

Black Violin Announces 2017 “Classical Boom Tour” Serves as Featured Artist for ESPN Promo of US Open Tennis



“Black Violin upends cultural and musical stereotypes...an unexpected blend of classically trained musicianship and hip-hop beats and inventiveness.” —The Miami Herald

“The duo elicits brilliant music with poignant message for the world.” —Essence

Black Violin has announced their **US Classical Boom Tour**, which kicks off on Aug. 23 in Martha’s Vineyard, MA. The 29 market tour is a follow up to the successful **Unity** tour, which saw 28 sold-out public performances.

After serving as the house band for the **ESPN’s** hosted **82nd Annual Heisman Memorial Trophy Presentation**, the network recently selected Black Violin’s track “Stereotypes” to promote the upcoming **2017 US Open**. The tennis tournament will be exclusively televised on ESPN Aug. 28 - Sept. 10, with television and online commercials featuring Black Violin airing now. Watch the spot [HERE](#).

Black Violin is currently writing and recording their next studio album, due out in 2018. The band’s most recent record, *Stereotypes*, debuted at **#1 on the Billboard Classical Crossover Chart** and **#4 on the Billboard R&B Chart**. [NPR](#) praised the album and band, saying “*their music will keep classical music alive for the next generation.*”

Black Violin is composed of classically trained violist and violinist **Wil B.** and **Kev Marcus**, who combine their classical training and hip-hop influences to create a distinctive multi-genre sound that is often described as “classical boom.” Black Violin has shared stages with top names including **Kayne West**, **Aerosmith** and **Tom Petty**, and has creatively collaborated with the likes of **Wu-Tang Clan**, **Wyclef Jean** and **Alicia Keys**.

The duo composed music for the television series *Pitch* which debuted on **FOX** in 2016, in addition to appearances on **HBO’s** *Ballers*, *The Tonight Show*, *Travis Smiley Show*, *The Wendy Williams Show*, and *The Ellen Show*.

In addition to their public concerts, Black Violin has performed for **more than 100,000 students** in the past 12 months throughout North America and Europe. The band is endorsed by **Yamaha Music**, and has partnered with the **National Association for Music Manufacturers (NAMM)** to continue their advocacy for accessible music education.

CLASSICAL BOOM TOUR 2017

August 21 — Saratoga, NY — Saratoga Performing Arts Center
August 23 — Oaks Bluff, MA — Martha's Vineyard Performing Arts Center
August 25 — Bethlehem, PA — Levitt Pavilion SteelStacks
September 21 — Dubuque, IA — Heritage Center
September 22 — Lawrence, KS — Lied Center of Kansas
September 23 — Springfield, IL — Sangamon Auditorium
September 24 — St. Louis, MO — Sheldon Theater
September 26 — Colorado Springs, CO — Pikes Peak Center
September 27 — Durango, CO — Fort Lewis College
September 28 & 29 — Denver, CO — Newman Center for the Performing Arts
September 30 — Fort Collins, CO — The Lincoln Center
October 10 — Williamsport, PA — Community Arts Center
October 11 — Philadelphia, PA — Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts
October 12 — Rochester, NY — Nazareth College Arts Center
October 13 — Pittsburgh, PA — Byham Theater
October 14 — Springfield, OH — Clark State Performing Arts Center
October 15 — Newark, OH — Midland Theatre
October 17 — Cincinnati, OH — Aronoff Center for the Arts
October 19 — Elmira, NY — Clemens Center
October 20 — Jamestown, NY — The Reg Lenna Center for the Arts
October 26 — Fort Wayne, IN — Embassy Theatre
October 28 — Milwaukee, WI — Marcus Center for the Performing Arts
November 3 — Purchase, NY — The Performing Arts Center at Purchase College
November 4 — York, PA — Appell Center for the Performing Arts
November 8 — Indiana, PA — IUP Performing Arts Center
November 10 — Bethesda, MD — Strathmore Music Center
November 12 — Chicago, IL — City Winery Chicago
November 17 — St. Paul, MN — Ordway Center for the Performing Arts
December 5 — Los Angeles, CA — The Theater at Ace Hotel

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