



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
Band of Mid-America

# Fact Sheet

Concert Band

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The United States Air Force Band of Mid-America **Concert Band** represents the professionalism and excellence found every day throughout the Air Force. This diverse, 45-piece ensemble's repertoire ranges from symphonic band masterworks, to traditional marches, to modern compositions, to pops and jazz. During a concert, you are likely to hear stirring works from contemporary composers as well as the familiar sounds of John Philip Sousa or Major Glenn Miller. The band also features talented vocal soloists, performing a wide variety of popular, classical, and patriotic selections.

This ensemble primarily performs free civic outreach and recruiting concerts for audiences throughout the Midwest, playing more than 100 engagements each year. In its broader travels, the band has performed in New York City, Philadelphia, Seattle, the Gulf Coast, Germany, the Netherlands, Costa Rica, Barbados, Grenada, Guatemala, Venezuela, Bolivia, and the Azores. Each year, band members perform live before hundreds of thousands of people, and for millions more on television and radio broadcasts.

The Concert Band is often called upon to provide musical support for visiting dignitaries, and has had the distinction of performing for Pope John Paul II, Presidents George W. Bush, William J. Clinton, George H.W. Bush, and Jimmy Carter, the Queen of the Netherlands, and hundreds of other US and foreign leaders. In November 2004, the ensemble traveled to Little Rock, Arkansas to support the nationally televised grand opening of the William J. Clinton Presidential Library. The band has also backed many notable guest artists such as Bob Hope, Wilford Brimley, Jamie Farr, and the U.S.O. Girls.

Whether performing for a head of state, before a capacity crowd in our six-state touring area, or for our troops at home or abroad, the Concert Band reflects the heritage and pride of our great nation and the United States Air Force.

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