

## Classic Performance

The Ravinia Festival in the Chicago suburb of Highland Park brings musical journeys to life, thanks in part to the long-standing partnership of United.

**T**HE NIGHT IS WARM, THE ORCHESTRA TUNES UP, and concertgoers delight in another magical evening of music under the stars. United has proudly served as the official airline of the Ravinia Festival in Highland Park, a suburb of Chicago, for more than 15 years. Whether enjoying the pavilion or picnicking on the lawn, more than 600,000 music aficionados take in a variety of summer concerts, including classical, opera, jazz, blues, folk, and rock.

Big names like Tony Bennett; Peter, Paul, and Mary; Aretha Franklin; and Patti LuPone return year after year to headline the pop shows. Ravinia Music Director James Conlon conducting the Chicago Symphony Orchestra (Ravinia has been the summer home of the orchestra since 1936), soprano Deborah Voight, and pianist Lang Lang are among the classical stars. This season, United is the exclusive sponsor of three concerts, including Jazz in June's Latin Jazz Dance Night, Natalie Cole in July, and Chris Botti and Diana Krall on September 2. These artists represent excellent examples of Ravinia's cultural breadth, which mirrors Chicago's own rich heritage.

As the festival's official airline, United helps Ravinia fly more than 300 artists to the stage from across the globe, including legendary singer Plácido Domingo, who performs at Ravinia's annual gala. United also meets special service requests from the cellists of the renowned Julliard, Emerson, and Orion string quartets, who require additional seats for their priceless instruments.

United Airlines is proud to sponsor this celebration of the arts and invites you to join us for another stellar season. For more information, visit [www.ravinia.org](http://www.ravinia.org).



### Gateway to the Pacific

**United launches nonstop service between San Francisco and Taipei.**

Traditional Lion Dancers, representing the arrival of good luck, entertained passengers at the launch of United's new daily nonstop service between San Francisco (SFO) and Taipei (TPE), Taiwan in June. Distinguished guests at the event included Director General Liao from the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office; Ralf Ruckelshausen, the general manager of United at SFO; Capt. Hank Krakowski, V.P., Flight Operations for United; and SFO Deputy Airport Director Kandace Bender. United is the only U.S. carrier to offer daily nonstop service between Silicon Valley and Taipei, linking these two cultural and economic centers. Capt. Krakowski noted that United is the largest transpacific carrier, flying more than 3½ million passengers to the Asia-Pacific region in 2006. In October, United will begin direct flights to Hong Kong from Los Angeles with continuing service to Vietnam.