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The U.S. Army Band “Pershing’s Own” to perform Tchaikovsky’s “Overture 1812”

FORT LESLEY J. MCNAIR, D.C. –The U.S. Army Band Pershing’s Own will present its annual, free, family-friendly 1812 Overture Concert, Saturday, August 17, at 8 p.m., on historic Fort Myer’s Summerall Field in Arlington, Virginia.

The 90-minute program features The U.S. Army Concert Band, Herald Trumpets, the U.S. Army Chorus, vocal soloists from Pershing’s Own and The U.S. Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps. This year’s special guest will be singer, composer, arts advocate and 2019 Miss America Nia Franklin.

The evening’s program features an enjoyable blend of light classical music, songs from the Broadway stage and classic rock. Program highlights include selections from the hit Broadway show “Dear Evan Hansen”, George Gershwin’s “Rhapsody in Blue” and a medley of tunes from the classic rock band Queen, featuring The U.S. Army Voices. Additionally, The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps will perform the world premiere of an arrangement of traditional American songs written specifically for this unique group of musicians.

“We’re very happy to feature our colleagues from The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps this year. Their unique instrumentation and their highly polished performances are always impressive to watch. We’re also pleased to share the stage with Miss America Nia Franklin, who besides being a talented singer and composer, speaks with great passion on music’s ability to foster creativity and build a shared sense of community,” Col. Andrew Esch, the 11th leader and commander of The U.S. Army Band, said.

Returning to Summerall Field for this end-of-summer tradition will be the four 5,775-pound World War II-era anti-tank guns of the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) Presidential Salute Battery. 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.

EDITOR’S NOTE:

- The performance is free; no tickets are required. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be performed on Sunday, August 18 in the same location.
- Patrons in vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians may enter Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall via the Hatfield Gate (off Washington Blvd and 2nd St). The Henry Gate (at Route 50 and N. Pershing Dr.) will be open from 6-10:30 p.m. for pedestrians and cyclists only, and will be a convenient drop off point for ride share services like Uber and Lyft.
- Everyone is subject to a security search and a valid photo ID is required for all patrons over 18 years old.

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- Bleacher seating is available on Summerall Field on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 6 p.m. and there will be plenty of grass seating for blankets and low-chairs. Food is permitted; however, no coolers, alcohol, or glass containers.
- The concert will be broadcast live. Visit usarmyband.com for links and more information.

MEDIA REGISTRATION:

Media interested in covering this event must register by **3 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 15**. To be placed on the credentialed list, send an email to usarmy.mcnair.mdw.mbx.mediadesk-omb@mail.mil with the following information:

- **Full name (first, middle initial and last)**
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- **Contact phone number**
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Media must express interview requests during registration.

Media interested in covering the event live are permitted to bring mobile broadcasting equipment capable of live feeds. Please provide this information when registering.

The U.S. Army Military District of Washington Public Affairs Office will contact media outlets with their credential status no later than **4 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 15**.

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