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In the major White House celebration of the Bicentennial, the President and Mrs. Ford will host a concert and reception Tuesday, July 20 at 9 p.m.

The concert will spotlight the versatility and creativity of American music. Artists, who are Roger Miller, Ella Fitzgerald, Tammy Wynette and the World's Greatest Jazz Band, will perform in the Rose Garden beneath a white canopy.

Background on the performers:

Roger Miller, contemporary singer/song-writer, will perform two of his compositions--"King of the Road" and "Lady America." Miller is distinguished as the entertainer who has won more grammy awards (11 in the period between 1964-1965) than any other singer. He has composed most of the music he performs. Miller entertained at the White House during the Johnson Administration.

Ella Fitzgerald will sing tunes by such American composers as Cole, Porter, George Gershwin and Jerome Kern. She is known for her renditions of a variety of music, which includes ballads, Dixieland, calypso, pop and jazz. Miss Fitzgerald is the recipient of many awards including the "Golden Needle" (from the East Berlin Government) and four Grammys. She recently received an Honorary Doctorate from Dartmouth College. This will be her first performance at the White House.

Tammy Wynette, a country-western singer, is a four-time winner of the Country Music Association of America's Female Vocalist of the Year and also a three-time Grammy winner for Best Female Vocalist. Miss Wynette has written and co-written several of her own recordings, including "Stand By Your Man." She has appeared before audiences throughout the United States and Canada. This will be her first performance at the White House.

The World's Greatest Jazz Band will perform "South Rampart Street Parade," "Lime House Blues," and "When the Saints Go Marching In" among their selections. Since their formation in 1968, the group has toured North and South America and Europe. They received the International Critics Award in England (1973). The band appeared at the 1969 and 1973 Inaugural Ball and at the White House March 1970.

