

OTHER THINGS TO EXPLORE

These diversions (probably) don't pertain to our story, but you may enjoy them nonetheless.

November 6, 10:30AM: John Philip Sousa Birthday Concert 2022 includes a short awards ceremony, a brief lecture by a John Philip Sousa impersonator himself and a 25 minute performance by The Marine Corps band.

Congressional Cemetery is home to what may be the only LGBTQ Cemetery section in the world...and it just happens to be situated near the grave of one of the world's most notorious homophobes, J. Edger Hoover.

Rest In Bees Honey is made atop the crypts by the forest

Concerts, guided tour, book clubs, events, film nights, and more are hosted throughout the year.

Visit CongressionalCemetery.org for more info.

Hungry?

Check out **The Roost** at 1401 Pennsylvania Ave SE a 12,500 square-foot food hall with everything anyone might want.

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Check out these songs on the platform of your choice to enhance your DCPG experience!

John Phillip Sousa - The Stars And Stripes Forever

John Phillip Sousa - Semper Fidelis

John Phillip Sousa - The Washington Post March

At Home Experience

If you choose not to leave home right now, or you live far away, find a place that reminds you of someone far away. Can you see the stars out your window? Even better.

Break the seal inside the box. Begin by exploring the items in the order described in the "WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ARRIVE".

Watch the video here as you read through the items in your box:

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CHAPTER ONE

Congressional Cemetery
1801 E Street SE, Washington, DC

Aptly called "America's hippest cemetery" by the Washington Post, this 200 year old site is full of surprises.



what you need to know

Bring your Chapter 1 box.

Congressional Cemetery has an active off leash dog walking program so you may encounter pups off leash at the cemetery. (Thinking of bringing your own pup? If you wish to bring a dog to the cemetery you must be a member of the cemetery's K9 Corp or purchase a \$10 day pass for your dog. Cemetery admittance is free for humans. More info about K9 Corp and day passes is available at cemeterydogs.org.

Wheeled devices with the exception of strollers and mobility aids are prohibited in the cemetery.

Please exercise caution around memorials and gravestones as many are dangerous.

Congressional Cemetery always welcomes your support. To learn more about making a donation or supporting their non-profit mission in other ways, visit www.congressionalcemetery.org

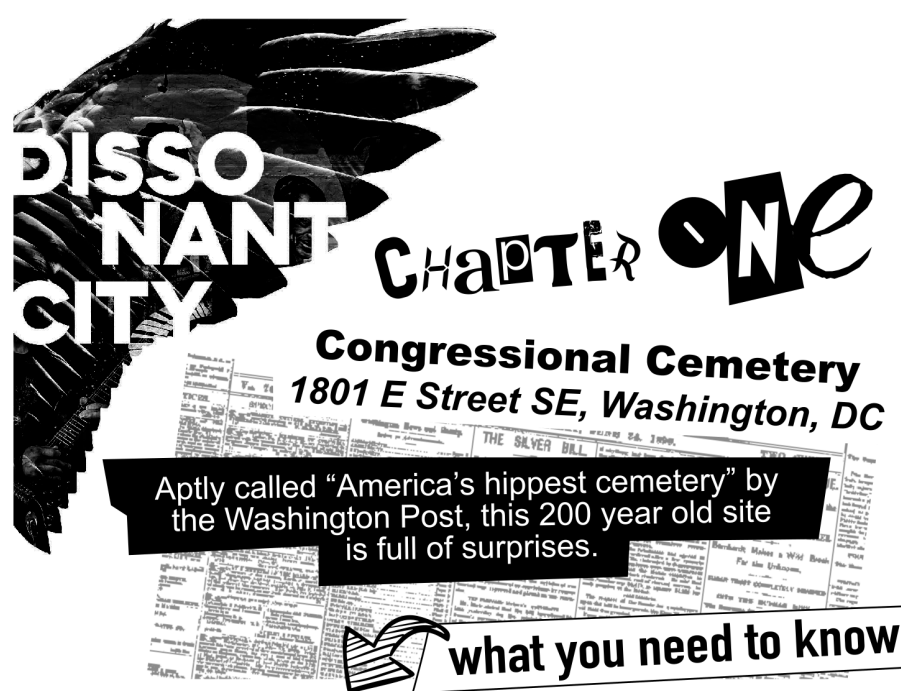
GETTING THERE

Metro - Take the Orange/Blue line to Potomac Avenue Station, walk three blocks east from 15th and Potomac to front gate at 18th and Potomac.

Parking - Parking is readily available on the nearby streets, but a two hour time limit is enforced.

HOURS

Dawn to dusk daily except during funerals and special events.



IF YOU'VE BROUGHT A YOUNG (OR YOUNG AT HEART) RORSCHACHER ALONG

Take note that in addition to its many human residents, Congressional Cemetery features the Kingdom of Animals, a final resting place for many beloved pets. Stroll past the monuments and enjoy the clever and endearing names of the pets



Accessibility

The main pathways of the cemetery are all paved with brick and do not require steps. Depending on where you choose to wander there are some inclines and declines.

A small portion of the journey we recommend here includes a dirt path and a short walk into a grassy area with uneven ground. Those sections can be avoided if you prefer. A video of the full walk is available via the At Home Experience included here. Restrooms are available near the Gatehouse.

DON'T MOVE THE REFRIGERATOR* NOTES



As always, remember to show respect to all those you encounter in the cemetery, living or dead. Leave nothing behind that might disrupt the peaceful ecology of this place.

* "Don't move the refrigerator" is a shorthand phrase invented in the early days of Rorschach to mean-- "This should be so obvious we don't think we have to say it...but we're saying it anyway."

What To Do When You Arrive

Enter the cemetery through the main gate at 18th & E Streets SE. Follow the central path toward the chapel. When you reach the chapel, turn right and follow that path for a short walk. You'll find Sousa's grave to your left.

Have a seat on his magnificent bench and explore the objects in your box. If there's no one around to disturb, maybe use your phone to play one of the songs recommended on the back of this page.

When you've had your time with Sousa, if you'd like to follow the path Cupid describes, just continue past Sousa's grave and on to the red dirt path to your left. Use the enclosed map to explore the 9-11 memorial, the family crypts and the bee hives.

Further on you'll find Marion Barry's resting place, (don't miss the list of sponsors on the back side of the monument), a notable collection of LGBTQ+ graves and the fenced-in final resting place of Hoover.

Beyond that, you can wend your way to the grave of Taza and take in the prison looming just beyond the wall.

As you head back toward the main gate, pause just before you exit to note the accordion monument to your left. Music is the answer.

Stay as long as you like and explore the cemetery. You can select from a variety of walking tour brochures near the entrance. Who knows what, or who, you may find.

A GREAT PSYCHOGEOGRAPHIC EXPLORATION INCLUDES:

Wandering as you explore your physical world in a leisurely way

Subverting your everyday relationship with the city through a fresh perspective

Discovering the present through the prism of the past... and maybe a dash of the occult.

As you explore the present, past and fictional world of **DISSONANT CITY**, think about where these ideas converge. If you're moved to snap a photo, sketch a vision or jot down a moment in time--do it.

And as always you can share your unique perspective with us at info@rorschachtheatre.com or tag us on social media

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