

## Gifts on Tour at the Kennedy Center List of Gifts by Country

### Argentina

#### ***Combat of Astro Beings I***

**ARTIST:** Raquel Forner  
**TYPE:** Oil painting  
**AREA:** Opera House - Box Tier  
stairwell



#### ***Combat of Astro Beings II***

**ARTIST:** Raquel Forner  
**TYPE:** Oil painting  
**AREA:** Opera House - Box Tier  
stairwell



### Austria

#### ***Opera House Chandelier***

**TYPE:** Crystal Chandelier  
**AREA:** Opera House Ceiling  
**COMMENTS:** The Chandelier is 50 feet in diameter and contains almost 2000 bulbs. Approximately every three years the bulbs are replaced and the crystal must be polished using a cherry picker.



### Belgium

## ***Grand Foyer Mirrors***

**AREA:** Walls of Grand Foyer and Opera House Box Tier and Opera House Lounges



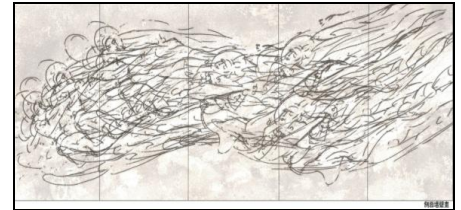
## China

### ***Verve on China***

**TYPE:** Mural

**AREA:** Eisenhower Theater, Chinese Lounge

**COMMENTS:** The mural represents the image of “feitian” [fay-tee-EN] (best translated into English as “flying figures.”)



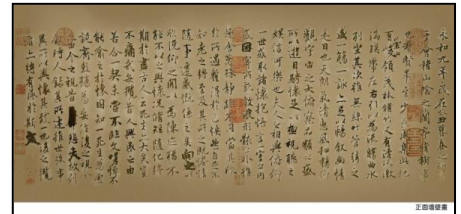
### ***Orchid Pavilion Preface***

**ARTIST:** Wang Xizhi [Pronounced Wong She-G]

**TYPE:** Mural

**AREA:** Eisenhower Theater, Chinese Lounge – Left Wall

**COMMENTS:** Wang Xizhi was a celebrated calligrapher who lived in the 4<sup>th</sup> century during the Eastern Jin dynasty



### ***Bird of Peace Mute Swans***

**TYPE:** Porcelain Sculpture

**AREA:** Eisenhower Theater, Chinese Lounge – On the Right



**COMMENTS:** The swans are a smaller version of the porcelain swans President Nixon presented to Chairman Mao on his historic visit to China in 1972.

***Rug***

**DONOR:** Professor Hui Tang  
**AREA:** Eisenhower Theater, Chinese Lounge –Center

*Picture N/A*

Denmark

***Vibrations***

**ARTIST:** Inge-Lise Koefoed  
**TYPE:** Relief  
**AREA:** Concert Hall, Lobby - House Left  
**COMMENTS:** The relief is said to illustrate the relations between human beings and nations.



France

***Birds of the Air***

**ARTIST:** Henri Matisse  
**DESCRIPTION:** Tapestry reproduction of Matisse painting  
**AREA:** Opera House Box tier -



House Left wall

***Fish of the Sea***

**ARTIST:** Henri Matisse  
**DESCRIPTION:** Tapestry reproduction of Matisse painting  
**AREA:** Opera House Box tier - House Right wall



***L'Automne***

**ARTIST:** Henri Laurens (1885 - 1954)  
**TYPE:** Sculpture  
**AREA:** Opera House Box Tier - House Left  
**COMMENTS:** Name is "Autumn" (in English)



***L'Oceanide***

**ARTIST:** Henri Laurens (1885 -1954)  
**TYPE:** Sculpture  
**AREA:** Opera House Box Tier - House Left  
**COMMENTS:** Name is "Nymph of the Sea" (in English)



Ghana

***Asase Due***

**DESCRIPTION:** Wooden sculpture - human figure  
**AREA:** Opera House African Lounge (at right side of room)  
**COMMENTS:** The title literally translates to “Mother Earth, condolences to you.” The sculpture is an image of mother earth in a state of mourning; represents the grief of Africans upon the death of President Kennedy.



Great Britain

***Figure***

**ARTIST:** Dame Barbara Hepworth  
**DESCRIPTION:** Bronze Sculpture  
**AREA:** Concert Hall, Box Tier - House right



Ireland

***Golden Circle Lounge Chandelier***

**DESCRIPTION:** Large Waterford Crystal chandelier  
**AREA:** Opera House - Golden Circle Lounge  
**COMMENTS:** Ceiling was rebuilt at the time of installation to support chandelier



Israel



## Israeli Lounge Panels

**ARTIST:** Nechemia Azaz (1923- )  
**TYPE:** Panels (left wall)  
**AREA:** Concert Hall, Israeli Lounge  
**COMMENTS:** Theme based on Psalm 150; depicts artist's conception of musical instruments, with their Hebrew names in English letters



## Mezuzah

**DESCRIPTION:** House prayer of Jewish faith; Deut 6: 4-9  
**AREA:** Concert Hall, Israeli Lounge - to the right of door  
**COMMENTS:** This Mezuzah is similar to the ones placed by the doorposts of many Jewish homes



## Shraga Weil

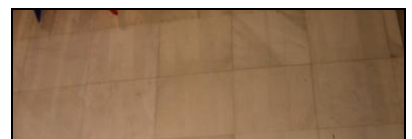
**DESCRIPTION:** 40 wooden ceiling panels  
**AREA:** Concert Hall, Israeli Lounge Ceiling  
**COMMENTS:** The panels are decorated with acrylic paints and 22-carat gold leaf, depicting musical events from the Old Testament



## Italy

## Marble (Hall of Nations & States)

**DESCRIPTION:** 3,700 tons of white marble



**AREA:** Around the building  
**COMMENTS:** Some of the marble came from the same quarries used by Michelangelo (in Carrara, Italy); it is sculpture-grade and some of the hardest marble in the world.

Ivory Coast

***Baule Cloth\****

**DESCRIPTION:** African strip weave with indigo dyes  
**AREA:** Opera House, African Lounge back right alcove



Japan

***Stage Curtain (Opera House)***

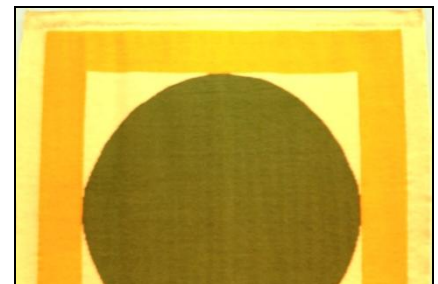
**DESCRIPTION:** Red and gold silk curtain  
**AREA:** Opera House Stage



Lesotho

***Wall Hanging***

**DESCRIPTION:** Wall Hanging of Wool and Mohair, featuring various shapes in different colors



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\* This Gift is not specifically mentioned in the Tour Script

**AREA:** Opera House, African Lounge – Annex, Left wall

Luxembourg

***Ascension***

**ARTIST:** Lucien Wercollier  
**DESCRIPTION:** Pink Marble Sculpture  
**AREA:** Concert Hall, Box Tier-House left



Mali

***Blanket from Mali***

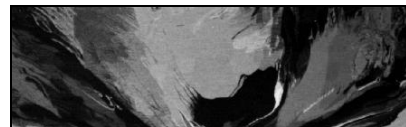
**DESCRIPTION:** Woven, multi-colored geometric pattern  
**AREA:** Opera House, Africa Lounge Annex Room



Mexico

***Poem to Fire I***

**ARTIST:** Leonardo Nierman





**TYPE:** Tapestry  
**AREA:** Eisenhower Theater, Box  
Tier/stairs - House Left

***Poem to Fire II***

**ARTIST:** Leonardo Nierman  
**TYPE:** Tapestry  
**AREA:** Eisenhower Theater, Box  
Tier/stairs - House Right



Nigeria

***Carved Wooden Doors***

**DESCRIPTION:** Carved wooden doors; 12  
ft high  
**AREA:** Opera House, African  
Lounge - leads to smaller  
room  
**COMMENTS:** Made from a single tree  
which was 700 years old.  
The carving depicts life in  
the village where the  
sculptor was born



***Hand-Hammered Relief***

**DESCRIPTION:** Opera House, Africa Lounge  
Annex Room  
**AREA:** Relief depicts scenes from a

## Nigerian village



### ***Strip Weave from Nigeria\****

**DESCRIPTION:** Strip Weave Cloth  
**AREA:** Opera House, African Lounge - rear right wall



## Norway

### ***Concert Hall Chandeliers***

**DESCRIPTION:** Hadelands Crystal Chandeliers  
**AREA:** Concert Hall Ceiling  
**COMMENTS:** The chandelier was redesigned in the 1997 renovation to be lowered to the floor for cleaning and to change the bulbs.



## Senegal

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## *The Students*

**DESCRIPTION:** Contemporary Tapestry  
**AREA:** Opera House, African Lounge Annex Room



## Spain

### *The Crockery Vendor*

**ARTIST:** A reproduction of an original Goya painting  
**TYPE:** Tapestry  
**AREA:** Opera House, Golden Circle Lounge - Right Wall



### *The Grape Harvest*

**ARTIST:** A reproduction of an original Goya painting  
**TYPE:** Tapestry  
**AREA:** Opera House, Golden Circle



## Lounge-Left Wall

### Sweden

#### ***Grand Foyer Chandeliers***

**DESCRIPTION:** 16 Orrefors Crystal Chandeliers  
**AREA:** Length of Grand Foyer  
**COMMENTS:** Each chandelier weighs one ton



### Switzerland

#### ***Apollo X***

**ARTIST:** Willy Weber  
**TYPE:** Wall sculpture; 3-chrome plated  
**AREA:** Concert Hall, Lobby - House Right  
**COMMENTS:** The artist placed dynamite charges on both sides of a sheet of steel and exploded them, then chrome-plated and polished the steel to achieve a mirror finish



## MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS

### *Calabashes*

**DESCRIPTION:** 28 intricately carved gourds  
**DONOR:** Various African nations  
**AREA:** Opera House, Africa Lounge  
- throughout room  
**COMMENTS:** Calabashes are typically used  
as fish floats, serving and  
mixing bowls, and to print  
cloth



### *Dwight D. Eisenhower Bust*

**ARTIST:** Felix de Weldon  
**DONOR:** Texas State Society  
**AREA:** Eisenhower Theater Lobby

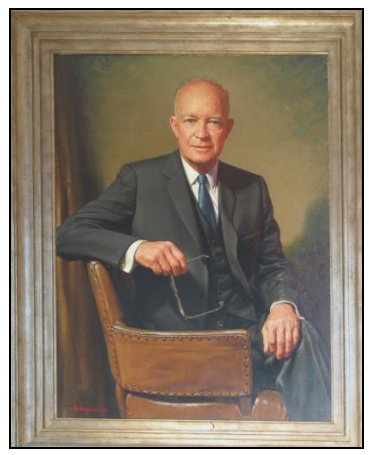




**COMMENTS:** Felix de Weldon also created the Iwo Jima Memorial in Arlington, Virginia

***Dwight D. Eisenhower Portrait***

**ARTIST:** J Anthony Wells  
**AREA:** Eisenhower Theater - located over Presidential Box  
**COMMENTS:** An exact replica hangs in the White House



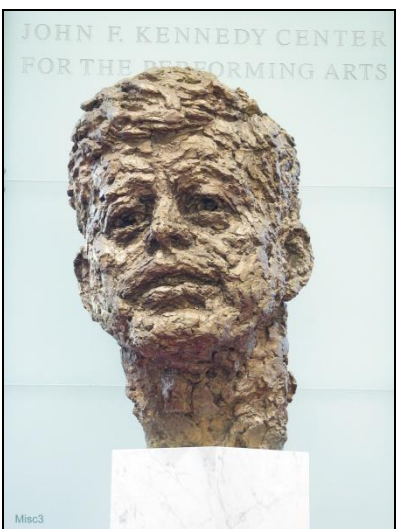
***Flene Memorial Organ***

**ARTIST:** Designed by Joseph Whiteford  
**DONOR:** A gift from the Filene Foundation of Boston  
**AREA:** Concert Hall Stage  
**COMMENTS:** Has over 4000 pipes of copper, lead, tin, and wood



***John F. Kennedy Bust***

**ARTIST:** Robert Berks  
**AREA:** Grand Foyer, across from Opera House  
**COMMENTS:** Commissioned by the Kennedy Center, the bust is 8 ft high and weighs 3000 lbs.



***Kimono and Fan***

**DESCRIPTION:** Antique Imperial wedding kimono with matching fan

**DONOR:** Given by an individual donor (not Japan)

**AREA:** Lobby of the Terrace Theater



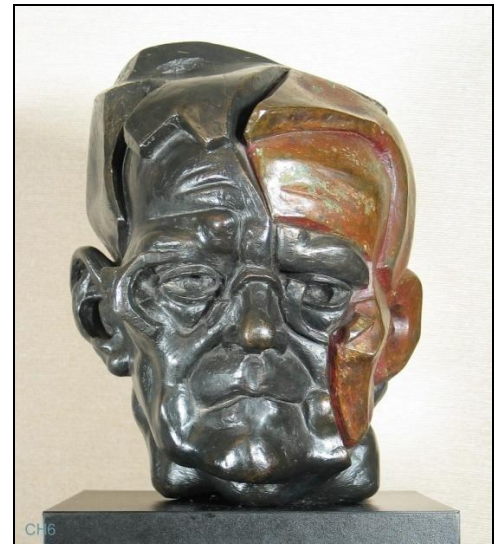
***Dimitri Shostakovich Bust***

**ARTIST:** Ernst Neizvestny

**DONOR:** Mstislav Rostropovich

**AREA:** Concert Hall, Box Tier - Outside Israeli Lounge

**COMMENTS:** Donated in 1976 (the 70th anniversary of composers birth).

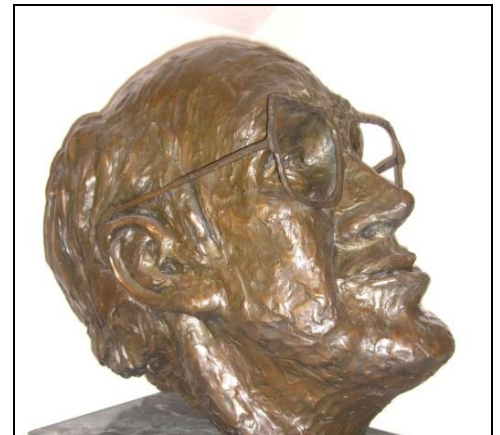


***Rostropovich Bust***

**ARTIST:** Audrey Roll

**DESCRIPTION:** Bust of Mstislav "Sava" Rostropovich, former conductor of the NSO

**AREA:** Concert Hall, Box Tier – To the left of the Presidential Box



**COMMENTS:** The artist, Audrey Roll, is particularly noted for her work featuring musicians, including a series of busts of classical composers.