

America's Heritage

A Birthday Party Like No Other

(NAPSA)—This July 4, our nation's birthday will be celebrated with an evening of musical entertainment topped by a dazzling display of fireworks over the Washington Monument.

Hosted by veteran actor Barry Bostwick, "A Capitol Fourth" will feature performances by some of the country's best-known and award-winning musical artists.

This annual holiday event, broadcast on PBS, offers an exciting live musical salute from the nation's Capitol featuring patriotic classics as well as pop and country favorites that will get the audience and viewers at home off their feet and dancing to the beat.

The concert will include Nashville superstars Vince Gill and Amy Grant, American Idol singer Clay Aiken, a tribute to the 1970's disco era with a member of the legendary Bee Gees, Robin Gibb, and a special 150th birthday salute to legendary late American composer and conductor John Philip Sousa, whose "Stars and Stripes Forever" march has, for many, become synonymous with Independence Day.

Leading the internationally renowned National Symphony Orchestra is America's premier pops conductor, Erich Kunzel.

"A Capitol Fourth' is a tradition for the more than half-a million people who attend the concert at the Capitol each year as well as



National stars Amy Grant and Vince Gill will highlight an evening of music and fireworks broadcast from the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol.

the millions of PBS viewers at home," said Jerry Colbert, executive producer.

The event airs live on PBS from the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol on Sunday, July 4, 2004 from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. ETS (check local listings.) It can also be heard live in stereo over National Public Radio and is broadcast to U.S. military personnel in more than 135 countries by the American Forces Radio and Television Network.

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