sponsorship.

## I am a media/government employee/student/etc. Can I get a comped ticket to the ball?

Wolf Trap Ball is a very popular fundraiser that provides crucial support for Wolf Trap’s Arts & Education programs. We intentionally cap the attendance in order to preserve the comfort of the attendees. Therefore, we are not able to offer a complimentary ticket at this time. If you would like to learn more, please visit the ball web page at [www.wolftrap.org/ball](http://www.wolftrap.org/ball). You will find more information about Wolf Trap Foundation at [www.wolftrap.org/about](http://www.wolftrap.org/about)

## I hear the Ball is Celebrating the campaign. What is that?

After more than 50 years of superb music and unforgettable experiences, it’s time to come together and ensure Wolf Trap is forever. *The Campaign for Wolf Trap: Our Next Chapter* is an opportunity for all who love Wolf Trap, music, and nature to help write our next chapter and strengthen Wolf Trap for future generations. This year’s ball celebrates the culmination of recent successes in the campaign. You can learn more at [www.wolftrap.org/campaign](http://www.wolftrap.org/campaign)

## Will there be coat check?

Yes. Coat check will be located under cover within the “House” of the Filene Center Amphitheatre.

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## Are there any hotels nearby?

Wolf Trap is a natural oasis amidst an urban setting. We are located minutes away from a plentiful array of hotels in Tysons Corner, Virginia and Reston, Virginia

Here are a few recommendations: <https://www.wolftrap.org/visit/hotels.aspx>

## The weather isn't looking great for Saturday? Will you cancel?

Thanks for being in touch. We are watching the weather carefully to determine whether we move to our weather plan. As is Wolf Trap tradition, the Ball is rain or shine. While you may be outside briefly upon entry and departure, the majority of the ball takes place under cover. We will communicate updates in our Friday email (or if past the email: via email on Saturday morning) and attendants will be in place to guide you.

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### What should I/we wear?

The evening's attire is Formal Black Tie —floor-length gowns and tuxedos. While most guests dress to this level of formality, evening dress of any variety or variation is welcome. Warm, Glowing, and Golden attire is encouraged!

As is a traditional part of visiting Wolf Trap National Park, there will be some walking through the Plaza and seating areas to reach the stage, so please consider your shoe selection carefully.

Coat check is available after check-in, inside the Filene Center.

### I'm a nursing mother. Will you have an area for me to pump?

Thank you for letting us know. Please stop by the hospitality desk near Stage Door and they can call someone to show you to a private area.

### Do we get to see the photographs of the Wolf Trap Ball?

Yes! Once our team reviews and compiles all the images, we share them out via email and on our website at [www.wolftrap.org/ball](http://www.wolftrap.org/ball).

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## GENERAL INTEREST QUESTIONS

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### Can I purchase an individual ticket to the VIP reception/Premiere Seating?

Premier Seating and the VIP reception are sponsor benefits and therefore not offered for individual purchase. Seating in the premier section is guaranteed for Emerald Sponsors and higher. VIP Reception access varies by benefit, starting with Diamond Level Sponsors.

### Can I volunteer for the Ball?

Thank you for your interest! You can learn more about volunteering at Wolf Trap here: <http://www.wolftrap.org/support/volunteer>. Volunteering at the Ball is a sought after way to participate and so the tenure of volunteer is taken into consideration. It is likely you would get started by volunteering in another role first and be invited to support the ball in a future year.

### Will you have security onsite?

Yes. US Park Police, National Park Service Rangers, and plain clothes security will be present during the event.

### I have dietary restrictions. What's on the menu?

Details of the Ball menu are carefully considered and still being finalized. That said, we work with our catering partner to provide options that fit your dietary restrictions or allergies. Please share details of your dietary considerations to [wtball@wolftrap.org](mailto:wtball@wolftrap.org) , and we will do our best to accommodate you with an adjusted or alternative meal.

### How much are individual tickets? / When will individual tickets be available for purchase?

As available, individual tickets will go on sale at the end of July for \$1,500 each. If you would like to ensure your attendance at the ball now, please consider a sponsorship package. Our starting package includes attendance for 4 and starts at \$6,000.



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### Whoa! Tickets/Sponsorships are expensive. Can I get a discount?

The Wolf Trap Ball is the Foundation's largest annual fundraising event and provides crucial support for our arts and education programs. We are fortunate that so many people are interested in attending. Because the purpose of the event is philanthropic, we're not able to offer discounts.

If you'd like to support Wolf Trap another way, please consider our [membership options](#) or one of our other events. Next, we have Bourbon & Bubbles with individual tickets starting at \$350 and sponsorships beginning at \$3,500.

### Will there be any performances?

It is Wolf Trap Ball tradition to have a dance party with a live band and this year will be the same! Our Live Program will also feature a live performance.

### Does the Ball take place on the actual stage?

Yes! We use theater magic to change the Filene Center Stage, one of the largest in the country, into an elegant Black Tie – worthy setting.

### What is the theme?

This year's theme is The Golden Hour.

Wolf Trap's golden hour is the magical time when music swells around us, the sky is warm and golden, and the mood is delightful and energizing.

We are also celebrating the close of the spectacular 2023 Summer Season and the culmination of the transformative *Campaign for Wolf Trap: Our Next Chapter*.

### Is there/Will there be First Aid/Medical support on-site?

Yes. We have EMS on stand-by, as well as National Park Service Rangers.

### What is your COVID policy?

Wolf Trap's COVID-19 protocols are subject to change based on the CDC, Virginia, and National Park Service policies.

### I can't attend. What is your cancellation/refund policy?

Thank you for letting us know you are not able to attend the ball. Unfortunately, all sales are final, and we are not able to refund the payment. You may still be able to receive a tax advantage for your support. We recommend you contact your tax advisor to learn more.

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## I can't attend. Can I send someone in my place?

Absolutely! Please send the new guest names who are taking your place and share if they have any mobility or dietary considerations. All information can be sent to [wball@wolftrap.org](mailto:wball@wolftrap.org)

## I can't attend. Please turn my ticket purchase into a donation.

Please email [wball@wolftrap.org](mailto:wball@wolftrap.org) and we will be in touch with next steps.

## Will there be an auction? My company would like to donate.

The Wolf Trap Ball does not have an auction component. We do sometimes feature auctions at other events. Please feel free to send some general information to [events@wolftrap.org](mailto:events@wolftrap.org) and we will be in touch if we have an upcoming event that would be a good fit.

## My company wants to provide gifts for the Wolf Trap Ball attendees.

Thank you for your interest in supporting the Wolf Trap Ball. We carefully consider all aspects of the ball experience and make custom gift and other underwriting opportunities available to interested parties. Please email [wball@wolftrap.org](mailto:wball@wolftrap.org) and someone from our team will be in touch.

## Who's the Host Committee?

The 2023 Wolf Trap Ball: The Golden Hour Host Committee is

### **BALL CO-CHAIRS**

Hillary and Tom Baltimore | Karen and Fred Schaufeld

### **BALL HOST COMMITTEE**

Jeremy and Stephanie Blank | Lynn and John Dillon | Jenn Flynn | Leo and Mary Fox |  
Margaret and Shashikant Gupta | Kim Engel Haber and Brett Haber | Alka and Sudhakar Kesavan |  
Nancy Laben and Jon Feiger | General (Ret) Les Lyles and Mina Lyles | Janet Osborn |  
Kevin and Kate Robbins | Srikant Sastry and Manjula Pindiprolu | Kevin and Beth Smithson

## Can I join the Host Committee?

We appreciate your interest in supporting Wolf Trap in this way. We are well underway with planning for 2023 and do not plan to add more names to the list. We will note your interest for a future year.

## Media Inquiries

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## FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

### How can I pay for my sponsorship?

Wolf Trap Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, tax ID # 23-7011544. Acknowledgement of your contribution including the fair market value of goods and services associated with your gift will be sent to you following receipt of the donation.

Please remit donation to:  
Wolf Trap Foundation  
Attn: Special Events  
1645 Trap Road  
Vienna, VA 22182

Questions? Please contact Wolf Trap Special Events at 703.255.4030 or [events@wolftrap.org](mailto:events@wolftrap.org).

### PREFERRED PAYMENT VEHICLES

- Check
  - made payable to Wolf Trap Foundation
- Wire transfer
  - Bank of America, 730 15th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005.
  - Name / Account Number: Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts / Operating Account # 4122850286.
- ACH or Direct Deposit
  - routing number: 051000017 or same day wire routing number: 026009593.
- A gift of appreciated stock

#### Electronic Delivery Instructions:

Deliver to: Pershing LLC, DTC # 0443, For further credit to: PQ1-604384, Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts.

Financial Advisor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Financial Advisor Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Stock Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Shares: \_\_\_\_\_ Approx. Value: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note that donor names are not identified in the stock gift transaction. Please notify Wolf Trap Foundation at 703.255.1954 or [encorecircle@wolftrap.org](mailto:encorecircle@wolftrap.org) of the name and number of shares transferred so we may correctly identify and acknowledge your gift. Other stock gift questions can be directed to: Shawn P. McLaughlin at 703.684.9222 or [smclaughlin@mclaughlinryder.com](mailto:smclaughlin@mclaughlinryder.com).

- DAFS (Donor Advised Funds) are also accepted.

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- **Please note,** Federal regulations of Donor Advised Funds allow sponsors to receive the benefit of recognition, but not tangible goods and services. If you plan to attend the event and are considering a DAF payment, we would be happy to discuss your options.

### Can I purchase a ticket for the After Party?

At this time, we are not selling tickets for the After Party only. We have noted your interest and will be in touch if this option becomes available.