

The United States Air Force Band

THE JAZZ HERITAGE SERIES – 2008 RADIO BROADCASTS

AIRMEN OF NOTE | KARRIN ALLYSON | PAQUITO D'RIVERA | BUTCH MILES

KEY POINT: Three, 59-minute radio programs distributed FREE to broadcasters in the U.S. and Canada, featuring the **Airmen of Note** and guest artists **Karrin Allyson**, **Paquito D'Rivera** and **Butch Miles**.

THE AIRMEN OF NOTE is the premier jazz ensemble of the United States Air Force. As one of today's few professional touring big bands it has attracted 18 of the finest musicians in the country. Twice yearly the Note ventures throughout the United States spreading its big band sound to communities from coast to coast. The Airmen of Note also has an extensive record of international performing. Its appearances in five South American Countries, eight European countries and Japan have solidified its reputation as one of the best bands of its kind in the world.

THE JAZZ HERITAGE SERIES began in 1990 and has since become an annual tradition widely anticipated by jazz lovers in the nation's capital. In 2007 we added the dimension of radio broadcast, allowing listeners across the United States and Canada to enjoy these programs that previously could only be appreciated by live audiences in Washington, D.C.



Karrin Allyson

PROGRAM 1 KARRIN ALLYSON

Born in Great Bend, Kansas, Karrin Allyson first performed professionally as a singer-pianist on introspective '70s pop and funk-rock repertoire with an all-female band. Later becoming a well-known Kansas City bandleader, she established her mastery of lyric interpretation on nine Concord releases, including the Grammy nominated *Ballads: Remembering John Coltrane*, *In Blue*, and *Wild for*

You. Allyson projects an instantly recognizable tonal personality, illuminating hidden layers of emotion within songs that are drawn from a vast well of styles and genres--from blues, contemporary pop, and the American Songbook, to the bossa nova, chanson, and more specialized jazz and bebop.



Butch Miles

PROGRAM 3 BUTCH MILES

As drummer for the world-famous Count Basie Orchestra (1975-1979 and 1997-2007), Butch Miles quickly became renowned for his swinging big band style and techniques. Playing with such luminaries as Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis, Jr., Mel Tormé, Ella Fitzgerald, Woody Herman, Zubin Mehta, Itzak Pearlman, and others, Butch displays the maturity of his experience with youthful imagination and unending energy. He has recorded over 100 albums including on four Grammy winning albums, and has been nominated numerous times for the European equivalent of the Grammy Award.



Paquito D'Rivera

PROGRAM 2 PAQUITO D'RIVERA

8-time Grammy award winner, Paquito D'Rivera has been honored as a solo artist and composer in the jazz, Latin and classical music categories. His first Grammy recognition as a solo artist came in 1996 with the highly acclaimed recording *Portraits of Cuba*. He also won a Grammy for Best Instrumental Composition 2004 for his "Merengue" as performed by the

distinguished cellist Yo-Yo Ma, and most recently for Best Classical Recording for the recording *Riberas* with the Buenos Aires String Quartet. He is a recipient of the National Medal for the Arts, is a National Endowment for the Arts Jazz Master, and was honored in 2007 with the Living Jazz Legend Award.

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