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*Cherry Blossom*  
 FESTIVAL



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*Parade*

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019**  
**10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

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# National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade®

## Presented by Events DC

*DC's Historic Spring Tradition!*



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Michelle Marsh and Bill Kelly, hosts



Chilli and Toby, Performance Zone Hosts

The energy-filled National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade® presented by Events DC runs along iconic Constitution Avenue, **Saturday, April 13, from 10 AM - NOON.**

This exhilarating event features Grand Marshal Anthony Anderson, Executive Producer and star of ABC's *black-ish*, plus giant colorful helium balloons, such as Olivia the Pig, Voltron, and Where's Waldo, elaborate floats, and marching bands from across the country. Enjoy performances from dance club diva of 90s hit single "Finally", Cece Peniston, vocalist Michael Woodard from *American Idol*, Miss America Nia Franklin, and multitalented artist Freda Payne, of 70s motown hit "Band of Gold". To purchase grandstand tickets, visit [nationalcherryblossomfestival.org/parade](http://nationalcherryblossomfestival.org/parade)

Standing along the Parade route from Constitution Avenue between 9th and 15th streets, NW is FREE and open to the public. Arrive early for the best views.

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### PARADE HIGHLIGHTS

Celebrity Performers include:  
 Freeda Payne  
 Cece Peniston  
 RayShun LaMarr  
 A-1 Chops  
 Miss America, Nia Franklin  
 Michael Woodard  
 Christina Wells  
 The Washington Redskins Cheerleaders  
 Wizard Dancers

Additional Performances Include:  
 Opening Performance featuring 2019 Sing Into Spring Winner Randae, DC performer Eli Lev, and the Parade Cast sponsored by Events DC

Special performances by the National Cherry Blossom Festival's Parade Youth Choir and All Star Dancers sponsored by The University of the District of Columbia

Performance by National Children's Chorus Sponsored by CSI Printing & Graphics

Performance by 2019 Sing into Spring Winner, Randae, sponsored by The Washington Informer

Performance by 2019 Sing Into Spring Group Winner, Sons of Pitch, A Cappella Group sponsored by District Department of Transportation's DC Circular and Capital Bikeshare

Finale Performance with DC performer Summer and Parade Cast

Appearances by: Mr. Shin Koyamada

His Excellency & Mrs. Shinsuke Sugiyama, The Ambassador of Japan

Miss America's Outstanding

Teen 2019, London Hibbs

Outstanding teens from DC, Natalie Beckford and MD, Katie Allen

Miss District of Columbia 2018, Allison Farris and Miss Maryland 2018, Adrianna David

National Park Service Superintendent

Marching Bands: Bahamas All-Stars- Nassau, Bahamas

Ballou High School "Majestic Knights Marching Band"- District of Columbia sponsored by Events DC

Chelsea High School Marching Hornet Pride- Alabama

Lorain High School "Titans" Marching Band- Ohio

Marching Grizzlies- Georgia  
 Northgate Viking Band- Georgia

Pride of the Patriots- Florida

Sam Houston High School Pride and Spirit Band- Louisiana

Seneca Valley "Raider" Marching Band- Pennsylvania

Sequoyah High School Marching Band of Chiefs- Georgia

Smith Station High School "Panther Spirit" Marching Band- Alabama

South Kitsap High School Marching Band- Washington

Spain Park High School Marching Band: The Pride of Park- Alabama

The Band of Blue-South Carolina Sponsored by The Washington Informer

Truman High School Patriot Marching Band- Missouri

Washington Nationals Racing Presidents Specialty Units:

Metropolitan Police

Metropolitan Police Department Motorcycle Team

Metropolitan Police Department Honor Guard

United States Park Police

United States Park Police Motorcycle Unit

United States Park Police Honor Guard

Chief of Police, Robert MacLean and the United States Park Police

United States Park Police Mounted Horse Patrol

Commander of Troops and Joint Staff



Anthony Anderson, Grand Marshal

The United States Army Band Pershing's Own

United States Army Marching Platoon

United States Marine Corps Platoon

Joint Staff Honor Guard

United States Navy Marching Platoon

United States Air Force Platoon

United States Coast Guard Platoon

3rd United States Infantry Old Guard Fife & Drum Corps

2019 Nissan Altima, Blossom Art Car Presented By The Washington Auto Show

ABC7 MobileTrak7 Vehicle Ballou Senior High School Army JROTC Knights

Big Bus Tours

Bobby McKey's Dueling Piano Bar

DC Circulator Blossom Bus

DC's Different Drummers

DowntownDC Business Improvement District Ambassadors

Excel Academy for Girls & Kramer Middle School Prancing Hornettes

Gotta Swing Jitterbug & Lindy Hop

Gregory Guard

Kangaroo Kids Precision Jump Rope Team

National Park Service Recycling Team

Rockville Ryukyu Taiko, Chin Daiko, Anaguma Eisa, and The Okinawan Taiko

Drummers of Wisconsin sponsored by Macy's

The Studio for the Performing Arts Fire Baton Team

United States Air Force Academy Cadet Honor Guard

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Parade Floats Sponsored by:

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National Conference of State Societies (NCSS)

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 NHK WORLD-JAPAN

MGM National Harbor

Gigantic Balloons including:

Brainy Smurf sponsored by LINDER Global Events

Bunch of Blossoms Balloon

Carebear Cheer

DOMO Balloon sponsored by NHK WORLD-JAPAN

FLY- ANA Jet Balloon

Olivia the Pig sponsored by Events DC

Very Cherry Blossoms sponsored by Microsoft

Voltron sponsored by DowntownDC BID

Waldo sponsored by ABC7 & WJLA 24/7 Local News

Parade Cast includes: Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington's All Star Dancers

Capitol Movement and CheeRing School

Charlene's School Of Dance Copeland Mills School For The Performing Arts

Lisa's School Of Performing Arts

Melina's Dancing Garden

NPO Ring the World/Capital Movement Cheer

Perna Dance Center

The Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) Dancers

The Power Surge Dancers Vessels Of Praise Dancers

West Chester University All Star Flag Team

Vintage Vehicles provided by: 1948 Cadillac Convertible owners Randy and Susan Denchfield

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1970 Oldsmobile Cutlass Convertible owners Jack and Cheryl Gallagher

George Washington Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America

Thunderbird Club, 1970 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme Convertible, 1976 Cadillac Eldorado Convertible, 1972 Oldsmobile, 1988 convertible, 1963 Buick wildcat, National Capital Region Mustang Club

Parade units may be subject to change

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