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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: "IN PERFORMANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE"  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
JUNE 18, 1989

Thank you for a wonderful concert. Barbara and I are delighted to be hosting a new season of "In Performance at the White House," sharing all of this talent with our guests here in the East Room -- and with all of America watching on the stations of the public broadcasting service.

Tonight we've heard the music of America -- old and new -- in all its beauty, all its variety.

And John, you're right about our rich musical heritage. It's fascinating the way the new joins the old, and takes up its place in our musical tradition -- everything from what was once revolutionary Ragtime, to something my kids call "Classic" Rock.

American music -- like America itself -- is song of many voices. Our tradition is open and alive -- a home where all are welcome.

That's why tonight's performance is a perfect way to celebrate the American tradition -- more than two centuries of liberty and democracy. ...Ideals as vigorous and powerful today

as they were on the first 4th of July. ...Revolutionary notions that became the foundation of the freedoms we enjoy -- and the whole world yearns for.

Each of us should take a moment as we celebrate Independence Day, to think about what this nation stands for -- about all that freedom means to us. As Simon Estes sang just a few minutes ago, America is the house we live in.

Thank you. God bless you, and God bless the United States of America.

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