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The U.S. Army Band presents Tchaikovsky's "Overture 1812" Concert

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own" presents its annual performance of "Overture 1812" featuring the U.S. Army Concert Band, Chorus, and Herald Trumpets, Saturday, Aug. 19, 8 p.m. on Summerall Field at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Virginia.

"The "Overture 1812" concert is a **FREE** late-summer tradition in Washington for more than 30 years and we're very pleased to make this concert more accessible to our Arlington neighbors this year," said Col. Andrew Esch, the 11th leader and commander of The U.S. Army Band. "The 90-minute performance is perhaps one of the finest examples of storytelling through music."

Alongside patriotic favorites by John Philip Sousa, Randol Alan Bass' *Casey at the Bat*, a medley of music from Alan Menken's *Beauty and the Beast*, and a special final performance by Master Sgt. Alvy Powell, a member of The U.S. Army Chorus.

The concert will conclude with a bang – literally! The 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) Presidential Salute Gun Battery lends its special talent to the performance with four 5,775-pound World War II era anti-tank guns. The guns will fire 75mm blank shells with one-and-a-half pounds of gunpowder. A total of 33 shots will be fired, including the final volley from all four cannons.

Bleacher seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Patrons are encouraged to bring a blanket or low-seat lawn chairs as there is plenty of grass seating available to enjoy the sights and sounds as "Pershing's Own" and the Presidential Salute Gun Battery light up the night.

For more information about The U.S. Army Band, visit "Pershing's Own's" website at <http://usarmyband.com/>.

Interested media, contact the U.S. Army Military District of Washington at usarmy.mcnair.mdw.mbx.mediadesk-omb@mail.mil or 202-685-4645.

EDITOR'S NOTES:

- Patrons are required to pass through a security checkpoint to gain access to the field. Patrons 18 or older must present a valid photo ID. Bags are subject to being search.
- Prohibited items include: larger coolers, alcohol and glass containers. Food is permitted.
- Vehicles and pedestrians may enter through the Hatfield Gate (off Washington Boulevard and 2nd Street); Henry Gate (off Route 50) will be open to pedestrians and cyclists from 6-10:30 p.m.
- In the event of inclement weather, the concert will move indoors to Conmy Hall, adjacent to Summerall Field. Conmy Hall provides stadium seating.
- The concert will be broadcast live. Visit <http://usarmyband.com/> or links and more information.

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