

Hear jazz, big band sounds at free concerts

US Air Force Band of the Golden West to play Liberty Theater

LONGVIEW, Wash. and ASTORIA — The Commanders Jazz Ensemble, part of the U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West from Travis Air Force Base California, is swinging into the Northwest for two free concerts.

First, the group will perform at the Columbia Theatre in Longview, Washington, at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29. Then, the band will perform at 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30 at the Liberty Theater in Astoria. Free tickets are available at the respecting

The Commanders Jazz Ensemble

7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29

Columbia Theatre

1231 Vandercook Way, Longview, Wash.

4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30

Liberty Theater

1203 Commercial St., Astoria • Free

box offices.

Under the direction of Master Sgt. Jeremiah True, the Commanders band carries on

the American musical tradition of great traveling big bands, yet offers a lot more than big band sound. This energetic group

of highly trained professional airmen-musicians offers an entertaining show you won't soon forget.

You're likely to hear the music of jazz legends Duke Ellington, Woody Herman and Count Basie as well as contemporary big band leaders and composers such as Gordon Goodwin and Maria Schneider. And no concert would be complete without a tribute to the late Maj. Glenn Miller and his famous Army Air Corp band. Featuring outstanding soloists as well as a superb vocalist, the Commanders is an ensemble capable of delivering a powerful musical performance.

Touring the western states of Arizona, California, Nevada, Oregon, Idaho, Utah and Washington, the U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West has performed for thousands of listeners in live concerts and millions worldwide via its numerous recordings and television and radio broadcasts.

The only active-duty Air Force band west of the Rockies, the Band of the Golden West is dedicated to using the power of music to inspire Air Force members and the nation, producing innovative musical programs and products, and communicating Air Force excellence.

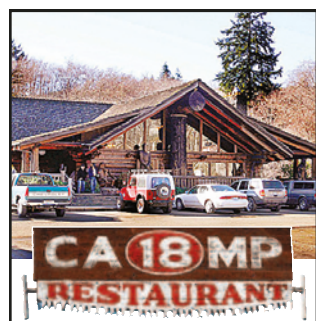


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