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Guest Artist Series Announced!

The United States Air Force Band is proud to announce the 2010 Guest Artist Series! The concerts will feature two star-studded talents: 2007 American Idol finalist Melinda Doolittle on February 21st, and the award-winning Canadian Brass on March 7th. The performances will take place at historic Daughters of the American Revolution Constitution Hall in downtown Washington, D.C.

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Melinda Doolittle
February 21st



Canadian Brass
March 7th



From the Commander

... to a New Year

Well ... we've put away the 2009 calendar and started in on 2010. So much opportunity lies ahead when you look at the January page and it's easy to dream about all things we'll do now that the New Year has arrived. Diets have started and the gym is more crowded now that everyone's New Year's resolutions have kicked into high gear. So many new things are happening just because we turned the page on the calendar.

The Air Force Band is no different. There are so many opportunities awaiting us just around the corner in 2010. Deployments, concerts, shows, ceremonies, chamber music, tours, TDYs, broadcasts and recording sessions to name a few.

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Ringing in the Holiday Season

On December 4 - 6, the Concert Band and Singing Sergeants performed "Hooray for Holidays", a program that featured holiday music from movies, stage, and television. Despite the weekend's inclement weather, over 6,000 people came to Daughter's of the American Revolution Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C., for the annual series. This year's concerts also featured a children's program for local elementary and middle school

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students, many of whom were treated to a musical demonstration by members of the Band.

[Click here to see more photos from the event!](#)



Glenn Miller Tribute

In early December, the Airmen of Note traveled to Montgomery, Ala. to perform a holiday tribute to legendary bandleader Major Glenn Miller. The concert, presented yearly in the majestic Montgomery Performing Arts Center, is jointly sponsored by the City of Montgomery and Maxwell Air Force Base's Air University, under the command of Lt. Gen. Allen G. Peck. As the direct descendant of Major Miller's Army Air Corp Dance Band, members of the Airmen of Note have a special place in their hearts for the "Glenn Miller Sound."

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A Day in the Life...



Music Production Staff By Technical Sgt. Tadd Russo

The public face of The Air Force Band consists of several performing components, with world-class musicians skilled at playing a diverse repertoire of music. Yet one important unit of the Band works quietly but diligently behind the scenes, crafting the tunes and arrangements that give the Band its signature sound. These creative minds belong to the Music Production Staff.

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30th Annual National Menorah Lighting

On Sunday, December 14, the Concert Band, along with over 1,000 rain-soaked onlookers, took part in the 2009 National Menorah lighting ceremony. The event marked the 30th anniversary of the first ceremony on the ellipse in 1979. White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel lit the National Menorah, part of the eight-day festival of Hanukkah that began on Friday, December 12.

The Concert Band provided pre-show music, and accompanied the cantors during the ceremony. The program included a patriotic rendition of "God Bless America."

Chili Recipe for These Cold Winter Months!

We are now moving into the coldest months of winter here in the D.C. area, and nothing hits the spot like a good bowl of hot chili! Therefore, we want to share with you the winning recipe of The USAF Band's 2009 Chili Cook-Off! The winner was Mrs. Bettye Sierichs, the wife of our Band Commander. Make it for yourself--you'll see why her chili took first place! We thank Mrs. Sierichs for sharing her recipe with all of us.

Chili - by Bettye Sierichs

1 ½ pound ground beef
1 medium onion, chopped
1 green pepper, chopped
1 fresh jalapeno, seeded and chopped
1 13 oz can beef broth
1 small can tomato sauce
2 15 oz cans Pinto beans, drained
2 12 oz bottles Heinz Chili Sauce
3 beef bouillon cubes
Chili powder, crushed red pepper, paprika, salt and pepper to taste
24 oz of water (2 empty chili bottles filled w/ water)

Brown meat with onion, green pepper and jalapeno pepper for 10 minutes. Add rest of ingredients and cook on medium temperature, covered, for 45 minutes.

I like to make it at least a day before I am serving it to let it sit in the fridge for a day or two... I think that this improves the flavor.

Upcoming Events

Concert Band

Feb 5 - Fairfax, Virginia

Guest Artist Series - Washington, D.C.

Feb 21 - Melinda Doolittle

Mar 7 - Canadian Brass

Concert Band Plays in Military School Band Festival!

Feb 26 - Front Royal, Virginia

TV Broadcast Taping of Veteran's Tribute

May 14 - North Bethesda, Maryland

Please see our [calendar](#) for specific information on these and other upcoming performances!

Hails and Farewells

The United States Air Force Band wishes to say thank you and farewell to the following member:

Chief Master Sgt. Richard Pearson, *Operations - Retirement*

And we would like to welcome our newest member:

Ms. Deborah Lyles, *Commander's Support Staff*

Recollections

The United States Air Force Band is continually working to expand our archives and capture details of the historic music made throughout the years. "Recollections" was designed to enlist your help in this process. If you have any behind-the-scenes stories from these events or memories to share from the featured photographs, please email Band Historian Technical Sgt. Tracey MacDonald at USAFBandHistorian@afncr.af.mil. Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you!

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Recollections Revealed

To read newly-discovered background information pertaining to the photos we included in last month's Cadenza, please [click here](#).

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