



Centennial Anniversary Celebration



The National Columbus Celebration Association and The National Park Service

invite you to the special **annual Columbus Day Ceremony** Monday, October 8, 2012, at **Columbus Plaza, Union Station** in Washington, D.C., celebrating **the 100th anniversary of the unveiling of the Columbus Memorial**.

1912 Unveiling Celebration



June 8, 1912: Those lucky enough to be at the reviewing stand containing President Taft and other dignitaries await the mammoth 3-mile long, 3-hour parade following the unveiling of the Columbus Memorial and Fountain, visible to the left. A newspaper reported 300,000 parade watchers along the route, down Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House past the new Memorial. An event-filled four-day celebration attracted thousands of visitors from all around the country.

Columbus Day Last Year



October 10, 2011: A portion of the hundreds of people at last year's annual Columbus Day ceremony. Marine Band at left, speaker's platform at right (not shown).

October 8, 2012 centennial celebration begins with music prelude at 10:45 a.m. The program at 11:00 a.m. includes U.S. military honor guard and military band; uniformed Knights of Columbus with the 27 historical official flags of the U.S.; diplomats (Italy, Spain, The Bahamas, The Organization of American States); national youth essay contest winner (co-sponsored by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and the National Italian American Foundation); and wreath presentations by embassies and fraternal, civic, service, and patriotic societies. **Free, lasts about ninety minutes.**