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Air Force's Premier Jazz Ensemble on National Tour

WHO/WHAT: The Airmen of Note, the premier jazz ensemble of the United States Air Force, will perform a free concert at the Plachta Auditorium on the campus of Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant, Mich., on Tuesday, June 24 at 7 p.m. This concert is part of the group's 16-day "Celebrating Independence" tour, which will take the band through Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, and Illinois.

Free and open to the public. Tickets required. Seating is first come first serve. Doors open 30 minutes before performance. All remaining seats will be released for non-ticket holders 10 minutes before the performance. Tickets may be picked up at the following locations:

Max & Emily's Bakery Café, 125 E Broadway St., Mt Pleasant, MI, 48858;
Hours: 7 a.m.-7 p.m.; Phone: (989) 772-7460

Ticket Central, 300 E. Broomfield Rd., Mount Pleasant, MI, 48859;
Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Phone: (989) 774-3045; Email: ticketcentral@cmich.edu

Ric's Food Center, 705 S Mission St., Mt Pleasant, MI, 48858;
Open 24 hours; Phone: (989) 772-2310

Stationed at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling in Washington, D.C., the Airmen of Note is one of six performing groups that comprise The U.S. Air Force Band. Created in 1950 to continue the tradition of Major Glenn Miller's Army Air Corps dance band, the group consists of 18 active duty Airmen musicians including one vocalist.

WHEN: June 24, 2014 at 7 p.m.

WHERE: Western Michigan Univ., James W. Miller Auditorium, 2200 Auditorium Drive, Kalamazoo, Mich.

INTERVIEW OPTIONS:

Members of the Airmen of Note are available for in-studio or phone-in interviews; live performances on local morning shows including bumpers and teasers; and coverage before, during and after concerts. They can perform acoustically or with sound reinforcement utilizing their professional sound engineer. To set up interviews and/or request more information, contact Master Sgt. Matthew Irish (listed above).

BACKGROUND ON THE AIRMEN OF NOTE:

Through the years, the Airmen of Note has presented its own brand of big band jazz as well as more contemporary forms of jazz to audiences via annual tours across the United States, deployments around the world and local performances throughout metropolitan Washington, D.C. Each year, the Jazz Heritage Series is broadcast to millions over National Public Radio, independent jazz radio stations, satellite radio services and the Internet. In addition, the "Note" produces and delivers recorded music to millions of fans worldwide each year through hundreds of media outlets. One of the group's recent holiday recordings, "Cool Yule," reached #2 on the JazzWeek jazz chart. For more information about the Airmen of Note, please visit: <http://bit.ly/usafairmenofnote>.

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 by Airmen stationed around the globe.

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