



Black Violin

Classical Boom Tour

Wil B. viola
Kev Marcus violin
DJ SPS
Nat Stokes drums

PROGRAM

There will be no intermission.

Wednesday, October 11 @ 7:30 PM

Zellerbach Theatre

PROGRAM NOTES

Wil B. (viola) and Kev Marcus (violin), alongside DJ SPS and drummer Nat Stokes, use a variety of styles and influences to create a unique genre of music that they call “classical boom.” By blending hip-hop, pop, rock and classical, Black Violin surpasses musical boundaries with a high energy show that encourages people of all backgrounds to overcome the stereotypes that confine them.

ABOUT THE ARTISTS

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.” The band released their major label debut *Stereotypes* (featuring Black Thought of The Roots and MC Pharoahe Monch) on Universal Music which debuted at #1 on the Billboard Classical Crossover Chart and #4 on the Billboard R&B Chart. Black Violin has shared stages with top names including Kanye West, Aerosmith and Tom Petty, and has creatively collaborated with the likes of Wu-Tang Clan, Wyclef Jean and Alicia Keys.

Black Violin places heavy emphasis on educational outreach, and have performed for more than 100,000 students in North America and Europe in the past 12 months, including as the featured musical act for the Blue Ribbon Festival at the Music Center in Los Angeles, CA where they performed for 19,000 fifth grade students from the Greater Los Angeles area over a three-day period. The band is endorsed by Yamaha Music, and has partnered with the National Association for Music Manufacturers to continue their advocacy for accessible music education.