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Georgetown to Host 2025 Fête de la Musique - World Music Day on June 21, Featuring 40+ Musical Acts at 20+ Locations

The Georgetown BID, Georgetown Heritage and Villa Albertine, the French Institute for Culture and Education, are partnering to bring the global celebration of music back to Georgetown for the second year.

Washington, D.C. (June 9, 2025) – The Georgetown BID, Georgetown Heritage and Villa Albertine, the French Institute for Culture and Education, are partnering to host the 2025 Fête de la Musique - World Music Day on Saturday, June 21 – the second edition in Georgetown.

More than 40 musical acts will perform in 20+ locations throughout Georgetown's commercial district (3pm – 7pm), or at one of three stages at La Maison Française (6pm – 10pm). Locations include Georgetown Waterfront Park, atop the Canal Boat at Lock 4, Grace Church lawn, Book Hill Park, and the Embassy of France (4101 Reservoir Rd NW), among others. Performance genres include R&B, Americana, jazz, bluegrass, classical, indie, rock, and music with Latin, Brazilian, African, Southeast Asian and French influences.

The global celebration of music began 43 years ago in France, when the Ministry of Culture imagined a day where free, live music would be everywhere – from street corners and parks to storefronts and rooftops. Today, over 1,000 cities around the world throw citywide music celebrations around the summer solstice.

"We are thrilled to host the 2nd annual Fête de la Musique-World Music Day Georgetown, building on the success of the inaugural event in June 2024," said Nancy Miyahira, Director of Arts and Culture Programs for Georgetown Heritage. "Georgetown boasts a rich musical legacy — from its live music club scene in

the 1960s, to the rise of punk rock and new wave in the '70s and '80s, to hosting one of the nation's oldest jazz institutions, the 60-year-old Blues Alley. Our goal is to enliven the district with music and provide a vibrant platform for musicians to perform."

This celebration aligns closely with Villa Albertine's mission to promote contemporary creation and cultural exchange, while championing inclusion, diversity, and accessibility. By bringing French and local musical voices together in public spaces, the event introduces new American audiences to the richness of French cultural life and supports dialogue across communities.

The full line-up of performances, artists and program details will be announced soon at georgetowndcmusic.com and villa-albertine.org for Georgetown's commercial district and La Maison Française, respectively. Eventbrite registration is also available on both websites.

ADMISSION

Fête de la Musique is a free walk-in event.

For the event at the Embassy of France (4101 Reservoir Rd NW), entry will be on a first-come, first-served basis, and access may be temporarily paused if capacity is reached. There will be no formal check-in of tickets or identity verification at the entrance. Please make sure to check all security measures.

PARKING & GETTING THERE

In addition to on-street parking, there are 20 parking lots and garages in Georgetown with more than 3,800 total combined parking spaces. Eight Capital Bikeshare stations are located throughout Georgetown; the closest stations are at O Street & Wisconsin Avenue, and 34th St & Wisconsin Avenue. For additional transportation ideas, visit georgetowndc.com/getting-here.

There will be no parking available at the Embassy, but metered parking is available on Reservoir Road at $2.30/hour (max 4h until 10pm). Garage parking is available at Georgetown MedStar Health (Entrance #2, 2800 Reservoir Road NW), and is approximately $25 for up to 3 hours.

About Georgetown Business Improvement District

The Georgetown Business Improvement District (BID) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting and enhancing the accessibility, attractiveness and overall appeal of Georgetown. From marketing and special events, to transportation, economic development, placemaking and streetscape, the Georgetown BID contributes to the vitality and quality of life in Georgetown.

About Georgetown Heritage

Georgetown Heritage's mission is to celebrate and elevate the history, heritage, arts and culture of

Georgetown. We are dedicated to creating memorable experiences and opportunities for residents and visitors through educational programs, events, partnerships, and a commitment to the unique character of DC's oldest neighborhood.

About Villa Albertine, the French Institute for Culture and Education

Villa Albertine is an institution of the French Embassy in the United States, supported by the French government and Albertine Foundation. Villa Albertine's mission is to strengthen ties between the United States, France and the French speaking world through culture and education.

In the arts and culture sphere, we encourage collaboration among French and US-based organizations and provide creators, thought leaders, and professionals with customized residencies, immersive networking experiences, grants, and connections to audiences so they can explore and share new insights into society's pressing issues. In the field of education, we craft projects and programs aimed at making French language and culture accessible to young US-based audiences, expand opportunities for students to study and complete internships in France, and support partnerships between French and American higher education and research institutions.

Villa Albertine is present in 10 major US cities: Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, New Orleans, San Francisco, and Washington, DC. It is headquartered in New York's historic Payne Whitney mansion, home to Albertine, our bookshop and nexus for French American intellectual exchange.