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AIR FORCE BAND TO TOUR THREE SOUTHEASTERN STATES

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Air Force Concert Band and Singing Sergeants are headed to the Southeast on a 12-day community relations tour Oct. 12-23, 2014. The tour will include stops in Alabama, Florida and Georgia. Most tour concerts are free, ticketed events. For information about ticket distribution for these concerts, visit <http://bit.ly/usafband2014falltour>.

The tour kicks off with a performance at the Crosby Theater on the campus of Troy University in Troy, Alabama, on Oct. 13. This concert will begin at 7 p.m.

The majority of the tour will be spent in Florida with seven performances at venues such as Florida State University's Ruby Diamond Concert Hall on Oct. 15 and the St. Augustine Amphitheatre on Oct. 20. While in Jacksonville, a vocal quartet from the Singing Sergeants is honored to be performing the national anthem at the Jacksonville Jaguars game on Oct. 19.

The ensemble will make two stops in Georgia, including the final tour concert in Savannah, Georgia, at the Armstrong State University Fine Arts Auditorium on Oct. 22. The complete tour schedule is listed at the end of this press release.

These tour concerts will feature members of the Concert Band and Singing Sergeants performing a variety of choral and symphonic wind ensemble standards, marches, patriotic crowd-pleasers, as well as vocal and instrumental solos.

Several members of the Concert Band are especially looking forward to the tour as they are Florida State University alumni. Chief Master Sgt. Michael Piersol, a 1995 FSU grad, is the noncommissioned officer in charge of the Concert Band as well as principal trombonist for the ensemble. Trumpeter, Technical Sgt. Blakely Carroll Rosengaft (2004) previously performed with the Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra. Technical Sgt. Sara Wollmacher (2009), a native of Port Charlotte, Florida, appeared with both the Tallahassee and Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestras. She will be a featured clarinet soloist on the tour as well.

Additionally, two instrumentalists from the Concert Band are native Floridians. Technical Sgt. Micah Killion, trumpeter, hails from Gainesville, Florida, and tubist, Technical Sgt. Daniel Walley, is originally from Niceville, Florida.

The U.S. Air Force Concert Band and Singing Sergeants are two of the six performing ensembles within The United States Air Force Band, the premier musical organization of the U.S. Air Force. Based at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling in Washington, D.C., The U.S. Air Force Band 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.

Recent highlights for the Concert Band include performing in the 2012 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and the 2013 Presidential Inauguration events, as well as the 2014 American Bandmasters Association convention. Members of the Singing Sergeants performed as a part of a joint military chorus to present the National Anthem with acclaimed soprano, Renée Fleming, at Super Bowl XLVIII. Last December, The U.S. Air Force Band received worldwide exposure by creating a holiday flash mob video which was viewed by more than 30 million people on YouTube and was featured in major worldwide news networks.

The excellence demonstrated by these 80 Airmen musicians is a reflection of the excellence carried out 24 hours a day by Airmen stationed around the globe. These professionals are proud to represent all Airmen, whose selfless service and sacrifices ensure the freedoms we enjoy as American citizens.

For more information about The U.S. Air Force Band, visit <http://www.usafband.af.mil>.

2014 Fall Tour Itinerary:

Monday, Oct. 13 at 7 p.m. - Crosby Theater, Troy University, Troy, Ala.

Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 7:30 p.m. - Saenger Theatre, Pensacola, Fla.

Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. - Ruby Diamond Concert Hall, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Fla.

Thursday, Oct. 16 at 7:30 p.m. - Thomasville Municipal Auditorium, Thomasville, Ga.

Friday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. - Flagler Auditorium, Palm Coast, Fla.

Saturday, Oct. 18 at 3 p.m. - Flagler Auditorium, Palm Coast, Fla.

Sunday, Oct. 19 at 7:30 p.m. - Curtis Phillips Center for the Performing Arts, University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.

Monday, Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. - St. Augustine Amphitheatre, St. Augustine, Fla.

Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. - Atlantic Coast High School, Jacksonville, Fla.

Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 7:30 p.m. - Armstrong State University Fine Arts Auditorium, Savannah, Ga.

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