



## The United States Air Force Band's CELTIC AIRE

Celtic Aire is the premier Celtic and folk ensemble of the United States Air Force. Formed in 2007, the group is comprised of five Airmen musicians from The United States Air Force Band's Singing Sergeants, the official chorus of the U.S. Air Force. In addition to community relations concerts in Washington, D.C., and the surrounding area, this small ensemble regularly performs at official functions for military and civilian leaders including the president, the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, and the United States Air Force chief of staff. In 2009, Celtic Aire deployed to Kuwait, Iraq, Qatar and Kyrgyzstan in support of diplomatic and troop morale initiatives as a part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Technical Sgt. Julia Brundage is Celtic Aire's noncommissioned officer in charge. She joined The U.S. Air Force Band in 2005 as a vocalist with the Singing Sergeants and performs on Irish flute, penny whistle and bodhran as a part of Celtic Aire. The group also includes Senior Master Sgt. Dennis Hoffmann (percussion and accordion), Master Sgt. Eric Sullivan (bass and vocals), Master Sgt. Joseph Haughton (fretted instruments and vocals) and Master Sgt. Emily Wellington (violin and vocals). Together, they have developed a large repertoire of Celtic folk songs, Irish reels and jigs, pub songs, and even cover versions of pop songs.

As part of The U.S. Air Force Band, Celtic Aire honors those who have served, inspires American citizens to heightened patriotism and service, and positively impacts the global community on behalf of the U.S. Air Force and the United States of America. The excellence demonstrated by these Airmen musicians is a reflection of the excellence exhibited by Airmen stationed around the globe. Celtic Aire is proud to represent all Airmen, whose selfless service and sacrifices ensure the freedoms we enjoy as citizens of the United States of America.

### Celtic Aire members:

Technical Sgt. Julia Brundage  
Va.

Senior Master Sgt. Dennis Hoffmann  
Master Sgt. Eric Sullivan

Master Sgt. Joseph Haughton  
Master Sgt. Emily Wellington

### Education:

B.A. in Music, Virginia Tech

B.M., Duquesne University

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B.M., Temple University

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