



Fact Sheet

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The U.S. Army Band Downrange



The U.S. Army Chorale has transformed into Downrange, the popular music ensemble of The United States Army Band “Pershing’s Own.” With its unique and ever-changing repertoire, Downrange directs the spotlight on this dynamic group of active-duty musicians—talented vocalists and a powerful rhythm section. Downrange maintains the highest standards of excellence in musical entertainment and provides an exceptional musical experience.

Downrange originated in 1975 as the Chamber Singers, a choral music ensemble with a repertoire ranging from classical to easy-listening jazz and pop music. In the 1980s, the group integrated show-choir elements into its performances and concentrated on pop and patriotic music—becoming The U.S. Army Chorale. During this period, the Chorale was featured at events held at the Kennedy Center, the White House, Carnegie Hall, and DAR Constitution Hall. The group grew in popularity and quickly became identified as the premier vocal music entertainment ensemble of the United States Army. In 2002, then Sergeant Major of the Army Jack L. Tilley asked “Pershing’s Own” for volunteers to join a contingent of USO performers for an exceptional opportunity—to travel at Christmastime with his “Hope and Freedom Tour” to entertain deployed troops throughout Southwest Asia. These volunteers, several of whom from the Chorale, were the first members of the Army Band to go “downrange” into a theater of foreign combat operations since WWII. This annual Sergeant Major of the Army-sponsored boots-on-the-ground mission has become an annual event, and over the years has inspired the new look and sound that is now The U.S. Army Band Downrange. To expand its repertoire, the group has augmented its vocal talent with the permanent addition of lead guitar, bass, and drum instrumentalists. Today, Downrange enjoys popularity with Soldiers with its continuously up-to-date repertoire and inspires local audiences with its signature patriotic showpieces.

Downrange embraces its new mission as a strategic public relations asset for the U.S. Army, and stands ready to entertain audiences at home and around the world. The men and women of Downrange are not just “present and accounted for.” They are on the move and on the frontline—setting the popular-music entertainment standard for The U.S. Army Band and the United States Army.