

2023 WOLF TRAP BALL

THE GOLDEN HOUR

SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

SCHEDULE & EVENT BASICS

DATE: Saturday, September 23, 2023

TIME: 7PM Reception* | 8PM Dinner | 10:00PM Dancing | Conclusion at Midnight
**VIP opportunities for Diamond level sponsors and above only start earlier in the evening and have been sent to sponsor contacts in advance of the event.*

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

ATTIRE: The evening's attire is Formal Black Tie —floor-length gowns and tuxedos. 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.

***How do I get invited to the VIP Reception?** The VIP reception is available to 2 attendees from our Diamond, Host, Presenting and the Event Sponsors only and is not available for additional purchase. To upgrade your sponsorship, please contact WTBall@wolftrap.org.

ARRIVALS & ADA

Car service such as Uber, Lyft, and Reston Limousine are recommended. In addition,

- **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

Contact WTBall@wolftrap.org no later than Thursday, September 21 so we may assist you with arrangements for a comfortable arrival. On-site staff will be available to assist.

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

Please let us know at WTBall@wolftrap.org. 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, reserved use for those with mobility considerations. On-Site staff will be happy to guide you.

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

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.

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 wball@wolftrap.org.

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

You will be contacted by the Special Events team (WTBall@wolftrap.org) with details about 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 and we will be happy to assist.

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 important fundraiser that provides crucial support for Wolf Trap's Arts & Education programs. In order to preserve the philanthropic impact, and for comfort of supporting guests, complimentary tickets are not available. Learn more about our impact at www.wolftrap.org/about. Media attendance is by invitation only.

OTHER QUESTIONS

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

Yes! Images will be shared a few weeks after the event via email and on our website at wolftrap.org/ball.

I hear the Ball is Celebrating the Campaign. What is that?

After more than 50 years of superb music and unforgettable experiences, the community has come together to 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 the campaign. Learn more at www.wolftrap.org/campaign.

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, and we will do our best to accommodate you with an adjusted or alternative meal.

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--the magical time when music swells around us, the sky is warm and golden, and the mood is delightful and energizing. We are 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.

I can't attend. Can I send someone in my place or make a donation?

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. If you would rather turn your ticket purchase into a full donation, email 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. Please feel free to send some general information to 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 and someone from our team will be in touch.

[Can I join the Host Committee?](#)

Please email WTBall@wolftrap.org and 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

PREFERRED PAYMENT VEHICLES

- **Check made payable to Wolf Trap Foundation**
 - **Wire transfer:** Please contact us at WTBall@wolftrap.org for more information
 - **Gift of appreciated stock:** 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 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.
- **Please Note:** Wolf Trap Foundation cannot accept payment from Donor Advised Funds for event sponsorships due to regulations governing Donor Advised Funds. If you would like to attend the event and are considering a DAF payment, we would be happy to discuss your options at WTBall@wolftrap.org.

Any information provided by Wolf Trap Foundation is not intended as tax, legal, or financial advice. Wolf Trap Foundation urges you to contact your financial advisor or Donor Advised Fund representative for more information.

Whoa! Tickets/Sponsorships are expensive. Can I get a discount or a comped tickets?

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. Due to the philanthropic nature of this special evening, discounts and complimentary tickets are not available.

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 at www.wolftrap.org/Bourbon.

Questions? Please contact Wolf Trap Special Events at 703.255.4030 or events@wolftrap.org.