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## **FREE FUN AND FIREWORKS AT PETALPALOOZA PRESENTED BY CHASE AT THE WHARF**

**Washington, DC** [March 6, 2019] – On Saturday, April 6 from 12-9:30 p.m., [Petalpalooza](#) presented by CHASE returns to The Wharf for its second year with live music on three outdoor stages, interactive art installations, larger-than-life games and activities, a beer garden, free product giveaways, a spectacular fireworks show by Pyrotecnico, and much more along the piers of the Southwest Waterfront, the “home of the cherry blossoms.”

Enjoy more than nine energetic hours of live music on three waterfront stages, including the Main Stage Sponsored by CHASE, the Centennial Stage Sponsored by Hilton, and the Acoustic Lounge Presented by LaCroix. Performers include **White Ford Bronco**, a local favorite 90s cover band; Broke Royals, named one of the best up-and-coming bands in DC by CBS News; and Austin Ellis, a Maryland native made famous on *The Voice*.

Throughout the day, guests can play a game of Giant Jenga with iHeartRadio, plant a flower and decorate a pot with District Hardware and Bike, take a floral photo in front of the Temple University Flower Wall, and watch a car transform with blossoms as it’s painted by WANADA – Art of Motion. Free product samples will be provided by LaCroix. Four-legged-friends can also join the fun thanks to the Mars Petcare Comfort Station, offering shade, water, and relief for dogs.

Fireworks cap the evening at 8:30 p.m., where a dazzling, choreographed display of more than 4,000 effects light up DC’s night sky above the Washington Channel.

Petalpalooza is easily accessible by Metrobus and Metro’s Orange, Blue, Yellow, and Green lines to L’Enfant Plaza or on the Green line to Waterfront Station. The Wharf also offers more than 1,000 free bike parking spots and a free SW Neighborhood Shuttle running between the Mall and The Wharf with a stop at L’Enfant Plaza along the way. Guests can also travel to The Wharf by water taxi from Alexandria, VA and Georgetown. The fireworks display may be viewed from all locations within the event, with the best views being on District and Transit Piers, and Wharf Street. Alternatively, the fireworks may also be viewed from East Potomac Park directly across from The Wharf.

Petalpalooza is presented by CHASE and hosted by The Wharf, with support by Mars Petcare and its Better Cities for Pets™ program. Additional supporters include Hilton, Temple University, and LaCroix. Media partners are 97.1 WASH-FM and 98.7 WMZQ.

### **About the National Cherry Blossom Festival**

The National Cherry Blossom Festival is the nation’s greatest springtime celebration. The 2019 Festival, March 20 – April 14, includes four weeks of events featuring diverse and creative programming promoting traditional and contemporary arts and culture, natural beauty, and community spirit. Visit [nationalcherryblossomfestival.org](http://nationalcherryblossomfestival.org) or call 877.44.BLOOM for more information, or check out [Facebook](#) (CherryBlossomFestival), [Twitter](#) (@CherryBlossFest), and [Instagram](#) (@CherryBlossFest).