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We’re delighted to welcome you to the 2017 National Cherry Blossom Festival, one of the world’s greatest celebrations of spring! For close to a century, the Festival has hosted a city-wide celebration that heralds the arrival of the new season and honors Japan’s gift of more than 3,000 flowering cherry trees to Washington, DC.

This year’s Festival runs from March 15 to April 16, bringing back long-time favorites and introducing exciting new events. From the waterfront fireworks celebration and daily entertainment on the ANA Performance Stage, to concerts, performances and our signature National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade® presented by Events DC, you’ll want to take advantage of all the Festival has to offer.

Keep this guide handy and don’t miss any of the fun!

Festival information
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The Shigeyama Kyogen troupe continues their family legacy of kyogen performance dating to the 17th century. Kyogen is a comic form of traditional Japanese theater with more than 600 years of history. Plays typically feature a humorous “Everyman” figure and depict daily life among commoners in feudal society or folktales. Kyogen was named one of the “Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity” by UNESCO in 2001.

EL Squad is a world-renowned Japanese street dance crew from Japan. They have revolutionized the contemporary dance genre with their signature “Light Dance” - a mesmerizing blend of dance, music, and electroluminescent technology.

May J. is a multilingual J-pop artist and one of Japan's most celebrated female singers. The acclaimed vocalist and popular TV host is also widely known for singing the end roll version of “Let It Go” in the Japanese release of Disney’s “Frozen”, reaching No. 8 on the Japan Hot 100.

The 6821 Quintet, named for the distance between Washington, DC and Tokyo, was created by the Ryuji Ueno Foundation for the National Cherry Blossom Festival as part of the Potomac Music Lab Project. The 2017 group consists of Mayu Kishima (1st Violin), Eric Silberger (2nd Violin), Meng Wang (Viola), Clancy Newman (Cello) and Mamiko Hirai (Composer/Pianist), and will perform the world premiere of a commissioned piece written by Ms. Hirai.

All tickets have been claimed. Walk ups will be accommodated on a first come first served basis pending availability. The show will also be live streamed on Facebook.

The Opening Ceremony is supported by Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Inc., Toshiba, Toyota, Warner Theatre and the Japan Commerce Association of Washington.

SAAM CHERRY BLOSSOM CELEBRATION

A Day of Japanese Culture and Fun for All Ages!

On Saturday, March 25 from 11:30 AM to 3 PM, join the Smithsonian American Art Museum (SAAM) and the National Cherry Blossom Festival in a free, family-friendly celebration of Japanese culture! Be part of a fun, educational experience featuring Japanese music and dance performances, face painting, cherry blossom-themed crafts, a scavenger hunt, and more! Activities take place in SAAM's Kogod Courtyard. Find special cherry blossom treats in the Courtyard Café and products in the museum store. Media sponsors include Washington Parent Magazine and 98.7 WMZQ.

The National Cherry Blossom Festival is working closely with the Trust for the National Mall in a renewed effort towards stewardship of the cherry trees. This new partnership seeks to raise funds for the National Mall Cherry Tree Endowment, which focuses on the preservation and protection of the cherry trees that line the Tidal Basin on the National Mall.
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2017 marks 90 years since the first celebratory festival of the gift of 3,000 cherry trees from Tokyo to Washington, DC. Although more modest in scale than the National Cherry Blossom Festival we know today, the 1927 “Cherry Blossom Fete” was a festive gathering of dignitaries and community members commemorating the 1912 arrival of trees and enduring friendship between Japan and the United States.

Planned by the National Memorial Foundation, the day-long celebration of international goodwill aimed to welcome cherry blossom season and “inaugurate a picturesque tradition in Washington”.*

In attendance were former First Ladies Helen Taft and Edith Wilson, Secretary of State Frank B. Kellogg, Postmaster General Harry S. New, U.S. military leaders, representatives from Japanese cultural groups, as well as distinguished members of Washington’s diplomatic community. Children of embassy officials from Switzerland, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Paraguay, and other countries joined a colorful tableau of international flags, following a musical opening by the U.S. Army Band and Japanese lute and shamisen performers.

Actors and dancers from local schools and performance groups artfully reenacted the first tree planting by Mrs. Taft and the wife of the Japanese ambassador in 1912. The pageantry also included a theatrical presentation of Japanese myths and a “Cherry Petal Ballet” danced by area schoolchildren. The America-Japan Society sent a message of appreciation from Tokyo, which was delivered in a public reading.

Attracting nearly 10,000 visitors to the Tidal Basin, this one-day observance of friendship between nations planted the seeds for what would become a lasting springtime legacy in the District.

* “Big Cherry Blossom Pageant will be Presented Saturday. Hains Point Will Be Setting for Picturesque Offering. With Children of Embassies Participating.” Washington Star, April 13, 1927.

WIN ANA AIRLINE TICKETS TO TOKYO!
In celebration of the 90th anniversary of the first Festival, share your favorite Festival experiences using #BlossomMoments. Tag All Nippon Airways (ANA) with your submission on Facebook (@ana.northamerica), Twitter (@FlyANA_official) or Instagram (@allnipponairways_official) and you will be entered to win a pair of roundtrip airline tickets to Tokyo courtesy of ANA.

Over the course of the Festival, shades of pink blossoms will bloom all around the city as “City in Bloom” returns to the National Cherry Blossom Festival. Local businesses and organizations will visually unite the city with pink spotlights and blossom projections lighting up landmark buildings. Watch for cherry blossom decals “blooming” on public transit, storefronts, businesses, food trucks, airports, and parks.

Watch for special blossom illuminations on sites including the Capital Wheel, Brookfield Office properties, Arena Stage, Warner Theatre, Union Market, Hard Rock Café, the Willard InterContinental Hotel, Newseum, Reagan National and Dulles International airports, and more. Additional City In Bloom participants include area Harris Teeter stores, City Center DC, Canal Park and Yards Park, the Wilson Building, Forever 21 at Metro Center, and the National Zoo.

GETTING THERE
Helpful Information
Walking, biking, or Metro is best! Save time with these convenient public transit options:

Metro to the Tidal Basin
Take Metrorail to the Smithsonian/National Mall Station on the Blue, Orange, or Silver lines; or ride 52 Metrobus to Independence Avenue & 14th Street, SW. Walk west toward the Washington Monument to 15th Street/Raoul Wallenberg Place. Turn left to head south along 15th Street to the Tidal Basin. Pick up a free limited edition National Cherry Blossom Festival SmartTrip sleeve at select Metro stations while supplies last.

Bikeshare to the Blooms
Bike rentals are available at over 440 Capital Bikeshare stations. Stop by any station to pick up a 24-hour membership for $8, a 3-day pass for $17 or a single trip for just $2. Visit CapitalBikeshare.com.

Bus to the Blossoms
The DC Circulator National Mall route takes you straight to the blossoms. Rides cost $1 and buses arrive every 10 minutes. Learn more at DCCirculator.com.

Water Shuttle to the Blossoms
Travel from Georgetown to the Tidal Basin on a scenic water taxi ride. Tickets must be purchased in advance at DC-Cruises.com.

Parkmobile
Throughout the Festival, customers can reserve a parking space through Parkmobile at cherryblossom.pmreserve.com, as well as pay online for street parking close to the Festival using the Parkmobile app. Each time customers use Parkmobile to park in the Washington, DC area, they have the option of donating to the National Cherry Blossom Festival, using zone 9810 in the app. Parkmobile is the preferred parking vendor of the National Cherry Blossom Festival.

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SAKURA MATSURI - JAPANESE STREET FESTIVAL
Japan - Up Close and Personal!

Produced by the Japan-America Society of Washington, DC, the Sakura Matsuri - Japanese Street Festival will captivate you with the sights and sounds of Japan on Saturday, April 8, from 10:30 AM to 6 PM. Come see, hear and taste all things Japanese with crafts, activities, food and drink, performances, and cooking demonstrations at the largest one-day celebration of Japanese culture in the United States. Enjoy performances on four stages, browse a variety of Japanese products and items inspired by Japanese design, and let the kids enjoy their very own Children's Corner!

Don’t miss this community celebration of Japanese culture! Join the festivities in the Yards Park/Capitol Riverfront neighborhood at M Street and New Jersey Avenue SE, across from the Navy Yard/Ballpark Metro station.

$8 advance ticket (purchased before April 1); $10 after April 1 and at the gate; free admission for children 12 and under.
www.sakuramatsuri.org

BLOSSOM KITE FESTIVAL
Spectacular Fun for Everyone!

Come see soaring kites fill the air on Saturday, April 1 from 10 AM to 4:30 PM on the grounds of the Washington Monument at 17th Street, NW and Constitution Avenue. What better way to celebrate spring and friends around the world than with brightly colored kites swirling and dancing against blue skies!

Don’t miss this day-long event featuring kite-making activities, youth kite-flying competitions, flight demonstrations by master kite makers from across the country, local kite club displays, and more! New this year, kite ballet performances will feature Team Island Quad from Victoria, BC, along with special children’s programming. Enjoy a hands-on experience with lessons in kite-flying techniques, or fly your own in specially reserved areas for public kite-flying.

Limited special edition Festival kites will be available for purchase at the event.

Macy's is the supporting sponsor of the Blossom Kite Festival. Media sponsors are Washington Parent Magazine and BIG 100.3.

Rain date is Sunday, April 2, 12 Noon - 6:30 PM.

CELEBRATING BLOOMS AT THE BALL PARK

A beloved springtime tradition, the National Cherry Blossom Festival brings “Blossoms and Baseball” to Nationals Park. Watch as the Washington Nationals take on the St. Louis Cardinals on Tuesday, April 11 at 7:05 PM. Wear pink to show your blossom spirit! Purchase tickets at nationals.com/tickets.
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EVENTS DC CHERRY BLAST!
Take in the Sights and Sounds of Japan

In celebration of the annual blooming of cherry blossoms, Events DC Cherry Blast! brings the sights, sounds, scents and flavors of Japan to Washington, DC. Join us **Friday, April 14 from 7 PM to 12 midnight** as Dock 5 at Union Market is transformed into a busy Tokyo streetscape to kick off the finale weekend of the National Cherry Blossom Festival.

Experiences include:
- **Night Market** – a hustling and bustling communal marketplace lined with an array of food vendors and artisan crafts, curated by acclaimed Chef Erik Bruner-Yang of Maketto
- **Music Stage** – vibe to the pulsating sounds of live artists and DJs performing all night long
- **Interactive Art Showcase** – a spectacular exhibit of interactive works created by DC-based artists, inspired by Japanese culture and the prestige of the cherry blossoms
- **VIP Lounge** – an exclusive private lounge featuring an open bar with special cocktail pairings and curated Tokyo street food (Space is limited; VIP tickets required)

ANACOSTIA RIVER FESTIVAL
Connecting with Nature and Community

Presented by the 11th Street Bridge Park and the National Park Service

On **Sunday, April 9 from 1 to 5 PM**, don’t miss this third annual celebration of local culture and natural splendor! This year’s Anacostia River Festival highlights biking in the District with special activities for all ages – including trail rides, crafts, free tune-ups and safety tips, a bike parade, and more! Explore the beauty and history of the Anacostia River with canoe rides, fishing workshops, wildlife demos, and local arts exhibitions.

CHERRY PICKS
DC Dining with a Seasonal Flair

Cherry Picks showcases Washington, DC’s vibrant restaurant scene with participating restaurants serving creative, seasonally inspired menus throughout the Festival. Cherry Picks is produced in partnership with Restaurant Association Metropolitan Washington.

Participating restaurants include:

- 1789 Restaurant
- Acqua Al 2
- Ari’s Diner
- Atlas Brew Works
- B Too
- Bangkok Joe’s
- Bantam King
- Bar DuPont
- Belga Café
- Bistro Bis
- Brabo
- California Tortilla
- Carmine’s
- Charlie Palmer Steak
- China Chilcano
- Circa (Clarendon)
- Circa (Dupont)
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- Cities Restaurant & Lounge
- Cuba Libre Restaurant & Rum Bar
- Cure Bar & Bistro
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- Good Stuff Eatery
- Haikan
- Harold Black
- ICI Urban Bistro
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- Jaleo (Crystal City)
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- KAZ Sushi Bistro
- Kellari
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- Mastro’s Steakhouse
- Matchbox
- Neyla Mediterranean Bistro
- Occidental Grill & Seafood
- Ocean Prime
- The Oceanaire Seafood Room
- Old Glory BBQ
- Oyamel
- Paolo’s Ristorante (Georgetown)
- Petworth Citizen & Reading Room
- Quarter + Glory
- Rocklands Barbeque & Grilling Co.
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- Ruth’s Chris Steak House
- Slim’s Diner
- Sotto
- Station Kitchen
- Texas de Brazil
- The Hamilton
- The Tavern at the Henley Park Hotel
- The Urban Winery
- Tortino Restaurant
- We the Pizza
- Wildfire
- Woodward Table
- Zaytinya
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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
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Limited grandstand seating available.
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Wauwatosa East High School Red Raider Marching Band- Wisconsin
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National Park Service float with Superintendent Gay Vietzke and the National Mall and Memorial Parks Rangers and Volunteers
Jo De Messina with CAPA Dancers – “Take It”
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Central Farm Market 1938 Chevy Pick-up Truck
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Finale Performance “Love Can Move Mountains” with Tamika Patton and Parade Cast
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#### J-MELO

- **May J.**
  - At the Warner Theatre
  - National Cherry Blossom Festival Opening Ceremony
  - Mar 25 (Sat) 5 PM
  - Also watch May J. on J-MELO every Monday
  - Only on NHK WORLD TV

#### Dive into UKIYO-E

- **Katsura Sunshine**
  - At Arthur M. Sackler Gallery
  - Rakugo performance (traditional comic storytelling)
  - Apr 9 (Sun) 12 PM and 2 PM
  - Also watch the TV program series Dive into UKIYO-E
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#### Come Meet Domo!

- **Domo:**
  - National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade
  - April 8 (Sat) 10 AM - Noon

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YAYOI KUSAMA: AN ICONIC EXHIBITION AT THE HIRSHHORN

The 2017 National Cherry Blossom Festival is honored to coincide with the debut of this unprecedented art experience. Don’t miss this rare opportunity to explore the talents of legendary Japanese artist, Yayoi Kusama, whose whimsical, kaleidoscopic creations are currently on view at the Smithsonian’s Hirshhorn Museum.

See unique and extraordinary works never before shown in the U.S., and take an unforgettable sensory journey through the highly anticipated Infinity Mirror Room exhibit.

Learn more about the artist and her 65-year career in these signature programs:

Film Screening:
This documentary follows the artist Yayoi Kusama as she works on her newest art and reacts to the world around her. The film explores the thinking and creative process behind her Infinity Mirror Rooms.
Sunday, March 26, 3 PM
Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Independence Avenue at 7th Street, SW
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Friday Gallery Talk:
Mika Yoshitake on Kusama’s Pumpkin
Join Associate Curator Mika Yoshitake as she discusses Kusama’s monumental Pumpkin, which made its U.S. debut on the Hirshhorn Plaza in November 2016.
Friday, April 14, 12:30 PM
Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Independence Avenue at 7th Street, SW
M L’Enfant Plaza or Smithsonian FREE

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Festival Favorites Plus Fabulous New Arrivals!
Now’s your chance to get your National Cherry Blossom Festival official merchandise! Visit the tents at the Festival Welcome Area near the paddle boats at the Tidal Basin (3/15 - 4/2), at Festival Headquarters at Union Station (3/13 - 4/19) and at select Festival events to find apparel, tote bags, key chains, books, and more. For an expanded line of products, including the Festival’s 2017 official poster by acclaimed local artist Lawrence “Naturel” Atoique, visit ncbfstore.org.

NATUREL, OFFICIAL ARTIST OF THE 2017 NATIONAL CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL:
A native of nearby Landover, Maryland, Naturel produces sharp, futuristic artwork that has quickly emerged in today’s contemporary art scene. Considered an influencer with a massive social media following, Naturel has attracted celebrity clients such as Swizz Beatz, Rihanna, Spike Lee, Paul Rosenberg and LeBron James, among others. Working directly with Jay-Z on iconic apparel designs, he has also served as a creative collaborator for global campaigns. This year, Naturel’s artwork is featured on the Festival’s official poster – an annual collector’s item – as well as on various Festival merchandise.

National Cherry Blossom Festival MUST-DO LIST

- Wake up early to experience the Tidal Basin at sunrise
- Fly a kite on the National Mall
- Attend the National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade®
- Eat at a “Cherry Picks” restaurant
- Capture a photo of the cherry blossoms at peak bloom
- Watch the fireworks at the Southwest Waterfront Fireworks Festival
- Dance to live music at the ANA Performance Stage
- Rent a paddle boat at the Tidal Basin
- Celebrate the 105th anniversary of the gift of trees at the Opening Ceremony
- Pick up a gift or souvenir at the Festival’s Merchandise Headquarters at Union Station
- Explore one of the beautiful gardens in Washington, DC and beyond
- Take in a free concert or performance
- Visit an art exhibit
TIDAL BASIN WELCOME AREA AND ANA PERFORMANCE STAGE
Something for Everyone, Every Day!

From Wednesday, March 15 - Sunday, April 2, enjoy free live performances at the ANA Performance Stage at the Tidal Basin Welcome Area. Presented with the National Park Service, the Welcome Area is open from 10 AM - 7 PM as your source for Festival information and an array of fun activities in the Information Tent.

Prepare to be dazzled by a wide variety of cross-cultural entertainment at the ANA Performance Stage from 12 Noon to 6 PM daily. Performances feature a dynamic mix of American, Japanese, and other international artists celebrating a lasting friendship symbolized by the gift of flowering cherry trees from Tokyo to Washington, DC. Media sponsor is 94.7 Fresh FM. Special performance days will feature: BloomBars Day supported by Jason Cohen/Keller Williams Real Estate (3/22), Passport DC Preview Day with Cultural Tourism DC (3/23), Sing Into Spring Finalists (3/25) and India Day (4/1).

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SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT FIREWORKS FESTIVAL
Presented by Harris Teeter

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Art in the Palm of your Hand: Netsuke in Japanese Culture FREE
THURS, 3/16 6:30 – 8 PM
Discussion and demo of the traditional art of netsuke – sculptural objects used to carry men’s belongings, and engravable status symbols in ancient Japan.
Freer|Sackler Gallery of Art, 1050 Independence Avenue, SW
M Smithsonian

Pink Tie Party Fundraiser presented by All Nippon Airways (ANA) TICKETS
THURS, 3/16 7 – 11 PM
Hosted by Trade Center Management Associates (TCMA)/Ronald Reagan Building Wear your finest “Pink Tie” cocktail attire and enjoy an evening of delicious spring-inspired cuisine and cocktails from local restaurants, a silent auction spectacular, engaging experiences, music, dancing and more.
Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
M Federal Triangle

An Evening of Kyogen: Shigeysama Kyogen Troupe FREE
TUES, 3/21 8 PM
Enjoy a centuries-old Japanese theater tradition. This troupe performs brief comic plays that often serve as interludes between Noh dramas.
Library of Congress, Coolidge Auditorium, 101 Independence Avenue, SE
M Capitol South

Art at the Center presented by Events DC FREE
WED, 3/22 6:30 PM
Join a curator-led public art tour featuring Washingtonian and internationally recognized artists.
Walter E. Washington Convention Center, 801 Mt. Vernon Place, NW
M Mt. Vernon Square–7th St–Convention Center

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THURS, 3/23 1 PM
Enjoy a rich theater tradition spanning more than 500 years. This troupe performs brief comic plays that often serve as interludes between Noh dramas.
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M Smithsonian

“Mifune: The Last Samurai” Film Screening FREE
THURS, 3/23 6:30 PM
Oscar-winning filmmaker Steven Okazaki explores the career of Toshiro Mifune, a true giant of world cinema who collaborated with director Akira Kurosawa during the Golden Age of Japanese film.
Japan Information & Culture Center, 1150 16th Street, NW Suite 100
F Farragut North or Farragut West

Friday Gallery Talk: Orchid Exhibit Installation FREE
FRI, 3/24 12:30 PM
Experts share the making of Orchids: A Moment at the Hirshhorn, the museum’s 22nd annual orchid exhibition presented by Smithsonian Gardens and the U.S. Botanic Garden. Hundreds of exotic orchids are displayed in a colorful installation featuring time-lapse videos of blossoming flowers.
Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Independence Avenue at 7th Street, SW
M L’Enfant Plaza or Smithsonian

May J. Special Performance FREE
FRI, 3/24 6 PM
A special pop-up performance by May J., one of the most celebrated female singers in Japan. This J-pop artist is best known for singing the end roll version of “Let It Go” in the Japanese release of Disney’s “Frozen.”
John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Millennium Stage, 2700 F Street, NW
M Foggy Bottom–GWU

The 6821 Quintet at Evermay Georgetown TICKETS
FRI, 3/24 7 – 9 PM
This classical music ensemble was specially formed for the Festival by the Ryujin Ueno Foundation. Enjoy cocktails followed by a chamber-style performance at the historic Evermay estate.
Evermay Georgetown, 1623 28th Street, NW
M Dupont Circle or Foggy Bottom–GWU

EL Squad Public Hip Hop Workshop FREE
FRI, 3/24 8 – 10 PM
Learn from renowned Japanese street dance crew, EL Squad, as they teach their signature “Light Dance” – a mesmerizing blend of dance, music and electroluminescent technology – in this open-to-the-public workshop.
The Jack Guidone Theater at Joy of Motion Dance Center Friendship Heights, 5207 Wisconsin Avenue, NW
M Friendship Heights

Japanese Culture Day FREE
SAT, 3/25 10 AM – 3 PM
Discover Japanese culture with origami, kimono dress-up, karate demos, tea making with former Cherry Blossom princesses, the Japan-America Society of Washington, DC’s “Japan-In-A-Suitcase” program, and more!
Library of Congress, 101 Independence Avenue, SE
M Capitol South

SAAM Cherry Blossom Celebration presented by the Smithsonian American Art Museum FREE
SAT, 3/25 11:30 AM – 3 PM
Visit the Kogod Courtyard for Japanese music and performances, face painting, cherry blossom-themed crafts, a scavenger hunt, activities with Smithsonian’s Freer|Sackler Asian art museums, and more! Smithsonian American Art Museum, 8th and F Streets, NW
M Gallery Place–Chinatown

Film Screening: “Yoijimbo” FREE
SAT, 3/25 2 PM
Toshiro Mifune stars in Akira Kurosawa’s visually stunning and darkly comic “Yojimbo”. This exhilarating genre-twister remains one of the most influential and entertaining films of all time.
Freer|Sackler Gallery of Art, 1050 Independence Avenue, SW
M Smithsonian

Opening Ceremony co-presented with the Japan Foundation FREE (advanced ticketing required)
SAT, 3/25 5 – 6:30 PM
Watch world-renowned performers welcome spring to Washington, DC and celebrate the 105th anniversary of the gift of trees from Japan to the U.S. Enjoy traditional and modern performances by May J., EL Squad, Shigeysama Kyogen and The 6821 Quintet.
Warner Theatre, 513 13th Street, NW
M Metro Center

EL Squad Performance TICKETS
FRI, 3/24 6 PM
The 6821 Quintet at Evermay Georgetown TICKETS
FRI, 3/24 7 – 9 PM
The Japan Information & Culture Center, Embassy of Japan and Joy of Motion co-present EL Squad, a revolutionary street dance team from Japan. This pop-up performance features “Light Dance,” a blend of dance, music, and wearable electroluminescent technology.
Kreeger Theatre at Arena Stage, 1101 6th Street, SW
M Waterfront

Shift Festival: Boulder Philharmonic Pop-Up Performance FREE
WED, 3/29 10 AM – 12 Noon
Small chamber groups from the Boulder Philharmonic blend music with nature throughout the Tidal Basin. Wander and enjoy music that seamlessly fits the natural environment of each location.
Tidal Basin, 1501 Maine Avenue, SW
M Smithsonian

Southwest Chamber Players Concert FREE
FRI, 3/31 7 PM
Enjoy classical chamber music featuring Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms and more celebrating the Southwest Chamber Players’ 20th season. The gala highlights the reopening of St. Augustine’s church after two years of construction.
St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, 555 Water Street, SW
M Waterfront

19th Annual National Cherry Blossom Freedom Walk FREE
SAT, 4/1 9 AM – 12 Noon
Take part in a short, non-competitive walk and program honoring the Japanese-American spirit of patriotism and perseverance during World War II.
National Japanese American Memorial Foundation, Louisiana Avenue, New Jersey Avenue & D Street, NW
M Union Station

Blossom Kite Festival FREE
SAT, 4/1 10 AM – 4:30 PM
Join this day-long event featuring kite-making activities, youth kite-flying competitions, flight demos by master kite makers, an open area for public flying, and more.
Washington Monument Grounds, Constitution Avenue & 17th Street, NW
M Smithsonian

Credit Union Cherry Blossom Ten Mile Run and 5K Run-Walk FREE
SUN, 4/2 7:30 – 11 AM
World-class runners and 15,000 running enthusiasts tour the cherry blossoms in the 45th annual “Runner’s Rite of Spring®” in the Nation’s Capital. Closed to entrants, open to spectators.
Washington Monument Grounds, 15th Street & Constitution Avenue, NW
M Smithsonian

Taste of Japan at Cherry Blossom Time FREE
SUN, 4/2 11 AM – 12:30 PM & 1 – 2:30 PM
Sample green teas and sweets, make your own painted fans, view Japanese artifacts, and learn about 19th century Japanese/American ties.
“To travel is to live”
-Hans Christian Andersen

Celebrating the National Cherry Blossom Festival
MARCH 15 – APRIL 16, 2017
Tamagawa University Taiko Drumming and Dance Troupe FREE
THURS, 4/6 6 – 7 PM
Thundering taiko drumming meets traditional Japanese dance in a special performance.
John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Millennium Stage, 2700 F Street, NW
M Foggy Bottom–GWU

National Japan Bowl – Championship Rounds FREE
FRI, 4/7 2 – 5 PM
In a quiz-show format, teams of high school students from across the nation are tested on their knowledge of Japanese language and culture in this 25th annual competition.
National 4-H Youth Conference Center, 7100 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD
M Bethesda

National Conference of State Societies Cherry Blossom Grand Ball TICKETS
FRI, 4/7 6:30 PM – Midnight
A premier black-tie affair with sushi, cocktails, dinner and dancing to introduce the 2017 Cherry Blossom Princesses and crown the 2017 U.S. Cherry Blossom Queen.
Marriott Gateway, Crystal City, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA
M Crystal City

Newseum Nights: In Bloom TICKETS
FRI, 4/7 7:30 – 10 PM
Explore the Newseum’s most popular exhibits while enjoying open beer and wine bars, light food, curator-led gallery talks, cherry blossom-themed activities, entertainment, and more. Must be 21 or over.
Newseum, 555 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
M Archives–Navy Mem’l–Penn Quarter

“Field” Trip: Drinks and Bites on a Rooftop Farm TICKETS
TUES, 4/11 5 – 7:30 PM
Enjoy farm-to-table dining and iconic views of the Nation’s Capital. Each bite features produce grown just steps away in this urban oasis of a rooftop farm. Must be 21 or over.
55 M Street, SE
M Navy Yard–Ballpark

Official Japanese Stone Lantern Lighting Ceremony FREE
SUN, 4/3 6 – 8 PM
Presented by the National Park Service & National Conference of State Societies (NCSS)
The official lighting of the Japanese Stone Lantern at the Tidal Basin, a gift from Japan to the United States in 1954.
Tidal Basin, Independence Avenue & 17th Street, SW
M Smithsonian

Southwest Waterfront Fireworks Festival presented by Harris Teeter FREE
SAT, 4/15 2 – 9:30 PM
A beloved springtime tradition, the Festival presented by Harris Teeter returns to Nationals Park this year with “Blossoms and Baseball.”
Nationals Park, 1500 South Capitol Street, SE
M Navy Yard–Ballpark

Spring Break at the Newseum.
FRI, 4/7 7:30 – 10 PM
Freer|Sackler Gallery of Art, 1050 Independence Avenue, SW
M Smithsonian

Sakura Matsuri – Japanese Street Festival presented by The Japan-America Society of Washington, DC TICKETS
SAT, 4/8 10:30 AM – 6 PM
The largest one-day celebration of Japanese culture in the U.S. returns to the Capitol Riverfront neighborhood, offering four stages and more than 80 cultural groups, food booths and arts vendors.
M Street and New Jersey Avenue, SE
M Navy Yard–Ballpark

Landscape and Nature’s Significance at the Phillips Collection TICKETS
SAT, 4/8 12 Noon – 1 PM
Explore the Phillips Collection and explore nature’s significance in French and American modern art. See works by Renoir, Rothko, Bonnard, O’Keeffe, van Gogh and Diebenkorn.
The Phillips Collection, 1600 21st Street, NW
M Dupont Circle

Family Afternoon: Design with Nature FREE
SUN, 4/9 12 Noon – 2 PM
Learn about Ikebana, the Japanese art of flower arranging. With the help of an instructor, make an arrangement of your own.
Green Spring Gardens, 7100 Connecticut Avenue, Wheaton, MD
M Crystal City & Green Spring Gardens

Washington Nationals TICKETS
TUES, 4/11 7:05 PM
A beloved springtime tradition, the National Cherry Blossom Festival returns to Nationals Park this year with “Blossoms and Baseball.”
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M Navy Yard–Ballpark

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Events DC Cherry Blast! TICKETS
FRI, 4/14 7 PM – Midnight
Dock 5 at Union Market is transformed into a busy streetscape depicting Japan’s dynamic culture and ambiance. Experience a Night Market curated by acclaimed chef Erik Bruner-Yang, an interactive arts showcase, eSports Lounge, and more.
Dock 5 at Union Market, 1309 5th Street, NE
M NoMa–Gallaudet

Bonsai – Stories, Inspiration, Art: Another Special Gift of Trees from Japan FREE
TUES, 4/11 12 Noon – 1 PM
Learn about Japan’s gift of 53 bonsai trees to the U.S. for its Bicentennial, leading to the founding of the National Bonsai & Penjing Museum. DC-area authors will share their bonsai experiences in an illustrated panel presentation.
Library of Congress, 101 Independence Avenue, SE
M Capitol South

Japanese-American drumming groups. Explore artistic traditions with high-energy rhythm and movement, and try taiko for yourself!
Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, Dekelboum Concert Hall, 8270 Alumni Drive, College Park, MD
M College Park–U of MD

Moonlight Revelry: A Rakugo Performance FREE
SUN, 4/9 12 Noon – 2 PM
Freer|Sackler Gallery of Art, 1050 Independence Avenue, SW
M Smithsonian

Anacostia River Festival Presented by 11th Street Bridge Park, National Park Service, and the National Cherry Blossom Festival FREE
SUN, 4/9 1 – 5 PM
Celebrate the Anacostia River and explore its surrounding parks and communities.
Anacostia Park, Anacostia Drive
M Anacostia

National Conferece on State Societies (NCSS) Cherry Blossom Princess Celebration of the States TICKETS
MON, 4/3 6 – 8 PM
This evening reception from NCSS and its international partners introduces the 2017 U.S. and International NCSS Cherry Blossom Princesses. Each princess is introduced by her state or territory representative.
The Army and Navy Club, 901 17th Street, NW
M Farragut North or Farragut West

Japan and Africa: Regional views and U.S.-Japan Cooperation FREE
TUES, 4/4 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Part of the “Views of Japan” event series, an expert panel and Q&A discuss how African countries and the U.S. view Japan’s economic and security contributions in Africa.
The Cosmos Club, 2121 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
M Dupont Circle

Sakura Taiko Fest 2017 – A Japanese Drumming Celebration FREE
SUN, 4/9 12 Noon – 2 PM
Enjoy a lively and dynamic lineup of with crafts, fishing workshops, kayaking and canoeing, drum circles, trail rides, live music, a bike parade, and other activities for all ages.
Anacostia Park, Anacostia Drive & Good Hope Road, SE
M Anacostia

“Signature event” Premier event
Underneath It All: An Underground Fashion Showcase tickets
SAT, 4/15 7:30 PM
Featuring acclaimed local designers, this runway show co-produced by Dupont Underground and the Commission on Fashion Arts and Events celebrates DC’s cultural diversity and honors the international relationships that inspired the Festival.

Dupont Underground, 19th Street Entrance, 1500 19th Street, NW
Dupont Circle

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- Tidal Basin Welcome Area Cherry Blossom Talk — Jefferson (Daily, 10 AM, 12 PM, 2 PM, 4 PM & 6 PM)
- Thomas Jefferson Memorial Cherry Blossom Talk — Roosevelt (Daily, 11 AM, 1 PM, 3 PM & 5 PM)
- Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial *Note: Cherry Blossom Talks at Thomas Jefferson and Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorials will continue through Sun, 4/9
- Inventing Utamaro: A Japanese Masterpiece Rediscovered FREE Freer|Sackler Gallery of Art, 1050 Independence Avenue, SW Smithsonian SAT, 4/8 – SUN, 7/9 10 AM – 5:30 PM Not shown together since 1879, three large-scale works by the legendary Japanese artist Kitagawa Utamaro are reunited in Inventing Utamaro. The showcase includes “Moonlight Revelry at Dozo Sagamii” from the Freer|Sackler Gallery, “Fukagawa in the Snow” from the Okada Museum of Art, and “Cherry Blossoms at Yoshinawara” from the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art. After nearly 140 years, the Freer|Sackler is the only location where the original triptychs will be on view.

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- Thomas Jefferson Memorial Cherry Blossom Talk — Roosevelt (Daily, 11 AM, 1 PM, 3 PM & 5 PM)
- Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial *Note: Cherry Blossom Talks at Thomas Jefferson and Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorials will continue through Sun, 4/9
- Inventing Utamaro: A Japanese Masterpiece Rediscovered FREE Freer|Sackler Gallery of Art, 1050 Independence Avenue, SW Smithsonian SAT, 4/8 – SUN, 7/9 10 AM – 5:30 PM Not shown together since 1879, three large-scale works by the legendary Japanese artist Kitagawa Utamaro are reunited in Inventing Utamaro. The showcase includes “Moonlight Revelry at Dozo Sagamii” from the Freer|Sackler Gallery, “Fukagawa in the Snow” from the Okada Museum of Art, and “Cherry Blossoms at Yoshinawara” from the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art. After nearly 140 years, the Freer|Sackler is the only location where the original triptychs will be on view.
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