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U.S. Army Band's "1812 Overture Concert" is back in Arlington!

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own" presents annual family-friendly *1812 Overture Concert*, Saturday, Aug. 18, at 8 p.m., on historic Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall's Summerall Field, Arlington, Virginia.

The 90-minute **FREE** concert features The U.S. Army Concert Band, Herald Trumpets, the Army Chorus, and vocal soloists from "Pershing's Own."

The evening's performance features an enjoyable blend of classical, pop, and music from the stage and screen. Program highlights include selections from the hit Broadway show *Hamilton* and music honoring Vietnam Veterans by the Rolling Stones, Johnny Cash, and Simon & Garfunkel. In keeping with the over 50-year summer tradition, the concert concludes with Tchaikovsky's inimitable masterpiece: *1812 Overture*.

"We're very pleased to make this concert more accessible to our Arlington neighbors again this year," said Col. Andrew Esch, commander of The U.S. Army Band. "The energy the crowd brings to a concert makes for a very powerful experience for everyone!"

The concert will conclude with a bang – literally! The 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) Presidential Salute Battery will fire 75mm blank shells with one-and-a-half pounds of gunpowder from four 5,775-pound World War II era anti-tank guns. A total of 28 shots will be fired, including the final volley from all four cannons. "We're always proud to have our Old Guard partners, the Soldiers of the Presidential Salute Battery, join us on the concert's title piece. The live cannons make the performance unlike any other," said Esch.

Bleacher seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 6 p.m. Patrons are encouraged to bring a blanket or low-seat lawn chairs, as there is plenty of grass seating.

For more information about The U.S. Army Band, visit "Pershing's Own's" website at www.usarmyband.com.

Interested media, may contact the U.S. Army Military District of Washington at usarmy.mcnair.mdw.mbx.mediadesk-omb@mail.mil no later than 3 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 16, to coordinate media coverage.

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 searched.
- 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. Henry Gate is a convenient drop-off point for ride share services like Uber and Lyft.
- 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 www.usarmyband.com or links and more information.

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