

# Trump's Challenge: Boosting Fundraising at Kennedy Center

## Description

In one week, the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts has changed a lot. The board used to have people chosen by President Biden. They are not there anymore. President Trump is now the chairman. The old chairman was David M. Rubenstein. He gave a lot of money to the center. The new board let go Deborah F. Rutter. She was the president of the center for ten years. Three other important people were also let go.

Some artists are not happy. They don't want to perform at the center anymore. They are worried about what will happen. They think Mr. Trump doesn't like some types of art. They worry he will only allow shows he likes.

The John F. Kennedy Center is not only part of the government. It is also a nonprofit group. It works with the Smithsonian Institution. They both work with the government and with private groups. The center has a lot of money. But it only gets a small amount from the government. This money is used to take care of the building.

People are talking about this. They are worried about what will happen to the center. They are also worried about its money.

## Vocabulary List:

- Chairman** /'tʃeə.mən/ (noun): The head of a board committee or organization.
- Nonprofit** /nən'prəft/ (adjective): Not established for the purpose of making a profit.
- Perform** /pər'fɔ:rm/ (verb): To present a work of art to an audience.
- Worried** /'wə:r.id/ (adjective): Feeling anxious or concerned about something.
- Institution** /,ɪn.stɪ'tju:.ʃən/ (noun): An organization founded for a specific purpose often in the field of education or culture.
- Center** /'sən.tər/ (noun): A place where certain activities occur; often providing services to the community.

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

- Who is the current chairman of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts?



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- Option: President Biden
- Option: David M. Rubenstein
- Option: Deborah F. Rutter
- Option: President Trump

2. How long was Deborah F. Rutter the president of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts?

- Option: 5 years
- Option: 10 years
- Option: 15 years
- Option: 20 years

3. What type of group is the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts besides being a government entity?

- Option: Private corporation
- Option: For-profit organization
- Option: Nonprofit group
- Option: Public company

4. How much financial support does the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts receive from the government?

- Option: Majority of its budget
- Option: No financial support
- Option: Significant amount
- Option: Small amount

5. What is a concern of some artists regarding the recent changes at the center?

- Option: Management restructuring
- Option: Artistic freedom
- Option: Financial mismanagement
- Option: Building maintenance

6. Who was the former chairman of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts before President Trump?

- Option: President Biden
- Option: David M. Rubenstein
- Option: Deborah F. Rutter
- Option: None of the above

### True-False

7. President Biden handpicked the board members of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.
8. The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts is solely funded by the government.
9. Deborah F. Rutter voluntarily left her position as the president of the center.
10. The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts collaborates with the Smithsonian Institution.
11. Some artists fear that President Trump may restrict the types of art allowed at the center.
12. The center receives majority of its funding from private groups.

### Gap-Fill

13. David M. Rubenstein was the former chairman of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts before President Trump took over the role. Three other important people were also let go, including \_\_\_\_\_.

14. The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts is primarily funded by private donations and revenue, with only a small portion coming from the government, used for building maintenance. It does not rely heavily on government \_\_\_\_\_.

15. The concerns raised by some artists regarding the new leadership at the center center around potential restrictions on artistic \_\_\_\_\_.

16. The collaboration between the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and the Smithsonian Institution involves joint efforts with the government and other \_\_\_\_\_.

17. The financial stability and future direction of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts are \_\_\_\_\_.



subjects of concern among the \_\_\_\_\_.

18. The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts operates as a \_\_\_\_\_ group, along with its government-related functions.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. President Trump 2. 10 years 3. Nonprofit group 4. Small amount 5. Artistic freedom 6. David M. Rubenstein

**True-False:** 7. False 8. False 9. False 10. True 11. True 12. False

**Gap-Fill:** 13. Deborah F. Rutter 14. funding 15. freedom 16. private groups 17. people 18. nonprofit

## Answer

### CATEGORY

1. Entertainment - LEVEL2

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