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WHEELING WELCOMES U.S ARMY FIELD BAND ON JULY 6

Wheeling, WV – On Friday, July 6, the United States Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus will perform a free concert at Heritage Port at 7:30 p.m. The 90-minute performance is open to the public and will take place in the amphitheater.

The world-renowned Army Field Band of Washington, DC, is known as the "Musical Ambassadors of the Army." The band is under the operational control of the Army's Chief of Public Affairs at the Pentagon.

Per the group's website, "The Field Band travels thousands of miles each year on three major concert tours, and is considered by music critics to be one of the most distinctive musical organizations now appearing before the public. All concert tours are conducted at the direction of the Secretary of the Army, and performances are open to the general public, free of charge."

"The Field Band was organized on March 21, 1946, when General Jacob L. Devers issued the following order to Chief Warrant Officer Chester E. Whiting, the commander of the Army's First Combat Infantry Band:

'I want you to organize a band that will carry into the grassroots of our country the story of our magnificent Army, its glorious traditions and achievements; and of the great symbol of American manhood—the ground soldier.'"

For more information, visit the U.S. Army Field Band online <http://www.armyfieldband.com/>.

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