

Social Program

Ice Breaker Reception

Monday July 6, 17:30, conference venue, the Grand Hyatt Washington

The Ice Breaker reception will be an informal gathering, in which Fusion attendees will have an initial opportunity of congregating and officially starting the social program of the conference. Light refreshments will be served.



Welcome Reception

Tuesday July 7, Starting at 18:30, Mansion on O Street



Tuesday will bring an amenable evening to Fusion 2015 attendees in the **Mansion on O Street**, a unique blend of music museum, executive lodging, restaurant, retreat venue, B&B, tourist attraction, and treasure hunt place. The building is comprised of a series of five interconnected town houses that includes over 100 rooms and over 70 secret doors, and was featured in the National Geographic Traveler and in the Travel Channel as a an ever changing environment that “combines history, art and architecture to craft an exhilarating entertainment experience found nowhere else on earth.”

The mansion blends the most unique sensory experience, and is a haven for anyone that loves an adventure and privacy. Filled with antiques, art, music memorabilia, and one-of-a-kind items, the mansion blends history with state of the art technology.

Fusion 2015 attendees will have access to the whole mansion, while enjoying the cocktail party at the exclusive club floor, which was fully reserved for the conference.

Buses will be leaving the Grand Hyatt starting 5:40 P.M. More details will be given during the conference.



Conference Banquet

Wednesday July 8, Starting at 19:00, Donald W. Reynolds Center for American Art and Portraiture

The Fusion 2015 Gala Dinner will be held Wednesday evening at the Donald W. Reynolds Center for American Art and Portraiture, which is a National Historic Landmark that used to be one of the earliest the United States Patent Office buildings and now houses the National Portrait Gallery and the Smithsonian American Art Museum.



The building is a short walk (two blocks) from the conference venue, and conference attendees will have the opportunity to visit both museums before the dinner.

The dinner will be served at the Robert and Arlene Kogod Courtyard, an enclosed courtyard with an elegant glass canopy offering a uniquely sophisticated atmosphere. The space was designed by world-renowned architects Foster + Partners, and its wavy glass-and-steel roof appears to float over the 28,000-square-foot courtyard – providing a distinctive, contemporary accent to the building's Greek Revival style.

The main attraction will be a 17-strong jazz band, which will entertain the guests during the gala dinner. The performance includes a grand piano and will cover various periods of American music.



5K Fun Run

Wednesday July 8, Starting at 06:30, Grand Hyatt Washington

The 5th Annual Fusion 5k run will occur on Wednesday morning at 6:30am. Please meet on the mall near the National Museum of Natural History at the corner of Madison Drive & 12th Street. The course will be a couple of loops around the mall between 7th Street and 14th Street. If there are questions, please contact Darin Dunham. Previous year's results can be found at <http://www.isif.org/past-conferences> at the bottom of the page.