

The United States Air Force Band

THE JAZZ HERITAGE SERIES – 2009 RADIO BROADCASTS

AIRMEN OF NOTE | KURT ELLING | ALLEN VIZZUTTI | RUFUS REID

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 **Kurt Elling**, **Allen Vizzutti** and **Rufus Reid**.

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.



Kurt Elling

PROGRAM 1 KURT ELLING

Vocalist Kurt Elling has earned 7 Grammy-Award nominations and 6 consecutive years at the top of the Down Beat Critics and Jazz Times Readers' polls. He has performed to critical acclaim in Europe, the Middle East, South America, Asia and Australia, and at jazz festivals and concert halls across the North America. His rich baritone voice spans four octaves and displays an astonishing technical facility and

emotional depth often sounding more like a virtuoso jazz musician than a mere singer. His repertoire ranges from his own songs to modern interpretations of standards, can be the springboard for free form improvisation, scatting, spoken word and poetry.



Rufus Reid

PROGRAM 3 RUFUS REID

Rufus Reid began his musical career as a trumpet player in an Air Force band, where he became seriously interested in playing bass. He went on to have a tremendous career as a both a professional bassist and Jazz educator. He's performed with Gene Ammons, Eddie Harris, Sonny Stitt, Philly Joe Jones, Thad Jones, Mel Lewis,

Dexter Gordon, Bill Evans, Stan Getz, Dizzy Gillespie and Art Farmer. Rufus Reid was on the faculty of William Paterson University in Wayne, N.J., as Full Professor and Director of the Jazz Studies and Performance program for twenty years completing his tenure in 1999.



Allen Vizzutti

PROGRAM 2 ALLEN VIZZUTTI

An accomplished Jazz and classical trumpeter, Allen Vizzutti has performed with Chick Corea, Chuck Mangione, Woody Herman, Japan's NHK Orchestra, the Budapest Radio Orchestra, the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra and the Leipzig Wind Symphony. His success as a solo artist has led to appearances at the Hollywood Bowl, Carnegie Hall,

Newport Jazz Festival, Montreaux Jazz Festival and Lincoln Center in New York City. His continued commitment to music education results in an extensive schedule of guest appearances at universities throughout North America, Europe, Japan and Australia.

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