



Tour packages on sale January 12 – February 28, 2018!

Have you always wanted to be an Albany Symphony groupie? Or, maybe you've been meaning to enjoy our nation's capital around cherry blossom season? This year, you can do both! Join the Albany Symphony on tour during the second annual SHIFT Festival of American orchestras, April 11 – 13, 2018 and experience the music lover's inside look at Washington, DC.

All tour packages include a tax-deductible donation to the Albany Symphony Orchestra, Inc., tax identification #14-6013010, to support the Symphony's participation in the SHIFT Festival.

The Full Package

Be a true Albany Symphony groupie by following us for all of our performances in Washington, DC! The full package includes concert tickets to all Symphony performances, two-night hotel accommodations+, round-trip bus transportation, and a variety of insider activities with transportation, including a special meet-and-greet with Maestro David Alan Miller and Symphony musicians, tours of the Capitol, Library of Congress, and Washington Monuments, and more!

Couples' Price: \$900 per person (\$1,800 total)

Single Supplement: \$300 (\$1,200 total)

+ Guest bedrooms include one King or Queen bed. Limited doubles available on request.

Bus & Concert Ticket Only

Already have your own plans and accommodations in DC? You can still hop on the bus with us! This package includes round-trip* bus transportation from Albany, NY to Washington, DC, and concert tickets to all Symphony performances.

\$300 per person

** Bus transportation based on full package tour schedule, departing Wednesday, April 11 at 8:00am, returning Friday, April 13 at 8:00pm.*

Activities & Concert Ticket Only

If you've got your accommodations and transportation covered, but still want the insider's view of the Symphony, this option is for you. This package includes concert tickets to all Symphony performances and access and transportation to all of the insider activities.

\$275 per person

Don't see the package you're looking for here?

Call us at 518-465-4755 x144 for more information about additional customizable packages!**

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All programs, dates, locations, and prices subject to change. Reservation not guaranteed until confirmed in writing by Albany Symphony tour manager. Packages on sale until February 28, 2018.

Tour Itinerary

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

8:00 AM

Depart Albany, NY

Bus trip will include two rest stops, light refreshments, on-bus movie entertainment, and Albany “swag” (souvenir) bags!

4:00 PM

Arrive Washington, DC

Hotel check-in

University Club of Washington, DC

1135 16th St. NW

Washington, DC 20036

<https://www.universityclubdc.com>

Enjoy first class accommodations in the heart of Washington at the University Club, which combines the comforts of home with the luxurious hospitality of a grand hotel. Overnight stay includes complimentary continental breakfast and high-speed internet. The Club also has three dining options to explore on your own: The William Howard Taft Dining Room, Helen’s Cocktail Lounge, and the John J. Pershing Grille.

6:00 PM

SHIFT Albany Symphony Educational Performance

Millennium Stage

John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

2700 F St. NW

Washington, DC 20566

This free community performance will feature a mini-presentation of the Albany Symphony’s “Songwriter Idol” music literacy program. Our composer partner will work with students in the greater DC metropolitan area to create a collaborative musical work, which will be presented at this concert.

8:00 PM

SHIFT Albany Symphony Orchestra Performance: “The River Runs Through Us”

John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

2700 F St. NW

Washington, DC 20566

The Symphony’s theme, “The River Flows Through Us,” focuses on the power of water to connect communities, generate energy and infrastructure, and transport us through time, space, and art. This innovative program features four major works of contemporary music by Joan Tower, Dorothy Chang, Michael Torke, and Michael Daugherty, including two works previously commissioned by the Albany Symphony.

10:30 PM

Post-Concert Meet-and-Greet with Maestro Miller and Musicians

Stick around after the concert for a special opportunity to meet with Maestro David Alan Miller and our touring Albany Symphony musicians!

Thursday, April 12, 2018

Complimentary continental breakfast at University Club

10:00 AM

Guided Tour of Library of Congress and Music Division

This two-hour insider's tour of the Library of Congress is a must-see! First, experience a special art, architecture, and history tour of the Thomas Jefferson Building, then visit the Whittall Pavilion to view a display of treasures from the Music Division, including the Stradivarius Violins. The tour will conclude with a Q&A with the Music Division staff.

1:00 PM

Private Lunch in The Old Ebbitt Grill Cabinet Room

Old Ebbitt Grill
675 15th St. NW
Washington, DC 20005

Founded in 1856, this "oldest saloon in Washington" boasts a beautiful Victorian interior, priceless collection of antiques and memorabilia, and great tavern-style dining. Enjoy your choice of two entrees plus salad and dessert in the private Cabinet Room, which features six paintings of game birds by Robin Hill, one of the world's most distinguished bird painters.

2:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Self-Guided Afternoon Activities / Small Group Excursions

Take the afternoon off to see all that Washington has to offer! Symphony staff and Board members will lead small group excursions to museums, historical landmarks, and dining and shopping hot spots. Or, return back to the University Club to relax!

8:00 PM

Dogs of Desire Chamber Performance at Blind Whino

Blind Whino Arts Club
700 Delaware Ave. SW
Washington, DC 20024
<http://www.blindwhino.org/>

The power of a rock band, the sophistication of a classical chamber orchestra: the Dogs of Desire new music chamber ensemble performs new works by America's best young composers, exploring all that is wild and wonderful in American pop culture, with dazzling multimedia works and freewheeling, fabulous creations and collaborations. The Blind Whino arts and cultural collection is the perfect location for this dynamic performance, featuring an organic urban farm, indoor murals and art installations, and an facade showcasing an eclectic use of Victorian and Romanesque architectural styles combined with Gothic Revival and Queen Anne elements.

10:30 PM

Moonlight Old Town Trolley Tour of DC Monuments

Jump aboard a double decker Old Town Trolley to see some of the city's most popular monuments in moonlight. This abbreviated tour will include sightseeing at the World War II Memorial, FDR Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Korean War Memorial, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, and hear historical tales and anecdotes about Washington's fascinating history.

Friday, April 13, 2018

Complimentary continental breakfast at University Club

11:00 AM Guided Tour of the United States Capitol

Guided tours of the historic Capitol begin at one of the Capitol Visitor Center's orientation theaters with a 13-minute film, "Out of Many, One," which will take you on a journey through our country's struggle to establish the world's first truly representative democracy and introduce you to the magnificent building that houses our Congress. Once inside the historic Capitol, visitors will see the Crypt, the Rotunda, and National Statuary Hall.

12:00 PM Depart Washington, DC

Bus trip will include two rest stops, light refreshments, and on-bus movie entertainment.

8:00 PM Arrive Albany, NY