



The United States Army Field Band

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THE VOLUNTEERS **of The United States Army Field Band**

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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. In approximately 400 touring days in 2005, the Field Band's components appeared before live audiences totaling over 1.3 million people and broadcast to more than 50 million people.

The Volunteers, formed in 1981, is a six-piece musical show band that takes the best popular music and blends it in a show that appeals to all ages. The group has performed before millions of listeners throughout America and abroad. Recent tours have included performances in Puerto Rico, Nicaragua, Mexico, the Mardi Gras in New Orleans, and a tour of the Hawaiian Islands. The Volunteers perform annually at Disney's Epcot Center for its Memorial Day celebration. In 2005, they performed for over 18,000 at the National Rodeo Finals in Las Vegas.

The Volunteers has also reached out to small audiences who seldom get to enjoy quality live entertainment. Senior citizen centers, special education schools, and children's hospitals have benefited from the group's talent and ability to relate to all audiences. The Volunteers has been presented the Army Community Relations Award of Excellence by the Chief of Public Affairs, in recognition of their work with the Johns Hopkins Children's Center and the Rolling Road Special Education School in Baltimore. This is the highest award given by the Department of the Army for support to Army Community Relations.

During tours, 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.

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 performance by the Volunteers, 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.