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On track with innovation and initiative

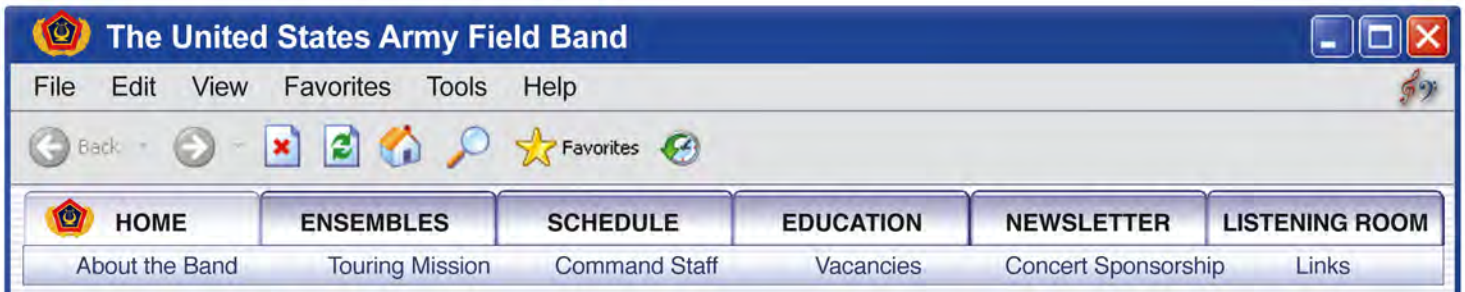
The United States Army Field Band continues a sixty-year heritage of forging ever-stronger bonds with the American people. Army Chief of Staff General Peter J. Schoomaker states, "Our Nation's citizens—men, women, and children from all walks of life—sleep better at night because they know that Soldiers, as part of the Joint Team, defend the freedoms they so richly enjoy."

The Field Band is constantly expanding its link with the Nation's citizens through creative change and innovation. It has incorporated the latest features and enhancements into its most recent recordings and DVDs while continually generating new resources to be found on its website. In addition, Field Band musicians collaborated with country music artist Michael Peterson to record "I'm a Soldier," written by members of the Volunteers.

The Field Band has increased its efforts to diversify and expand its audiences, and reach out to young Americans. After a recent Jazz Ambassadors concert, one student in Thomasville, Georgia, wrote, "I'm in the high school band and was inspired by you to do better in music." In Miami, an audience member at a Concert Band and Soldiers' Chorus performance noted, "I thought it was very special to include members of the Hialeah High School Band…it must be a thrilling experience for the students."

The impact of the band's message reaches beyond our borders. Following a Volunteers performance on Maui, an Australian tourist corresponded, "Not being a national of the United States, we were moved by your patriotism…you are great ambassadors of all military sections, not only the Army."

As the Field Band looks to the road ahead, its members strive to share the story of each dedicated American Soldier.



Just a Click Away…the Army's Musical Ambassadors

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Listen to The U.S. Army Field Band online

The United States Army Field Band travels throughout America via bus, plane, ferry, and now the Internet. Our website is an easy-to-use portal for you to interact with your favorite military musical organization. Quickly access recordings, educational products, concert sponsorship guides, and concert schedule information at *www.armyfieldband.com*

Listening Room

Enter the Listening Room to hear the unique sounds of The United States Army Field Band! Download selections of music performed by the Concert Band, Soldiers' Chorus, Volunteers, and Jazz Ambassadors. Follow links to hear live concert recordings on ***Broadcast On Demand***, or connect to Soldiers Radio Live through the ***Army Bandstand*** for exclusive performances.

Education

Click on our *Education* tab to learn about the breadth of materials, clinics, and recitals available to music educators on request! We offer instructional DVDs, handouts, recordings, and specialized lesson plans featuring general music, jazz, vocal technique, and the music of Aaron Copland.

Concert Sponsorship

Bring The United States Army Field Band to your town! View the information and support available for you to easily sponsor an unforgettable concert in your community. For each performing component, we offer specialized concert sponsorship guides and media materials.

Bring the Musical Ambassadors of the Army to your town!

Schedule

When can you hear us perform live? As the Musical Ambassadors of the Army, we complete a circuit of the United States every thirty months. Discover our concert schedule and use an interactive map to learn about concert and ticket information for each performance on upcoming tours.

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A New Direction for Outreach

Modern media technologies are steppingstones to the future as The U.S. Army Field Band merges its artistic contributions with an increasingly tech-savvy world. Educational outreach items now include a DVD and an Enhanced CD, both of which provide distinct advantages for the learner.

DVDs such as ***The Complete Percussionist***, created by the Concert Band percussion section, allow students to select individual topics to be viewed, efficiently pinpointing subject matter as needed. For sports fans, a ***National Anthem DVD*** is underway and will be distributed to professional sports teams nationwide, as an option when live performers are not available. It will feature the Concert Band and Soldiers' Chorus performing the National Anthem in conjunction with a photo collage of Soldiers at work and images of the American flag.

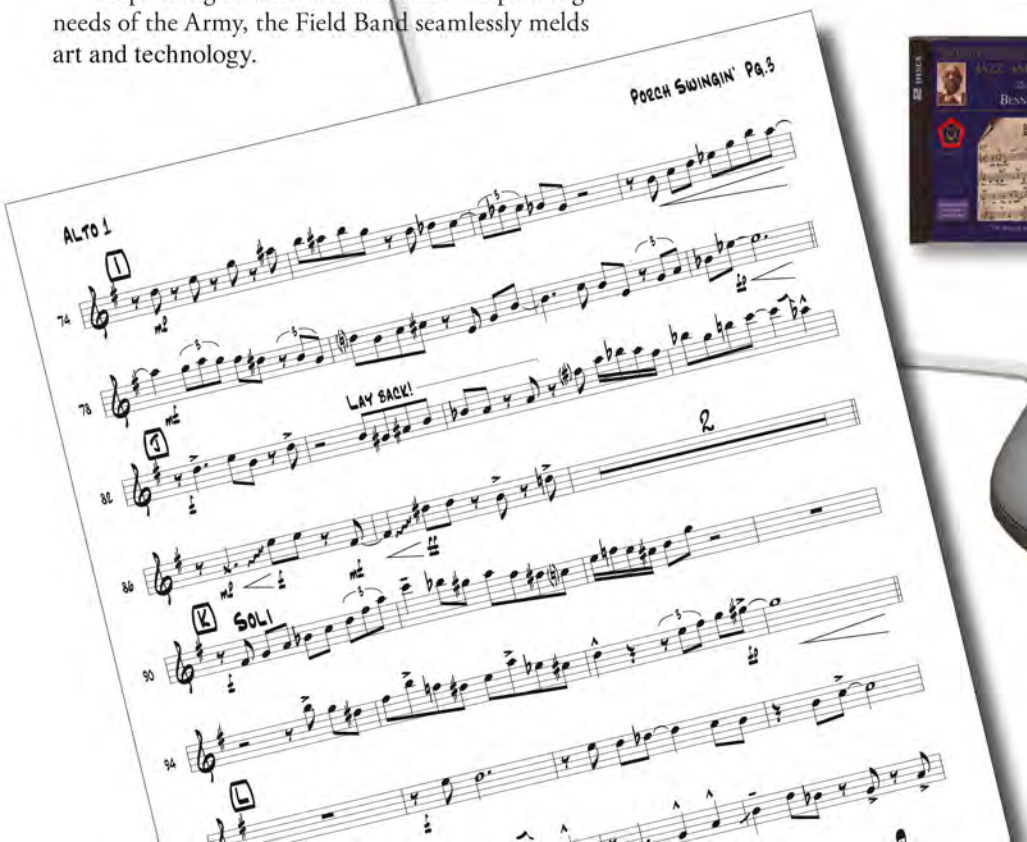
Enhanced CD (E-CD) technology expands the listener's experience of the music. ***The Legacy of Benny Carter E-CD*** by the Jazz Ambassadors has extras that can be easily accessed. When loaded into a computer's CD drive, the E-CD opens automatically, then guides the user with interactive windows. PDF files of printed music—including parts and full scores—are available, making it possible to download and print compositions for use by students. Features on future recordings may include high-resolution images and video clips.

Expanding its outreach to meet the expanding needs of the Army, the Field Band seamlessly melds art and technology.

Above: *Menu of options from our newest DVD,* The Complete Percussionist

Far Left: *An example of music that can be downloaded from the* Education *section of our website*

Left: The Legacy of Benny Carter *is a 2-disc Enhanced CD set that features the music of Benny Carter and PDF files of printed music, including parts and full scores*



On the Road Again

Spring Tour 2006

Concert Band and Soldiers' Chorus

Wednesday, March 1	Orem, UT
Thursday, March 2	Cedar City, UT
Friday, March 3	Hurricane, UT
Saturday, March 4	Henderson, NV
Sunday, March 5	Lake Havasu City, AZ
Monday, March 6	Prescott, AZ
Tuesday, March 7	Sun City West, AZ
Thursday, March 9	Tempe, AZ
Friday, March 10	Casa Grande, AZ
Saturday, March 11	Sierra Vista, AZ
Sunday, March 12	Sun City, AZ
Monday, March 13	Palm Springs, CA
Tuesday, March 14	San Diego, CA
Wednesday, March 15	Oxnard, CA
Thursday, March 16	Fresno, CA
Friday, March 17	Monterey, CA
Sunday, March 19	Yountville, CA
Tuesday, March 21	Reno, NV
Wednesday, March 22	Sacramento, CA
Thursday, March 23	Redding, CA
Friday, March 24	Roseburg, OR
Saturday, March 25	Astoria, OR
Sunday, March 26	Centralia, WA
Monday, March 27	Port Angeles, WA
Tuesday, March 28	Tacoma, WA
Thursday, March 30	Wenatchee, WA
Friday, March 31	Pasco, WA
Saturday, April 1	Baker City, OR
Sunday, April 2	Boise, ID
Monday, April 3	Blackfoot, ID

The Musical Ambassadors of the Army

Jazz Ambassadors

Tuesday, February 28 ..... Greeley, CO
Wednesday, March 1 ..... Loveland, CO
Thursday, March 2 ..... Pueblo, CO
Friday, March 3 ..... Rocky Ford, CO
Saturday, March 4 ..... Garden City, KS
Sunday, March 5 ..... Larned, KS
Monday, March 6 ..... Lyons, KS
Tuesday, March 7 ..... El Dorado, KS
Thursday, March 9 ..... Arkansas City, KS
Friday, March 10 ..... Kansas City, MO
Saturday, March 11 ..... Ft. Leavenworth, KS
Sunday, March 12 ..... Warrensburg, MO
Tuesday, March 14 ..... Trenton, MO
Wednesday, March 15 ..... Sedalia, MO
Thursday, March 16 ..... St. Louis, MO
Saturday, March 18 ..... Farmington, MO
Sunday, March 19 ..... Flora, IL
Monday, March 20 ..... Mt. Vernon, IL
Tuesday, March 21 ..... Mt. Carmel, IL
Wednesday, March 22 ..... Princeton, IN
Thursday, March 23 ..... Evansville, IN
Sunday, March 26 ..... Bloomington, IN
Monday, March 27 ..... Madison, IN
Tuesday, March 28 ..... Maysville, KY
Wednesday, March 29 ..... Huntington, WV
Thursday, March 30 ..... Parkersburg, WV
Friday, March 31 ..... Elkins, WV

Volunteers

This spring The U.S. Army Field Band's high-energy popular music group, the Volunteers, will perform for young Americans in schools throughout the country. The Volunteers share today's top hits in their exciting show, featuring the latest music from artists such as U2 and Outkast.

The Volunteers will perform for students in the following communities this spring:

March 6–9 ..... Levittown, PA
March 10 ..... Fairless Hills, PA
March 12 ..... Pittsburgh, PA
March 14–15 ..... Butler, PA
March 16–17 ..... Morgantown, WV
March 18 ..... Beckley, WV
March 19–21 ..... Lexington, KY
March 22–23 ..... Bowling Green, KY
March 26 ..... Branson, MO
March 27–29 ..... Springfield, MO
March 30 ..... Joplin, MO
March 31–April 1 ..... Wichita, KS
April 2–5 ..... Kansas City, KS

The United States Army Field Band

commemorates its 60th anniversary with a year-long series of events. A concert on February 22 at The Music Center at Strathmore in North Bethesda, Maryland, launches this special celebration.

The Mission

of The United States Army Field Band is "to carry into the grassroots of our country the story of our magnificent Army." In performances across America and throughout the world, the men and women of this organization take great pride in reflecting the excellence of all our nation's Soldiers.

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Jazz Ambassadors:
American Originals

Recordings and performances highlight the creative talents of the Jazz Ambassadors by including original compositions and arrangements by its members. These original charts range from vocal selections and bebop to Latin music and contemporary jazz, providing a unique glimpse at their most recent work. A fan in South Carolina highlighted the quality of these talents. "I had the privilege of listening to the Jazz Ambassadors yesterday. I especially enjoyed the original arrangements. The band was tight and the program was a good balance of various styles and genres of the jazz idiom. I sincerely appreciate the efforts to share the gift of music with the citizens of this country and look forward to hearing more in the future!"

For those who may have missed recent concerts, music of the Jazz Ambassadors can be found online. Free audio files can be downloaded from the Listening Room at *www.armyfieldband.com.* Educators will also be inspired by online reference materials which accompany the recent video ***Inside the Big Band.*** Through new recordings and concerts by the Jazz Ambassadors, music lovers across America can learn why one concertgoer in Florida wrote, "The musicians, musicianship, and arranging were just top-notch, excellent and tight… The jazz was pure and from the heart!"

Members of the Jazz Ambassadors captivated audiences throughout the southeast

Volunteers:
A Tour de Force

The U.S. Army Field Band has always relied upon the versatility and energy of the Volunteers. The five-member band performs in a variety of styles, ranging from rock to country and pop to jazz. On a recent tour, the ensemble emphasized flexibility by adding a horn section and a guest vocalist from the Jazz Ambassadors. With an augmented group and a new program in tow, the Volunteers toured one of the most exotic places in the country—Hawaii.

This extraordinary collaboration proved very successful. The musicians' lively performances thrilled Hawaiian audiences. One fan in Kahului wrote, "I wish we had a dance floor to move around. It's really hard to dance sitting in your chair!" On the island of Molokai, with a population of 7,000 people, the combo attracted 1,000 concertgoers. An audience member there raved, "Mahalo nui loa!! (Thank you very much.) We rarely see and hear such great entertainment!" These listeners also received a special treat when a local singer asked to perform a song with the Volunteers. Without a second thought, the musicians cheerfully accompanied her as she sang Patsy Cline's "Crazy."

The Volunteers, onstage in Hawaii

No matter what the mission, whether a flight to California or a short drive to Delaware, the Volunteers will continue to flex their musical muscles and perform high-energy concerts for audiences far and near.

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Concert Band:
Devotion to Duty

The Concert Band of The United States Army Field Band demonstrates a continued commitment to outreach through unique performances that touch the hearts of the American people and our Soldiers overseas.

The Musical Ambassadors constantly seek to expand core audiences by performing at standard concert venues and at notable venues and events such as NASCAR races, the U.S. Army All-American Bowl, holiday broadcast performances, and other occasions.

"You ought to come out more often!" urged an audience member and long-time NASCAR fan after the Concert Band performed marches, patriotic songs, and the National Anthem at Dover International Speedway in Dover, Delaware.

Recent combat veterans shared the stage with the Concert Band on many occasions

The Army's Musical Ambassadors also take great pride in performing for fellow Soldiers who currently serzve abroad. The annual holiday concert given by the Concert Band and Soldiers' Chorus is broadcast to military installations worldwide. Staff Sergeant Melissa Dunne, harpist with the band, spoke eloquently. "I think it is absolutely wonderful we are performing for our fellow Soldiers…it is a way for us to share holiday spirit and remind us of the great unity the United States Army has instilled in all of us."

Meeting new faces in new venues is yet another way that The U.S. Army Field Band strives to develop and encourage audiences both nationally and internationally.

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Soldiers' Chorus:
Innovative Approaches

The Soldiers' Chorus finds new direction through innovative repertoire and by expanding audiences. Its director, First Lieutenant Daniel Toven, envisions the chorus "broadening the understanding of the American choral music repertoire and the awareness of the chorus' mission among Americans." Two special projects assist in accomplishing these visions. In addition to participating in the Field Band's ***National Anthem DVD***, the chorus will feature compositions by American students of the legendary teacher Nadia Boulanger on a recording to be released in 2007.

Fall tour found the Soldiers' Chorus reaching new audiences in the South. Choir members of Mt. Ephraim Baptist Church in Atlanta joined the Musical Ambassadors for a gospel number during an evening concert. Mt. Ephraim's choir director, Reverend Lee Franklin, remarked, "It was amazing! I loved the diversity of musical programming. Now we know who you are." Recitals for faculty and students at Spelman College and The Florida State University also brought the Army's premier mixed chorus to a wide array of audiences.

Lieutenant Toven describes the continued outreach of the Soldiers' Chorus as "maintaining a busy touring schedule, continuing to reach as wide an audience as possible with diverse repertoire, and working to sustain its standard of excellence." The chorus travels forward using innovative means to bring music to the American people.

Soldiers' Chorus members sought opportunities to inspire new audiences

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—Lois Faber
Charlottesville, VA

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As we plan our tours for 2006 and 2007 (see the proposed list of states below), we encourage you to consider sponsoring a concert in your area. We ask that a sponsor provide us with a location to play and effectively publicize our performance. We strive to make these tasks as easy as possible by providing a wide range of support for our sponsors. Our tours are booked as much as eighteen months in advance, so please contact us as soon as possible. We attempt to fulfill all requests as we schedule our travels throughout the country.

Fall Tour 2006: Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, and portions of Maryland and Pennsylvania

Spring Tour 2007: Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, and portions of Alabama, North Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia

Fall Tour 2007: Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and portions of Illinois, Indiana, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia