



**Duke Ellington**  
*school of the arts*

presents

## *THE ARTISTRY OF* **STEVIE WONDER**

**AT THE JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER  
FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS**

*A benefit concert for the Duke Ellington School of the Arts*

The benefit concert will provide an opportunity for the entire community to support the students of Duke Ellington School of the Arts, the next generation of artist icons.

### **DATE AND TIME**

Thursday February 25, 2010  
7:30 PM Performance followed by After Party

### **LOCATION**

John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Concert Hall

### **HONORARY CHAIR**

Peggy Cooper Cafritz, Founder  
Duke Ellington School of the Arts

## **THE PERFORMER**

Stevie Wonder is a legendary artist, songwriter, musician and producer, who has been honored over the course of his career, with numerous accolades for his professional achievements and social activism including spearheading the realization of Martin Luther King Day as a national holiday.

In 1977, Stevie paid tribute to the American composer, Duke Ellington with the song, "Sir Duke," which reached #1 on Billboard's Pop and R&B charts. He has garnered 25 Grammy Awards, the prestigious Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award, and an Academy Award in 1984 for "I Just Called to Say I Love You," from the film *The Woman In Red*. Stevie has an astounding 49 Top 40 singles and 32 #1 singles, and has been named in the Top 10 of Rolling Stone's All-Time Greatest Rock singers.

In 2009 Stevie Wonder received the Library of Congress Gershwin Prize for Popular Music and performed at the White House for President and Mrs. Obama. In December '09, Stevie was designated as a United Nations Messenger of Peace with a special focus on persons with disabilities.

## **DUKE ELLINGTON SCHOOL OF THE ARTS**

Duke Ellington is nationally known for its ability to take ordinary urban kids with talent and turn them into both academic and artistic successes. The School has a remarkable 98% graduation rate and a 95% college acceptance rate.

Duke Ellington is an accredited college preparatory public arts school of the District of Columbia offering pre-professional training in museum studies, literary media, visual arts, dance, theater, instrumental, Design and Production and vocal music. Ellington offers students an educational experience that combines both academic studies and artistic development. Ellington's vision is to meet the needs of talented students who are considering careers in the arts by providing intensive arts instruction of the highest quality and strong academic curriculum and to prepare students for post-secondary education and/or pre-professional careers. Ellington's unique partnership with The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, The George Washington University, and the District of Columbia Public Schools provides significant opportunities to the students, faculty and staff.

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## \$75,000 – CENTER STAGE SPONSOR

- Premiere Sponsor and recognition at the After Party with Visual and Speaking Opportunities
- Twenty (20) Premier Concert Hall Seat Locations
- Twenty (20) tickets to After Party
- Recognition featured on all promotional materials associated with the event including all printed and electronic materials with logo/hyperlink located on the Duke Ellington School of the Arts website (Corporate name will be bolded and larger than level below).

## \$50,000 – SPOTLIGHT SPONSOR

- Supporting Sponsor of The Artistry of Stevie Wonder at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and After Party
- Sixteen (16) Premier Concert Hall Seat Locations
- Sixteen (16) tickets to After Party
- Recognition featured on all promotional materials associated with the event including all printed and electronic materials with logo/hyperlink located on the Duke Ellington School of the Arts website (Corporate name will be bolded and larger than level below).

## \$25,000 – STANDING OVATION SPONSOR

- Twelve (12) Premier Concert Hall Seat Locations
- Twelve (12) tickets to After Party
- Recognition featured on all promotional materials including all printed and electronic invitations with logo placement located on the Duke Ellington School of the Arts website (Corporate name will be bolded and larger than level below).

## \$10,000 – BRAVO SPONSOR

- Eight (8) Premier Concert Hall Seat Locations
- Eight (8) tickets to After Party
- Recognition featured on all promotional materials including all printed and electronic invitations with mention of sponsorship listed on the Duke Ellington School of the Arts website (Corporate name will be bolded and larger than level below).

## \$5,000 – CURTAIN RAISER SPONSOR

- Six (6) Premier Concert Hall Seat Locations
- Six (6) tickets to After Party
- Recognition featured on all promotional materials including all printed and electronic invitations with mention of sponsorship listed on the Duke Ellington School of the Arts website (Corporate name will be bolded and larger than level below).

## \$2,500 – MARQUIS SPONSOR

- Four (4) Premier Concert Hall Seat Locations
- Four (4) tickets to After Party
- Recognition featured on all promotional materials including all printed and electronic invitations.

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To confirm your support, please complete the information below and fax it to (202) 333-7930 or mail to the address below.

*Please R.S.V.P. as soon as possible to receive prominent recognition in event materials*

Sponsor listed as: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I/we agree to sponsor the program at the following level:

- \$75,000
- \$50,000
- \$25,000
- \$10,000
- \$5,000
- \$2,500

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Company or Individual Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**METHOD OF PAYMENT:** Please provide full payment with the completed Sponsorship Agreement form or mail to the address below. Any sponsorship not paid upon submission of agreement will be invoiced for the amount of the selected level of sponsorship.

**PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD:**

- American Express
- MasterCard
- Visa

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholders Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT BY CHECK:**

Make checks payable to  
The Ellington Fund  
3500 R. Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20007

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