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Guest carry their food along with their tables and chairs to the secret location.

*Skyler Showell*

On Saturday, August 29, **Dîner en Blanc**, the world's largest secret dinner party returns to Washington for the second year. The dinner was originally started in 1988 by François Pasquier in Paris and has quickly become a cultural phenomenon delighting curious spectators and entertaining the lucky attendees who are able to score an invitation to the exclusive event.

Now held in 65 cities worldwide, this will be Washington's second time hosting the event. Last year's inaugural outing was held in Yard's Park just adjacent to National Stadium located in Southeast DC and had over 1,500 people in attendance. This year's dinner promises to be even more spectacular with early estimates indicating that over 2,500 are slated to attend. Even with the increase in number, the pop up party sold out in minutes and there's still an extensive waiting list of people hoping to get in.



*Barnette R. Holston, Jr.*

To attend the event, participants must wear white festive party attire, bring their own table and chairs, pack an elegant dinner and transport all of this to a secret location that is revealed minutes before the celebration is to start. There are several meeting spots throughout the Washington metropolitan area, which serve as initial gathering spots before hitting the official destination.

"One of the things I love most about the event is the expression of creativity through attire and table decor. The thought that goes into wardrobe selection and sourcing table decor is so impressive! That along with the preparation and excitement in the weeks leading up to the event is what really sets this event apart from a regular night out on the town," said Bryer Davis, one of the event co-host.

The theme of the event is truly about elegance and fun. Partygoers will be dressed to the nines in all white attire. In addition they are expected to serve their meals on real china and silverware as well as create elaborate tablescapes for an opulent dining experience. And just like the strict white dress code, plastic plates and utensils are forbidden.

The dinner starts with the ceremonial waving of crisp white dinner napkins and culminates with all guests waving sparklers for the start of the dance party. While the location of the event is still a mystery, there will be an after party held at the Marriott Marquis. The party is open to non-Diner en Blanc attendees but they still must wear white to get in. Tickets can be pre-purchased through [Eventbrite](#) plus there will be a limited number of cash tickets at the door. Duse Cognac is providing a tasting bar of cocktails and DJ Neekob will be deejaying the latest hits.

For more information about Diner en Blanc DC and to join the [waiting list](#) to attend visit the organization's website.