



The United States Air Force Band's CELTIC AIRE

Celtic Aire is the premier Celtic and folk ensemble of the United States Air Force. Formed in 2007, the group is comprised of five Airmen musicians from The United States Air Force Band's Singing Sergeants, the official chorus of the U.S. Air Force. In addition to community relations concerts in Washington, D.C. and the surrounding area, this small ensemble regularly performs at official functions for military and civilian leaders including the president, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the U. S. Air Force chief of staff. In 2009, Celtic Aire deployed to Kuwait, Iraq, Qatar and Kyrgyzstan in support of diplomatic and troop morale initiatives as a part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Senior Master Sgt. Dennis Hoffmann is the noncommissioned officer in charge of Celtic Aire, and he performs on percussion and accordion. The group also includes Master Sgt. Eric Sullivan (bass and vocals), Master Sgt. Joseph Haughton (fretted instruments and vocals), Master Sgt. Emily Wellington (violin and vocals), and Technical Sgt. Julia Brundage (traditional Irish instruments and vocals). Additionally, the U.S. Air Force's only bagpiper, Technical Sgt. Adam Tianello, will perform with Celtic Aire on this tour. Together, they have developed a large repertoire of Celtic folk songs, Irish reels and jigs, pub songs, and even cover versions of pop songs.

As part of The U.S. Air Force Band, Celtic Aire 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. The excellence demonstrated by these Airmen musicians is a reflection of the excellence exhibited by Airmen stationed around the globe. Celtic Aire is proud to represent all Airmen, whose selfless service and sacrifices ensure the freedoms we enjoy as American citizens.

Musicians	Education	Hometown
Senior Master Sgt. Dennis Hoffmann	B.M., Duquesne University	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Master Sgt. Eric Sullivan	B.M., East Carolina University M.M., Northern Illinois University	Wilson, N.C.
Master Sgt. Joseph Haughton	B.F.A., Carnegie Mellon University	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Master Sgt. Emily Wellington	B.M., Temple University M.M., George Mason University	Lemoyne, Pa.
Technical Sgt. Julia Brundage	B.A. in Music, Virginia Tech	Annandale, Va.
Technical Sgt. Adam Tianello	B.M., The State University of New York at Geneseo	Rochester, N.Y.