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Cordially invite the

SUMMIT CHORAL SOCIETY

To participate in the

NATIONAL
MEMORIAL DAY
CHORAL FESTIVAL

Commemorating the 80th Anniversary of D-Day
and the Liberation of France

MAY 24-27, 2024





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Shara Cocchiola, Executive Artistic Director
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Dear Ms. Cocchiola,

Music Celebrations International extends an official invitation to the **SUMMIT CHORAL SOCIETY** to participate and perform in the **NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY CHORAL FESTIVAL** in **WASHINGTON, DC**, to take place May 24 – 27, 2024, officially commemorating the 80th anniversary of D-Day and the allied liberation of France. We are proud to join with the **UNITED STATES AIR FORCE** and the **AMERICAN VETERANS CENTER** in extending this official invitation to the Summit Choral Society.

The National Memorial Day Choral Festival honors those veterans past and present who have sacrificed so much for the liberties we enjoy in our country. The setting for this commemoration has historically been the Concert Hall in **THE JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS** under the Artistic Direction of **DR. CRAIG JESSOP** – Former Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Air Force Music Programs, Director of the U.S. Air Force Singing Sergeants in Washington, DC; and Music Director of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

The Summit Choral Society is also invited to sing together as part of the nationally-televised **OPENING CEREMONY OF THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE** in front of the National Archives Building on Monday, May 27, 2024.

By accepting this exclusive invitation, you are offering your Summit singers and non-performing guests an opportunity to experience:

- ★ The distinction of singing in the internationally-renowned John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.
- ★ The honor of paying tribute to America's Veterans.
- ★ Experiencing our Nation's Capital during Memorial Day Weekend.
- ★ Working with one of America's foremost choral conductors.
- ★ The honor and opportunity of presenting a Summit Choral Society wreath at the National WWII Memorial.
- ★ Building and strengthening the reputation of your Summit Choral Society.

I am very excited about the musical stimulation this festival will undoubtedly provide — just the kinds of experiences that raise the level of musicianship and dedication to the performing arts for all participants. This is the life-changing focus of Music Celebrations! Please call on us for any reason. We look forward to associating with you in this exceptional performance opportunity.

Sincerely yours,


~~John P. Wiscombe~~
President