



The United States Army Field Band

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CONCERT BAND AND SOLDIERS' CHORUS

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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 2015, the Army Field Band's components appeared before live audiences totaling more than 300,000 people.

The Concert Band and Soldiers' Chorus, the largest performing components, consist of a 60-piece concert band and a 29-voice mixed chorus. These select musicians were trained at renowned conservatories and universities throughout the country. The groups have toured for more than 70 years, and offer a varied repertoire of original and standard concert music, pop, patriotic, and show tunes in a program that appeals to all ages. In addition to the formal public performances, both the Concert Band and Soldiers' Chorus frequently present educational outreach programs at high schools and colleges, and perform on local and network television. The band and chorus also perform independently, and have recently shared the stage with such ensembles as the Boston Pops, the Cincinnati Pops, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and the National Symphony Orchestra.

In addition to their national tours, formal concerts, chamber recitals, and educational outreach, members of the Concert Band & Soldiers' Chorus frequently represent the Army at formal and ceremonial functions, including the Presidential Inaugural Parade, presidential funerals, the Army All-American Bowl, and diplomatic efforts overseas.

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. Army Field Band concerts are normally presented in concert sites with seating capacities of 1,500 or more. Also, please keep in mind that due to the wide variety of musical selections, the Band and Chorus require a 40' x 40' performance area.

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 an Army Field Band 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.