

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S  
**MOUNT ★ VERNON**

DEPARTMENT OF HOSPITALITY

**Musical Performance Policy**

- I. Performances by visiting schools or other organizations must first be approved by the Reservations Office. Requests must be submitted via email to [groupss@mountvernon.org](mailto:groupss@mountvernon.org). In your request, please include a description of the group, your purpose for performing at Mount Vernon, the date and time of arrival and departure, the group size, and details about the performance content.
- II. Performance groups are subject to the following:
  - a. Upon arrival at the estate, performance groups must establish contact with a Guest Services staff member for directions to the performance location.
  - b. Bag inspections (all bags and purses will be inspected).
  - c. Participants may enter the estate with their instruments in hand no earlier than 30 minutes before the performance time—one item per participant.
  - d. Following the performance, participants may exit the estate to return their instruments and retrieve personal bags. Upon reentry, participants are again subject to bag inspections.
- III. Participants must pay admission to Mount Vernon. Tickets can be purchased through Mount Vernon's Reservations Office by calling 703-799-8688 or emailing [groups@mountvernon.org](mailto:groups@mountvernon.org).
- IV. Performances must comply with the following regulations:
  - a. Must take place during normal daytime operating hours.
  - b. Music must be classical, patriotic, or appropriate to the 18th Century.
  - c. Performances must not exceed 30 minutes.
- V. Participants must wear clothing that is both appropriate and respectful for Mount Vernon.
- VI. Performances must take place in an area designated by the Department of Hospitality. Shelter from inclement weather is not guaranteed; prior arrangements must be made in advance.
- VII. Mount Vernon cannot provide electric service, seating, music stands, transportation, or any other logistical support.
- VIII. All equipment or instruments used as part of the performance must be hand-held (for example, instruments that rest on the ground, such as timpani drums, and instruments requiring seating, such as cellos, are not permitted). Carts, cases, and dollies are not permitted on the Estate. Music stands and chairs are not permitted. Vehicle access to the performance site is not permitted.
- IX. Mount Vernon cannot provide storage for instruments, clothing, or other property, so please plan to return them to the method of transportation immediately after the performance.
- X. Mount Vernon reserves the right to end or cancel a performance at any time.