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**The Lafayette  
Musical & Immersive  
Bicentennial Tour  
1825-2025**



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"THE FRENCH NATIONAL ORCHESTRA OF AUVERGNE-RHÔNE-ALPES  
INVITES YOU ON A MUSICAL AND VISUAL JOURNEY  
THROUGH THE FOOTSTEPS OF ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FRENCH  
PERSONALITIES IN AMERICAN HISTORY"



**Traveling to the United States - April / May 2025**

## About the Tour

The French National Orchestra of Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes is organizing a musical and immersive tour in the United States of America April-May of 2025 to celebrate the bicentennial of Marquis de Lafayette's travels, 50 years after the war of Independence. The tour will focus on the key cities and landmarks of Lafayette's visit in 1825.

The orchestra will be led by conductor Thomas Zehetmair and the concert's program will be related to Lafayette's story and the time period of his tour. An immersive sound & light experience at the beginning of the concert will retrace the Marquis' travels and incredible story.

## About the Orchestra

Since it was founded in 1981, the French National Orchestra Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes has always strived to reach a broad audience both regionally and internationally. Nestled in the heart of the French mainland, the ensemble is praised amongst orchestral music lovers for its unique sonority, strength and quest for absolute perfection.

## About Lafayette

A major-general in the American army at the age of 20, and a friend of Washington who treated him like a son, Lafayette was a true hero, contributing to the insurgents' military successes, including the capture of Yorktown in 1781. He travelled back to the United States in 1824-1825 as part of an official invitation of thanks by the country he helped to gain freedom. He is regarded as one of the most important characters in the American War of Independence and Franco-American History.

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