

DIM ALL THE LIGHTS: THE 2024 WOLF TRAP BALL

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

SCHEDULE & EVENT BASICS

WHEN: Saturday, September 21, 2024

7 PM Reception* | 8 PM Dinner followed by Dancing | Conclusion at Midnight

**A VIP backstage reception for Diamond level sponsors (\$25,000) and above begins earlier in the evening. Details have been sent to sponsor contacts.*

WHERE: Filene Center Stage at Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts
1551 Trap Road, Vienna, VA 22182

What is the Ball theme?

This year's theme, **DIM ALL THE LIGHTS**, is inspired by the Donna Summer Disco-era hit song. The Ball celebrates the close of Wolf Trap's dazzling 2024 Summer concert season and the impact of Wolf Trap's arts and education programs. As we "Dim all the Lights" on summer, you will experience a shimmering evening of dinner and dancing as we transform the Filene Center stage to capture the glamorous disco era of luxurious nightclubs and opulent fashion.

What do I wear?

The evening's attire is Black Tie Formal— floor-length gowns and tuxedos with elegant 1970's flair inspired by the NYC disco scene. An ATTIRE LOOK BOOK to inspire you is on Page 3.

There will be some open-air walking through the Plaza and steps around the Filene Center, so please consider your shoe selection carefully. Coat check is available after check in inside the Filene Center.

ARRIVALS, ACCESSIBILITY, & WEATHER

How should I get to the Ball, and what is the parking situation?

- Car service such as Uber, Lyft, and Reston Limousine is recommended.
- Complimentary Valet Parking & Car Service Drop off is on the main circle of the Filene Center near the box office.
- Self-parking is open on Encore Hill.
- Accessible Parking & Drop Off is also available.

If you have an ADA parking permit, follow signs to and park in "Permit Only Lot #4". Contact WTBall@wolftrap.org no later than Thursday, September 19 so we may assist you with arrangements for a comfortable arrival. Elevators are available for those with mobility considerations. On-Site staff will guide you.

When/how will I receive my tickets?

No physical tickets! Staff will check guests in by name and provide your table assignment. For a smooth arrival, please submit your guest names and any dietary restrictions/allergies before the event to wball@wolftrap.org.

If the weather isn't looking great for Saturday, will you cancel the Ball?

As is Wolf Trap tradition, the Ball is rain or shine. While you may be outside briefly upon entry and departure, the majority of the ball takes place under cover.

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EVENT QUESTIONS

What happens at the Ball? Will there be any performances?

The Wolf Trap Ball is a unique event. It takes place on the magnificent Filene Center Stage, the perfect way to celebrate the close of an illustrious summer of 70+ dynamic concerts. The dinner portion of the evening kicks off with a music moment and a brief welcome from our Ball Co-Chairs and Wolf Trap leadership. The post-dinner dance party is led by a live band and a DJ, and our backstage lounge area offers post-dinner surprises and fun!

By design, this Ball is all about welcoming you into a hallowed space transformed into an elegant, magical, energetic party where you can connect with friends, colleagues, and the most generous friends in the philanthropic and business community. There is no live or silent auction. Funds are raised in advance of the event, and the Ball is a celebration of your generosity. There are opportunities to donate on-site if you are so inspired!

Where will I be seated for dinner?

Dinner seating is onstage in 2 sections: Priority premium seating on the front stage for Emerald, Diamond, Host, and top sponsors (\$17,500+). General seating is for Ruby Sponsors (\$10,000) and below. All seating is special and magical, and the evening offers many opportunities for mixing and mingling at reception areas and on the dancefloor.

What's on the menu, and what if I have dietary restrictions?

The Wolf Trap Ball dinner is exquisite. Details of the Ball menu are carefully considered, and we want the best experience for all palates! To help us do so, please share details of your dietary restrictions to wball@wolftrap.org, and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Is this event safe and secure?

US Park Police, National Park Service Rangers, and other security will be present during the event. EMS is on property in case of medical emergencies.

OTHER QUESTIONS

I can't attend. What is your cancellation/refund policy?

All donations are final and non-refundable. However, you may send someone in your place. Please send the new guest names to wball@wolftrap.org. If you would rather turn your ticket purchase into a full donation, email wball@wolftrap.org and we will be in touch with next steps.

Do we get to see the photographs of the Wolf Trap Ball?

Yes! Ball images are our gift to you, and notice of the online images will be sent to you a few weeks after the event via email and a link will be on our website at wolftrap.org/ball by mid-October at the latest.

Media Inquiries

Contact Morgan Elwell, Media Relations Manager at 703.255.4096 or morgane@wolftrap.org.

BALL ATTIRE INSPIRATION



SPONSOR RELATED QUESTIONS

How do I find out more about my sponsorship benefits?

You will be contacted by the Special Events team (WTBall@wolftrap.org) with details about your benefits and deadlines. If you have not received an email by July 29 (or within a week of your pledge/payment), please contact WTBall@wolftrap.org and we will be happy to assist.

My sponsorship level includes admission for 6. Does that include me?

Yes! Please count yourself as one of the attendees included with your sponsorship.

How do I pay for my sponsorship?

Wolf Trap Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, tax ID # 23-7011544. Acknowledgement of your contribution including the fair market value of goods and services associated with your gift will be sent to you following receipt of the donation.

Please remit donation to:
Wolf Trap Foundation
Attn: Special Events
1645 Trap Road
Vienna, VA 22182

ACCEPTABLE PAYMENT VEHICLES

- Check made payable to Wolf Trap Foundation
- Wire transfer: Please contact us at WTBall@wolftrap.org for more information
- Gift of appreciated stock: Please note that donor names are not identified in the stock gift transaction. Please notify Wolf Trap Foundation at 703.255.1954 or wtball@wolftrap.org of the name and number of shares transferred so we may correctly identify and acknowledge your gift.

Please Note: Wolf Trap Foundation cannot accept payment from Donor Advised Funds for event sponsorships due to regulations governing Donor Advised Funds. If you would like to attend the event and are considering a DAF payment, we would be happy to discuss your options at WTBall@wolftrap.org.

Wolf Trap Foundation urges you to contact your financial advisor or Donor Advised Fund representative for more information. Any information provided by Wolf Trap Foundation is not intended as tax, legal, or financial advice.

Still have questions?

Please contact Wolf Trap Special Events at
703.255.4030 or events@wolftrap.org.