



The United States Army Field Band

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THE JAZZ AMBASSADORS **of The United States Army Field Band** *Fact Sheet*

The U.S. Army Field Band is the Army's official touring musical organization. It is comprised of four separate performing components: the Concert Band, the Soldiers' Chorus, the Jazz Ambassadors, and The Volunteers. Each component tours annually throughout the United States and travels abroad as directed by the Secretary of the Army. The Army Field Band's components tour a combined total of more than 400 days each year, appearing before live audiences of over 2 million people and broadcast to more than 2 billion.

The Jazz Ambassadors is the official touring big band of the United States Army. From the big band sounds of the 1940s to the contemporary hits of today, the members of the Jazz Ambassadors present a versatile musical program that has earned them international recognition and appeals to all ages. In addition to formal public concerts, the Jazz Ambassadors frequently presents clinics for high schools and colleges, and performs on local and network television.

Recent notable performances include concerts at the Toronto Jazz Festival, the Kennedy Center Honors, the Jazz Education Network Conference, and an appearance on the Colbert Report. The ability of the Jazz Ambassadors to connect with its audience has attracted the attention of Gordon Goodwin, Bobby Shew, Ernie Watts, and the Dave Brubeck All-Star Quintet, just a few of the outstanding jazz artists who have shared the stage with America's Big Band. The Jazz Ambassadors have also been featured in unique joint concerts under the direction of Marvin Hamlisch with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, the San Diego Symphony Orchestra, the Seattle Symphony Pops, the Colorado Pops Orchestra, and the New York Pops at Carnegie Hall. Other joint orchestral concerts have included the Columbus (OH) Symphony Orchestra, the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Syracuse Symphony.

The Department of the Army covers the costs for transportation, lodging, and meals. The responsibilities of the sponsor include the procurement of a performance site and managing a publicity campaign that includes the distribution of free tickets through a mail-in coupon. Concerts by the Jazz Ambassadors are normally presented in concert sites with seating capacities of 1,000 or more, with a stage size of at least 32 feet by 24 feet.

Each concert must be presented on an admission-free basis as a public service. Army Field Band concerts consistently attract large audiences and stimulate considerable interest and praise for sponsoring organizations.

Should you elect to sponsor a Jazz Ambassadors' performance, most of the pre-concert arrangements will be made by telephone. An advance team will visit your city several months before the concert to meet with you and finalize details. If any additional information is required regarding the concert, please call (301) 677-6586.

Thank you for your consideration and your interest in our organization.