

## Greetings from the Governor

August 4, 2018

I am pleased to extend warm greetings to all of those attending "Vietnam, Essence of Yesteryear 10," presented by the Huong Viet Performing Arts Group.

Over the years, the Huong Viet Performing Arts Group has performed throughout the U.S., Canada, Australia, Vietnam and France, delivering pure, traditional Vietnamese music using Vietnamese instruments. The Group's hard work, dedication and commitment to sharing and expressing Vietnamese culture and identity have delighted audiences worldwide. Washington State is known for audiences that truly appreciate the beauty of our diversity, and I am sure this performance will be a treat for those attending tonight.

I understand the Huong Viet Performing Arts Group is also hosting a Vietnamese Dan Tranh Conference in conjunction with this performance. This is a special opportunity to learn about the technique of playing the dan tranh (Vietnamese zither), as well as the history and manufacture of the instrument.

Thank you all for coming, and please accept my best wishes for a memorable performance.

Very truly yours,

Jay Inslee Governor

