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Air Force's Rock Band Gives Back to Mayo Clinic

Max Impact, the premier rock band of the United States Air Force, is providing a free public concert near the Mayo Clinic at the Peace Plaza Downtown Stage on Tuesday, June 24 at 7 p.m. This concert is part of Max Impact's first national tour, themed "It's America," which will take the group through Wisconsin, Minnesota, South Dakota, Wyoming and Nebraska.

Several members of Max Impact have recently had to take care of loved ones with cancer and other illnesses, so the decision to come perform in Rochester near the Mayo Clinic was an easy one. In addition to this public concert on the plaza, the group will entertain patients inside the Mayo Clinic during the day.

This 8-day trip will be a homecoming of sorts for the noncommissioned officer of Max Impact, Senior Master Sgt. Ryan Carson who is a native of Rapid City, S.D., and a graduate of the University of Wyoming.

"I am so excited to be returning to the Midwest," says Carson. "After 15 years of service, this is the first time I will be performing in my hometown. What better place to inspire patriotism and honor America, than in the place I consider to be the heartland of America!"

As part of The U.S. Air Force Band stationed at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling in Washington, D.C., Max Impact performs exciting classic and current rock and country hits, as well as patriotic favorites and original music.

Max Impact showcases Air Force excellence to millions each year through public concerts in and around Washington, D.C., as well as online with audio and video recordings. The group is also frequently called on to support events for the White House, State Department, Department of Defense and numerous other high-level military and civilian functions.

In addition to entertaining military and civilian audiences in the United States, Max Impact thrills service members with its trademark high-intensity, hard-rocking music at forward deployed locations. These performances are a much-needed "taste of home" for deployed service members. At home or abroad, their high-energy performances enhance troop morale, build partnerships with local and foreign communities, increase recruiting and retention efforts and inspire patriotism using music as an effective and powerful tool.

As part of The U.S. Air Force Band, these Airmen musicians honor those who have served, inspire American citizens to heightened patriotism and service, and positively impact 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 carried out 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by Airmen stationed around the globe. Each member is proud to represent all Airmen, whose selfless service and sacrifices ensure the freedoms we enjoy as citizens of the United States of America.

For more information about Max Impact, including photos and a link to the group's free, downloadable music, please visit: <http://bit.ly/usafmaximpact>.

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