

## **“IN PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE” Complete Series Overview**

WETA has produced “In Performance at the White House” since 1978 and the music series spans every administration since President Carter’s. The series began with an East Room recital by the legendary pianist Vladimir Horowitz. Since then, “In Performance at the White House” has embraced virtually every genre of American performance: pop, country, gospel, jazz, blues, theatre and dance among them. The series was created to showcase the rich fabric of American culture in the setting of the nation’s most famous home.

### **Carter Administration**

**5 Productions (February 26, 1978 - February 25, 1979)**

#### **1. HOROWITZ AT THE WHITE HOUSE**

(Recorded/Broadcast: February 26, 1978)

Piano recital by Vladimir Horowitz.

#### **2. ROSTROPOVICH AT THE WHITE HOUSE**

(Recorded/Broadcast: September 17, 1978)

Cello recital. Piano accompanist: Elena Rostropovich, daughter of Mstislav Rostropovich.

#### **3. LEONTYNE PRICE AT THE WHITE HOUSE**

(Recorded/Broadcast: October 8, 1978)

Soprano recital, accompanied on the piano by David Garvey.

#### **4. ANDRES SEGOVIA AT THE WHITE HOUSE**

(Recorded/Broadcast: March 11, 1979)

Classical guitar recital.

#### **5. BARYSHNIKOV AT THE WHITE HOUSE**

(Recorded: February 25, 1979/ Broadcast: April 15, 1979)

Dancing with Mikhail Baryshnikov were Patricia McBride and Heather Watts from the New York City Ballet, and a group of young ballet students. Host: Edward Villella of the New York City Ballet.

### **Reagan Administration**

**17 Productions (November 22, 1981 - August 6, 1988)**

#### **6. IN PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE**

(Recorded/Broadcast: November 22, 1981)

Pianist Rudolf Serkin introduced and performed with 18-year-old violinist Ida Levin. Mistress of Ceremonies: Beverly Sills.

#### **7. IN PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE**

(Recorded/Broadcast: December 20, 1981)

Beverly Sills introduced eight young opera singers: Ashley Putnam, Gianna Rolandi, Carol Vaness, Gail Gilmore, Vinson Cole, Barry McCauley, Stephen Dickson and Alan Titus from the New York City Opera. Mistress of Ceremonies: Beverly Sills.

### **8. IN PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE**

(Recorded/Broadcast: March 28, 1982)

Gene Kelly presented seven young dancers: Kirk Peterson, Evelyn Cisneros, Linda Montaner, David McNaughton, Gregg Burge, Christine Dakin, and Donlin Foreman. Mistress of Ceremonies: Beverly Sills.

### **9. IN PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE**

(Recorded: March 6, 1982/Broadcast: April 25, 1982)

Country music singer Merle Haggard presented and performed with 20-year-old fiddler Mark O'Connor. Mistress of Ceremonies: Beverly Sills.

### **10. IN PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE**

(Recorded: November 7, 1982/Broadcast: November 105, 1982)

Violinist Itzhak Perlman introduced and performed with 20-year-old pianist Ken Noda. Master of Ceremonies: Itzhak Perlman.

### **11. IN PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE**

(Recorded: December 4, 1982/Broadcast: December 22, 1982)

Veteran jazz musicians Dizzy Gillespie, Stan Getz, and Chick Corea introduced and performed with singer Diane Schuur and trumpet player Jon Faddis. Master of Ceremonies Itzhak Perlman joined in a jam session.

### **12. IN PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE**

(Recorded: April 6, 1983/Broadcast: April 13, 1983)

The Juilliard String Quartet introduced and performed with the Muir String Quartet in a concert. Members of the Juilliard: Robert Mann, Earl Carlyss, Samuel Rhodes, Joel Krosnick. Muir: Joseph Genualdi, Bayla Keyes, Steven Ansell, Michael Reynolds. Master of Ceremonies Itzhak Perlman performed.

### **13. IN PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE**

(Recorded: June 6, 1983/ Broadcast: June 8, 1983)

(Rain interrupted the taping, and the final segment was taped June 8.)

Mary Martin, John Raitt, and Jack Everly (conductor of Broadway revival of “Showboat”) presented seven young artists. Young performers: Annette Cardona, Bruce Hubbard, Michael Ross, K.T. Sullivan, Marleta Warneke, Judith Blazer, and Liz Callaway. Master of Ceremonies: Itzhak Perlman

### **14. IN PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE**

(Recorded: September 18, 1983/Broadcast: September 21, 1983)

Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Metropolitan Opera, Leontyne Price and maestro James Levine, music director for the Met, presented young singers from the opera company’s

apprentice program. Young singers: Brian Schexnayder, Gail Dubinbaum, Marvis Martin, Terry Cook, Timothy Jenkins, and Karen Bureau. Mistress of Ceremonies: Leontyne Price.

#### **15. IN PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE**

(Recorded: December 1, 1983/Broadcast: December 14, 1983)

Leontyne Price presented the Howard University Choir, young soloists and a contemporary gospel group in a program of gospel and spiritual music. Soloists: Kevette Cartledge, David Weatherspoon, Lillias White. Gospel group: The Richard Smallwood Singers. Mistress of Ceremonies: Leontyne Price.

#### **16. IN PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE: A Tribute to American Music: George Gershwin**

(Recorded: October 26, 1986/Broadcast: November 19, 1986)

Featured Marvin Hamlisch; Sarah Vaughan, The Manhattan Transfer, George Merritt & Priscilla Baskerville, Kitty Carlisle Hart. Master of Ceremonies and Music Director: Marvin Hamlisch.

#### **17. IN PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE: A Tribute to American Music: Rodgers & Hart**

(Recorded: March 8, 1987/Broadcast: March 25, 1987)

Featured: Marvin Hamlisch; Liza Minnelli, Bobby Short, Vic Damone. Master of Ceremonies and Music Director: Marvin Hamlisch.

#### **18. IN PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE: A Tribute to American Music: Cole Porter**

(Recorded: June 28, 1987/Broadcast: July 29, 1987)

Featured: Marvin Hamlisch; Mel Torme, Kaye Ballard, Patti Austin, June Allyson. Master of Ceremonies and Music Director: Marvin Hamlisch.

#### **19. IN PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE: A Tribute to American Music: Jerome Kern**

(Recorded: October 18, 1987/Broadcast: November 18, 1987)

Featured: Marvin Hamlisch; Barbara Cook, Roberta Flack, Johnny Mathis, Doc Severinsen, and child performers Todd Hartman, 11, and Alisan Porter, 6. Master of Ceremonies and Music Director: Marvin Hamlisch.

#### **20. IN PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE: A Salute to Broadway: The Shows**

(Recorded: February 20, 1988/Broadcast: March 30, 1988)

Featured: Marvin Hamlisch, Pearl Bailey, Jerry Orbach, Larry Kert, Judy Kuhn, Pamela Myers, Jerry Herman. Master of Ceremonies and Music Director: Marvin Hamlisch.

#### **21. IN PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE: A Salute to Broadway: Showstoppers**

(Recorded: April 24, 1988/Broadcast: May 18, 1988)

Featured: Marvin Hamlisch, Mary Martin (celebrating her 50th year in show business); Bea Arthur, Jennifer Holliday, Dorothy Loudoun, and British star Elaine Paige, making her American debut. Master of Ceremonies and Music Director: Marvin Hamlisch.

**22. IN PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE: A Salute to Broadway: Chorus Lines**

(Recorded: August 6, 1988/August 10, 1988)

Featured: Music by The President's Own United States Marine Band; an 80-voice choir Morgan State University; and an alumni cast from "A Chorus Line". Featured soloists: Stubby Kaye, Shirley Jones, Lee Roy Reams. Master of Ceremonies and Music Director: Marvin Hamlisch.

**Bush (H.W.) Administration**

**3 Productions (June 18, 1989 - February 4, 1990)**

**23. IN PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE: The House I Live In (Episode 1)**

(Recorded: June 18, 1989/Broadcast: July 5, 1989)

Featured: Host: John Denver; Barry Bostwick, Simon Estes, Judy Kaye, Joshua Rifkin

**24. IN PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE: The House I Live In (Episode 2)**

(Recorded: September 17, 1989/Broadcast: October 4, 1989)

Featured: Host: Lynn Redgrave; F. Murray Abraham, Benny Carter, Ray Price, Teresa Stratas

**25. IN PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE: The House I Live In (Episode 3)**

(Recorded: February 4, 1990/Broadcast: February 14, 1990)

Featured: Host: Marilyn Horne; Patti LuPone, Gary Morris, Jeffrey Osborne, and the Dick Hyman Jazz Trio (Dick Hyman, piano; Bob Haggart, double bass; Gus Johnson, drums)

**Clinton Administration**

**10 Productions (June 18, 1993 - July 28, 1999)**

**26. IN PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE: A Salute to the Newport Jazz Festival**

(Recorded: June 18, 1993/Broadcast: September 12, 1993)

Featured: Host: Thelonius Monk, Jr., Herbie Hancock, Wynton Marsalis, Grover Washington, Jr., John Lewis, Clark Terry, Illinois Jacquet, Red Rodney, Al Grey, Jimmy Heath, Joshua Redman, Christian McBride, Joe Henderson, Elvin Jones, Jon Faddis, Dick Hyman, Charlie Haden, Michel Camilo, Dorothy Donegan, Rosemary Clooney, Bobby McFerrin, Joe Williams, President Clinton. This program saluted the 40th anniversary of the Newport Jazz Festival, one of the first jazz festivals in the world.

**27. IN PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE: Cabaret**

(Recorded: November 28, 1993/Broadcast: January 5, 1994)

Featured: Host: Dixie Carter, Bobby Short, Blossom Dearie, Shirley Horn, Len Cariou.

**28. Aretha Franklin: IN PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE**

(Recorded: June 20, 1994/Broadcast: October 12, 1994)

Featured: Host Aretha Franklin, with guest Lou Rawls, Les McCann, Eastern High School Choir

**29. IN PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE: Women of Country**

(Recorded: May 17, 1995 / Broadcast: September 27, 1995)

Featured: Host Chet Atkins, Kathy Mattea, Alison Krauss, Suzy Bogguss

**30. IN PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE: Linda Ronstadt and Aaron Neville**

(Recorded: May 6, 1996 / Broadcast: July 3, 1996)

Featured: Linda Ronstadt, Aaron Neville

**31. IN PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE: Gladys Knight**

(Recorded: June 17, 1997 / Broadcast: September 24, 1997)

Featured: Host Gladys Knight and company, Bubba Knight, Serena Henry

**32. IN PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE: Savion Glover: Stomp, Slide and Swing**

(Recorded: March 9, 1998 / September 16, 1998)

Featured: Host Savion Glover, Keter Betts, Tyrone Cooper, Joseph Dwyer, Don Golden, Sinead Lawler, Billy McComiskey, Steve Mitchell, Mick Moloney, Beverly Moore, Chloe Mullarkey, Brendan Mulvihill, Bebe Neuwirth, Not Your Ordinary Tappers, Bucky Pizzarelli, Jimmy Slyde, Erin Stevens, Cartier Williams, Claude Williams

**33. IN PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE: The Great American Gospel Tradition**

(Recorded: June 3, 1998 / Broadcast: February 3, 1999)

Featured: Host Cece Winans, Phil Driscoll, Mickey Mangun, The Messiah Singers, The Morgan State University Choir.

**34. IN PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE: The Singer and the Song**

(Recorded: November 30, 1998 / Broadcast: September 1, 1999)

Featured: Host James Naughton, Brian Stokes Mitchell, Jennifer Holliday and Patti LuPone.

**35. IN PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE: The Blues**

(Recorded: July 28, 1999 / Broadcast: November 3, 1999)

Featured: Host Della Reese, B.B. King, Jonny Lang, Cephas & Wiggins, Marcia Ball

**Bush (W.) Administration  
5 Productions (July 30, 2001 - September 14, 2006)**

**36. IN PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE: The President's Own**

(Recorded: July 30, 2001 / Broadcast: September 6, 2001)

Featured: Hosts: Gerald McRaney and Larry Gatlin; Nell Carter, Toby Keith and "The President's Own" United States Marine Corps Band celebrating 200 years of performances at the White House.

**37. IN PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE: The Governor's Dinner**

(Recorded: February 22, 2004 / Broadcast: June 30, 2004)

Featured: Host Natalie Cole. A rare look at the preparations for a formal White House event — the annual Governor’s Dinner, which launches the National Governor’s Association meeting — highlighted by a performance by singer Natalie Cole.

**38. IN PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE: The Congressional Picnic**

(Recorded: June 15, 2005/ May 28, 2006)

Featured: Host Tom Wopat. Taped in a tent on the South Lawn of the White House, included documentary footage of the annual event hosted by the White House for members of Congress and their families and an all-star tribute to Broadway with singers Shirley Jones and Harolyn Blackwell and teenage dance prodigy Cartier Williams.

**39. IN PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE: Dance Theatre of Harlem**

(Recorded: February 6, 2006/Broadcast: June 28, 2006)

Featured: Host Arthur Mitchell. Documentary and interviews footage as well as dance and vocal performances in the East Room by Harolyn Blackwell, Reverend Al Green, Audra McDonald, LeAnn Rimes, Xzavier Cave, Kip Strum, Rasta Thomas and Donald Williams.

**40. IN PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE: The Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz**

(Recorded: September 14, 2006/Broadcast: April 4, 2007)

Featured: Host Barbara Walters. Documentary and interviews as well as musical performances by Herbie Hancock, Anita Baker, Wayne Shorter, Nnenna Freelon, Bobby Watson and Clark Terry.

**Obama Administration**

**6 Productions (February 25, 2009 - February 24, 2011)**

**41. In Performance at the White House - Celebrating the Music of Stevie Wonder: The Library of Congress Gershwin Prize**

(Recorded: February 25, 2009/Broadcast: February 26, 2009)

An evening of celebration with President and Mrs. Obama at the White House in honor of musician Stevie Wonder’s receipt of the Library of Congress Gershwin Prize for Popular Song. President Obama conferred the Gershwin Prize upon Wonder during the event. Talent included India.Arie, Tony Bennett, Wayne Brady, Anita Johnson, Diana Krall, Mary Mary, Martina McBride, Paul Simon, Esperanza Spalding and Will.i.am.

**42. In Performance at the White House: Fiesta Latina**

(Recorded: October 13, 2009/Broadcast: October 15, 2009)

(Was also broadcast on Telemundo, the American Spanish-language television network, on Sunday, October 18, and on V-me, the national Spanish language network partnered with public television, on Friday, December 25.)

The concert celebrated Hispanic musical heritage, airing on the final day of National Hispanic Heritage Month. Included Marc Anthony, Jimmy Smits, Pete Escovedo, Gloria Estefan, José Feliciano, George Lopez, Thalía, Tito “El Bambino”, the Bachata music group Aventura, and the Chicano rock band Los Lobos, with Sheila E. leading the house band.

#### **43: In Performance at the White House: A Celebration of Music from the Civil Rights Movement**

(Recorded: February 9, 2010/February 11, 2010)

(NPR also produced a one-hour concert special from this event for broadcast nationwide on NPR Member stations throughout the month of February, beginning February 12.)

President and Mrs. Obama hosted the concert event in honor of Black History Month. Artists included Yolanda Adams, Joan Baez, Natalie Cole, Bob Dylan, Jennifer Hudson, John Mellencamp, Smokey Robinson, the Blind Boys of Alabama, the Howard University Choir, and The Freedom Singers, featuring Dr. Bernice Johnson Reagon, Rutha Harris, Charles Neblett and Toshi Reagon.

#### **44. Paul McCartney: The Library of Congress Gershwin Prize for Popular Song In Performance at the White House**

(Recorded: June 2, 2010/Broadcast: July 28, 2010)

President and Mrs. Obama hosted the concert event in honor of musician Sir Paul McCartney’s receipt of the Library of Congress Gershwin Prize for Popular Song. The evening included performances by McCartney himself and Stevie Wonder, Elvis Costello, Jonas Brothers, Herbie Hancock, Corinne Bailey Rae, Dave Grohl, Faith Hill, Emmylou Harris, Lang Lang and Jack White, with remarks by Jerry Seinfeld. President Obama presented the Gershwin Prize to McCartney during the event. The ninety-minute music special featured the concert event, as well as behind-the-scenes footage and interviews.

#### **45. A Broadway Celebration: In Performance at the White House**

(Recorded: July 19, 2010/Broadcast: October 20, 2010)

A series of performances by major Broadway artists and new talent, presenting selections from American musicals that reflect the spirit, energy and ambition of America. The evening will be emceed by Nathan Lane and include performances by Idina Menzel, Audra McDonald, Elaine Stritch, Brian d’Arcy James, Chad Kimball, Marvin Hamlisch, Karen Olivo, Tonya Pinkins, Assata Alston, Danielle Arci, Constantine Rousouli and a youth ensemble from the Joy of Motion Dance Center and Duke Ellington School of the Arts.

#### **46. The Motown Sound: In Performance at the White House**

(Recorded: February 24, 2011/Broadcast: March 1, 2011)

(Also broadcast on March 11 via the American Forces Network.)

President and Mrs. Obama hosted the event in celebration of Black History Month and the legacy of Motown, the distinctive soul-infused pop music sound, style and presentation that was born in Detroit and embodied by the Motown Records label. Featured program host Jamie Foxx and performances by Foxx, Natasha Bedingfield, Sheryl Crow, the group Gloriana, Nick Jonas, Ledisi, John Legend, Amber Riley, Smokey Robinson, Mark Salling, Seal, Jordyn Sparks and Stevie Wonder.