



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 Field Band's components tour a 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 forties to the contemporary hits of today, the members of the Jazz Ambassadors present a musical program that appeals to all ages. Their unique sound and versatility have earned them international recognition. In addition to formal public concerts, the Jazz Ambassadors frequently present clinics for high schools and colleges, and perform on local and network television.

In recent years, international touring has become an important part of the Field Band's mission. The Jazz Ambassadors completed a month-long tour of the Republic of India in April of 1989. In July 1989, the band toured six countries in Europe, and had the honor of performing at four of the world's most prestigious jazz festivals. The Jazz Ambassadors were the first military band to perform on the main stage at the famed Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland. In 1990, the Jazz Ambassadors appeared at the world famous Newport Jazz Festival in Rhode Island. They performed in Tokyo, Japan, in 1993 for the grand opening of the Japan branch of the Glenn Miller Birthplace Society. In May 1995, the band was invited to perform at the New York-Brussels Jazz Rally with Jean "Toots" Thielemans as guest artist.

Costs for transportation, lodging, and meals are paid by the Department of the Army. 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 30 feet by 30 feet.

Each concert must be presented on an admission-free basis as a public service. 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.