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featuring dancers from  
**"So You Think You Can Dance"  
& "Dancing with the Stars"**  
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Jamile McGee & Garry Gekhman

**Sunday, March 6**  
Country Music Rockers  
**Lonestar**

### Let's Dance! Guest Artist Series to begin Feb. 20

The United States Air Force Band's 2011 Guest Artist Series opens on Feb. 20 with stars from the hit television shows "So You Think You Can Dance" and "Dancing with the Stars." This program will feature "So You Think You Can Dance" winners Benji Schwimmer (swing) and Sabra Johnson (contemporary) and third place finalist Jamile McGee (hip hop), as well as "Dancing with the Stars" featured Ballroom-dancer Garry Gekhman and his partner. Musicians from the Band's Max Impact, Airmen of Note, Singing Sergeants and Air Force Strings will provide the music. The free, non-ticketed performance will take place at historic Daughters of the American Revolution Constitution Hall in downtown Washington, D.C. This is an event you don't want to miss!

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### Jordan Luloff Wins Young Artist Competition

The United States Air Force Band is proud to announce that the winner of its 2011 Colonel George S. Howard Young Artist Competition is saxophone soloist Jordan Luloff of Okemos, Mich. Luloff, a senior at Okemos High School, competed with four other finalists from across the nation in a recital on Jan. 27, 2011, at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling. His winning performance with the Concert Band will take place on March 6, 2011, at 3 p.m. as part of the Band's Guest Artist Series at historic Daughters of the American Revolution Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. The country rockers Lonestar will also be featured on the program.

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### The U.S. Air Force Band to Perform at New Jersey Music Educators Association Convention



On Feb. 25, the Concert Band and Singing Sergeants will perform at the 2011 New Jersey Music Educators Association (NJMEA) Convention at the Brunswick Hilton and Towers in East Brunswick, N.J. The concert, which will be free and open to the public, will begin at 8 p.m. The program will also feature members of the NJMEA All-State Band--a collection of the most outstanding high school band musicians in the state of New Jersey--in conjunction with The U.S. Air Force Band.

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## OFFSTAGE!



It has been said that a garden is a form of autobiography. If that is true, then Master Sgt. Julianna Arnold has quite a story to tell. The cultivator of a 37' x 23' garden that boasts over thirty varieties of plants (including 16 different tomato plants), Sergeant Arnold has been captivated by the allure of gardening since 2005. The results of her efforts have been more abundant than she could have ever imagined.

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## U.S. Air Force Band Members Perform at Navy Sax Symposium

Each year, The United States Navy Band hosts the International Saxophone Symposium at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. This year, Master Sgts. Jeremy Koch and John Romano--members of The U.S. Air Force Concert Band, performed at the conference. Sergeant Koch, a saxophonist in the Band, began his program with "Giallo." This work was composed by Nathan Lincoln-Decusaties and was written especially for the occasion. Sergeant Romano--bass clarinetist with the Band--joined Sergeant Koch for another new work, "Pit Band," by William Albright.

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## Upcoming Events

### Guest Artist Series - Washington, D.C.

Feb 20 - Featuring dancers from "So You Think You Can Dance" and "Dancing with the Stars"

Mar 6 - Country music rockers Lonestar

### Upcoming Auditions

**Trombone - Ceremonial Brass Auditions Feb 22, 2011**

[Click here](#) for more information on upcoming auditions.

Please see our [calendar](#) for specific information on these and other upcoming performances!

## Recollections

The United States Air Force Band is continually working to expand our archives and capture details of the historic music made throughout the years. "Recollections" was designed to enlist your help in this process. If you have any behind-the-scenes stories from these events or memories to share from the feature photographs, please email Band Historian Tech. Sgt. Tracey MacDonald at [USAFBandHistorian@afncr.af.mil](mailto:USAFBandHistorian@afncr.af.mil). Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you!

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## Recollections Revealed

To read newly-discovered background information pertaining to the photos we included in last month's Cadenza, please [click here](#).

## Hails and Farewells

The United States Air Force Band wishes to say thank you and farewell to the following members:

Senior Master Sgt. Andrew Wilson, Concert Band - *Retirement*  
 Tech. Sgt. Darrin Thiriot, Concert Band - *Separation*  
 Tech. Sgt. Tyler Sieh, Air Force Strings - *Separation*

And we would like to welcome our newest member:

Tech. Sgt. Megan Russell, Piccolo - *Concert Band*

## In Memoriam

Beginning this month, the Cadenza's "In Memoriam" section will list our organization's former members who have passed away. Since this is the first time we've featured this section, we are listing the names of Band alumni who died in 2010 about whom we received notification.

Kenneth J. "Kenny" Eshelman	February 12, 2010
George Robert Merritt	February 15, 2010
Judith Ann Lapple	August 10, 2010
Garold W. "Jerry" Eaglin	September 9, 2010
Joe Olexa	November 3, 2010
William Kendrick "Ken" Schwab, Jr.	November 17, 2010
Glenn J. Valmont	December 5, 2010
Jane R. Bockenek	December 8, 2010

The following Band alumni passed away in January 2011:

George Milo Phelps

January 16, 2011

Dana Steinhauser

January 18, 2011

If you know of a former member of our organization who has recently passed away, please let us know, so that we may list his or her information.

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