

Cincinnati Mayor Mallory Appointed Chair of Census Task Force for the US Conference of Mayors

Washington DC - Cincinnati Mayor Mark Mallory was appointed to chair the 2010 Census Task Force for the US Conference of Mayors (USCM) by the President of the Conference, Miami Mayor Manny Diaz. The Census Task Force will focus on fostering partnerships between cities and the Census Bureau to ensure an accurate count in 2010. In June, Mayor Mallory had been appointed to serve on the USCM Advisory Board.

"Accurate census counts and population estimates are vitally important because they ensure cities get their fair share of federal and state funding, inform investment decisions by retailers and banks, and signal to the world the general vitality of our cities," said Manuel Diaz, Mayor of Miami. "Mayor Mallory will provide the leadership that we need to ensure that cities partner with the Census Bureau to achieve the most accurate possible count."

"I am honored that Mayor Diaz has asked me to take on this important issue," Cincinnati Mayor Mark Mallory said. "In Cincinnati, we

have had success partnering with the Census to produce more accurate population estimates, and I am confident that we can apply that same level of partnership to developing new and innovative strategies to improve the 2010 Census count."

At the 76th Annual Meeting of the USCM, Mayor Mallory moderated a workshop on the 2010 Census that included Mayor Slay of St. Louis and Mayor Dixon of Baltimore.

In 2006, Mayor Mallory challenged the 2005 population estimate for Cincinnati, resulting in 22,000 additional residents being accounted for. The following year, the Cincinnati



Mayor organized nine neighboring cities to challenge their population estimate, resulting in an additional 20,000 residents in the Hamilton County. Through those experiences, Mayor Mallory has developed a close relationship with the Census Bureau that will be beneficial to the work of the task force.

As the next census count approaches in 2010, cities are becoming increasingly focused on ensuring an accurate population counts. Over 170 federal programs use census counts and population estimates to distribute \$300 billion in funding annually. In addition, retailers, financial institutions and other private sector investors rely

on census population estimates to make investment decisions. Census estimates can also contribute to the perception of a city, signaling economic prosperity and opportunity or forecasting stagnation and decline.

In 1999, the Conference of Mayors obtained and analyzed information from 34 cities in order to estimate the impact of the 1990 census undercount on cities, and to estimate the probable impact of similar inaccuracies in the 2000 census. The survey estimates that undercounts represented an average of four percent of the total populations of the survey cities during the 1990s. Twenty of the cities estimated that the same level of inaccuracy in the next census would result in cumulative federal and state funding losses of at least \$677 million over the course of the next decade, which represents an average of \$2,263 for each person not counted.



辛辛那提流行管弦樂團獻禮北京奧運

指揮大師孔澤爾領銜奧運夢想之旅 獻藝奧運中心廣場

8月9日晚,接連不斷的奧林匹克主題曲迴旋在國家大劇院音樂廳上空,讓整個音樂廳踏上了輝煌的奧運音樂之旅。隨後,包括《臥虎藏龍》等好萊塢電影主題音樂則讓觀眾用耳朵過了一把好萊塢大片癮。在這場美國辛辛那提流行管弦樂團的專場演出中,指揮大師孔澤爾用魔幻般的指揮棒給觀眾帶來了一次奇異的奧運夢想之旅,這也是該團應「相約北京-2008」奧運文化活動之約,特意在奧運期間為北京觀眾送上的一道奧運文化大餐。

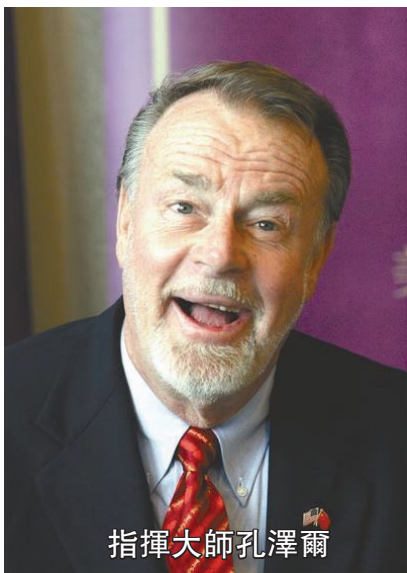
七首主題歌曲勾勒奧運足跡

辛辛那提流行管弦樂團在國家大劇院演出後,進入奧運中心廣場進行表演,這也是進入奧運中心廣場最早的國際藝術團體之一。孔澤爾率領辛辛那提流行管弦樂團共演奏了七首奧運主題歌,從1968年格勒諾布爾冬季奧運會《巴格勒的夢想》,到約翰·威廉姆斯1996年為亞特蘭大夏季奧運會寫下的《召喚英雄》,一首首充滿夢想、力量和友誼的奧運主題歌曲讓全場多次沸騰。

《臥虎藏龍》引來掌聲不斷

並非所有人都熟悉辛辛那提流行管弦樂團,但是說到電影《星球大戰》、《臥虎藏龍》等好萊塢大片的電影音樂旋律,大家恐怕就耳熟能詳了。

演出中,孔澤爾率領着辛辛那提流行管弦樂團在奧運主題的表演之後,還讓觀眾過足了電影大片音樂癮。當譚盾作曲的《臥虎藏龍》主題歌的旋律響起時,全場的氣氛達到了最高潮。



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