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Mark Your Calendars—Summer Series Starts NOW

The United States Air Force Band invites you and your family to make this a summer to remember by joining us for the 2011 Summer Concert Series. Featuring the Air Force Strings, Airmen of Note, Concert Band, Max Impact and Singing Sergeants, the Series takes place at landmarks such as the Air Force Memorial, the west steps of the U.S. Capitol Building and local high schools in Virginia and Maryland. All performances are at 8 pm and are free of charge; no tickets required.

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Band Commander Promotes to Colonel

The Assistant Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Lieutenant General Richard Y. Newton III, presided over the promotion of Colonel A. Phillip Waite to Colonel April 29 at Historic Hangar 2, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, D.C. Col. Waite was joined by many of his friends and family members, and the ceremony featured performances by Brass Quintet and the Singing Sergeants.

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Clinician's Corner



Developing Your Unique Musical "Voice"

By Tech. Sgt. Ani Berberian
Clarinet, Concert Band

As professional musicians, we continually strive to obtain technical mastery on our respective instruments. For most of us, this is an understood life-long process. However, the process of developing musical maturity can be a more difficult concept to grasp, because this process may seem less straightforward and concrete than say developing technical prowess. Therefore, it can be a daunting task, especially when approaching a brand new composition or a lesser known and performed work.

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The Stars Shine at Strathmore



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On May 12, The United States Air Force Strings, Airmen of Note, Singing Sergeants, Ceremonial Brass and Max Impact joined forces with a host of world-class guest artists at the Music Center at Strathmore in Bethesda, Md. The performance was the fourth annual concert gala, "America's Veterans--A Musical Tribute."

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Band Names New Superintendent

Chief Master Sgt. Carl Long, of The U.S. Air Force Band, stepped away from his 24-year career as a performer to assume the mantle of band superintendent April 26.

Chief Long now works the administrative side of the house, assisting with details that oversee the USAF band's approximately 2,000 performances a year. Former superintendent, Chief Master Sgt. Elizabeth Schouten, is slated to retire Aug. 1.



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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 our Band Historian Tech. Sgt. Tracey MacDonald at USAFBandHistorian@afncr.af.mil. Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you!

Please click the image below to see it on our website. When there, select "Download Full Image" to view a larger, more detailed picture.



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:

Master Sgt. Lorraine Haddad, Concert Band - *Retirement*
Master Sgt. Mary Beth George, Concert Band - *Retirement*
Master Sgt. Lisa Maloney, Concert Band - *Retirement*
Master Sgt. David Bandman, Ceremonial Brass - *Retirement*

And we would like to welcome our newest members:

Tech. Sgt. Brian Wahrlich, Clarinet - *Concert Band*
Tech. Sgt. Kristopher Westrich, Trumpet - *Concert Band*

Upcoming Events

Summer Concert Series

At Bishop Ireton High School
in Alexandria, Virginia

June 1

At the Air Force Memorial
in Arlington, Virginia

June 3, 10, 17, 24

At the U.S. Capitol Steps

June 7, 14, 21, 18

At Hayfield Secondary School
in Alexandria, Virginia

June 8

At Woodson High School
in Fairfax, Virginia

June 15, 22

At TC Williams High School
in Alexandria, Virginia

June 29

Chamber Player Series

June 3 - Alexandria, Virginia

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

In Memoriam

The following Band alumni passed away in May 2011:

Harvey Etheridge	May 2, 2011
Charlie Mcilroy	May 4, 2011
John Osiecki	May 26, 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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