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Holiday Shows Roundup

The month of December was a very busy time for all units of The USAF Band. From concert halls to the White House, band members moved at a breathless operations tempo to accomplish missions of community relations, protocol and ceremonial support.

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Members of The Singing Sergeants perform Chief Master Sgt. Larry MacTaggart's whimsical arrangement of "The Twelve Days of Christmas". The singers, pictured left to right, are Master Sgts. Robert Harrelson and Bradley Bennett, Technical Sgts. Christopher Harris, Matthew Smith, Joseph Haughton and Taylor Armstrong. Their rendition received standing ovations at every performance.

Charley Pride to Headline February Guest Artist Concert



Country music legend Charley Pride will kick off the 2009 Guest Artist Series! In a free concert presented by the United States Air Force Band, the Grammy award-winning vocalist will perform at historic Daughters of the American Revolution Constitution Hall on Sunday, February 22, at 3 p.m.

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USAF Band to "Blog" During Inaugural Preparations and Parade

If you can't make the trip to Washington, D.C. for the Inauguration in January, don't distress. This year, Band members Technical Sgt. Jay Heltzer and Master Sgt. Brian McCurdy will publish a blog describing their experiences as they participate in this historic event. Their posts will cover The United States Air Force Band, beginning with its preparations in early January, through Inauguration Day on January 20th.

Be sure to visit the [Air Force blog](#) throughout January to receive the most current news about the Air Force, including the Band's Inaugural preparations. Then, on January 20th, you can enjoy the Inaugural parade from our inside perspective without having to deal with travel, the weather, long lines or the crowds. See you online!

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A Day in the Life of the Singing Sergeants

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Over the past four years, the most common and yet difficult question I've been asked as a Singing Sergeant is, "What is a typical day like for you?" The problem with answering this inquiry is that there are 21 members in the ensemble, and every individual contributes in a very unique way. Each one of us also has our own personal endeavors during our off-duty time. The job itself is very seasonal, meaning that each part of the year brings different and exciting challenges. Since I don't have the space to write a novel, here are some of the highlights of the job, as well as some of the other things a Singing Sergeant might be seen doing around town.

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