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Air Force's premier jazz band heads to Florida

The premier jazz ensemble of the U.S. Air Force, the Airmen of Note, is heading to the Sunshine State on its 2014 Fall Tour. The group will present 10 concerts on this 9-day community relations tour across Central and Southeast Florida.

The tour includes performances at Downtown Disney and SeaWorld followed by concerts at The Villages, Daytona State College, and the Meyer Amphitheatre in West Palm Beach. The Airmen of Note will conclude their tour at the ArtsPark Amphitheater at Young Circle on Friday, Nov. 21.

In addition to these public concerts, the Airmen of Note look forward to sharing their talents on Thursday, Nov. 20, during two educational outreach events for Broward County music students at the Miramar Cultural Center at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. More than 1,600 students are expected to attend these morning assemblies.

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.

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, local performances throughout metropolitan Washington, D.C., and deployments around the world. In fact, drummer, Technical Sgt. Dave McDonald, and vocalist, Technical Sgt. Paige Martin, recently deployed in support of diplomatic and troop morale initiatives as a part of Operation Enduring Freedom. Four other Note members will deploy early in 2015, and trumpeter, Senior Master Sgt. Kevin Burns, will lead that group.

Each year, the Note's 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, including photos, bios and musical excerpts, 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. For more information about The U.S. Air Force Band, please visit: <http://www.usafband.af.mil>.

Complete tour itinerary:

Saturday, Nov. 15 at 6:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. - The Waterside Stage at Downtown Disney, Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

Sunday, Nov. 16 at 12:30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m. - SeaWorld, Wild Artic Plaza, Orlando, Fla.

Monday, Nov. 17 at 6 p.m. - Savannah Center, Scarlett O'Hara Theatre, The Villages, Fla.

Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m. - Daytona State College, News-Journal Center, Daytona Beach, Fla.

Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. - Meyer Amphitheatre, West Palm Beach, Fla.

Friday, Nov. 21 at 8 p.m - ArtsPark Amphitheater at Young Circle. Hollywood, Fla.

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