

Program to be selected from:

Overture to *The Barber of Seville* -- Gioacchino Rossini; *arr. Michael Allen*

Largo al Factotum -- Gioacchino Rossini; *arr. Matthew C. Erickson*

Concertino for Xylophone - III. Presto -- Toshiro Mayuzumi; *arr. Matthew C. Erickson*

“Thou Shalt Break Them” from *Messiah* -- George Fredrick Handel

Toccata and Fugue in d minor -- Johann Sebastian Bach; *arr. Michael Allen*

Canzon duodecimi toni -- Giovanni Gabrieli; *ed. Robert King*

Der Erlkönig -- Franz Schubert; *arr. Matthew C. Erickson*

Chorale Prelude to “Ich ruf zu dir” -- Johann Sebastian Bach; *arr. Enrique Crespo*

In the Hall of the Mountain King -- Edvard Grieg; *trans. Matthew C. Erickson*

Adagio & Finale from Symphony #3 -- Camille Saint-Saens; *arr. Ken Singleton*

VOCALS

TSgt Kenneth G. Maxwell, Enon Valley PA ▪ former member of the USAF Band's Singing Sergeants ▪ believes every AF band should have one operatic tenor ▪ spends free time playing "Warhammer" ▪ MM, Syracuse University, 1996 & BM, Youngstown State University, 1992

TRUMPET

TSgt Jennifer S. Bales, Arlington TX ▪ enjoys never-ending house renovations, teaching, reading and going to concerts and movies ▪ spends free time watching "Animal Planet" with her cat, Miss Kitty ▪ avid Dallas Cowboys and Texas Rangers fan ▪ MM, Northwestern University, 1988 & BM, Rice University, 1986

TSgt William H. Bjornes, Jr., Hopewell VA ▪ maintains a strong Ohio State University fan presence in Nebraska with his wife, Heidi, and their four children Anja, Elijah, Jonathan, & Daniel ▪ recently added to the chaos of raising three boys by adopting a Golden Retriever puppy ▪ BM, Capital University, 1999

SSgt Eric D. Proper, Warren OH ▪ can often be found in front of a BBQ grill or cooking a mean pot of chili ▪ constantly petitions Congress to make Ohio State vs. Michigan football game a national holiday ▪ lives with his wife, Crystal, and three silly cats ▪ MM, University of Nebraska at Omaha, in progress & BM, Youngstown State University, 1995

SSgt Jeffrey C. Reich, Tempe AZ ▪ has visited many distant and exotic countries in his 8 year career ▪ declares Germany as his favorite country, not because of its bratwurst and beer, but because that's where he met his wife, Silvia ▪ claims his colleagues are still waiting, after 13 years, to see if he's figured out what the buttons on his trumpet actually do! ▪ BM, Arizona State University, 1998

HORN

TSgt Kimberly M. Beasley, Lincoln NE ▪ enjoys fantasy novels, solving Kakuro puzzles and bicycling with her husband, David ▪ committed to the "old" hobbies of crocheting, tatting and sewing ▪ BA in Math and Music, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2000

SSgt Ryan Heseltine, Burke VA ▪ currently thawing out after a three-year tour in Alaska ▪ enjoys spending free time with his wife, Debi, and watching Sesame Street...with his two children, Kelsa and Kaleb, of course! ▪ MM, Illinois State University, 1999 & BM, Arizona State University, 1997

TROMBONE

SSgt Benjamin G. Kadow, Perham MN ▪ deployed to Southwest Asia with the Blue Aces rock band ▪ enjoys going on dates with his wife, Lisa, and playing hide-and-go-seek with his children, Caitlyn and Andrew ▪ eagerly anticipates retirement on a MN lakefront and becoming a landlord ▪ MM, Western Michigan University, 2002 & BME, Concordia College, 2000

Mr. Andrew C. Converse, Rapid City SD ▪ currently a DMA candidate in trombone performance at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln ▪ loves spending time with his wife, Connie, and their dog, Ella ▪ DMA, in progress, MM, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2006 & BM University of South Dakota, 2003

BASS TROMBONE

SSgt Matthew C. Erickson, Marcus IA ▪ Noncommissioned Officer-In-Charge of Brass in Blue ▪ faculty at Iowa Western Community College ▪ has two children, Gabrielle and Colin ▪ when not practicing, he dreams of playing on the PGA Tour ▪ MM, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, in progress & BME, University of South Dakota, 2000

EUPHONIUM

SrA Meredith N. Healy, Canton CT ▪ a versatile performer, comfortable in all styles except jazz ▪ when not locked in a practice room she can be found solving the New York Times Sunday Crossword or cycling around Omaha ▪ BME & BM summa cum laude, University of North Texas, 2004

TUBA

SSgt Mark A. Barnette, Lilburn GA ▪ AF highlights include: 4th of July at Mt Rushmore, the Budakon Festival in Japan, and of course, Basic Training ▪ thanks his parents for not flinching when he said, "I want to play tuba for a living." ▪ MM, Rice University, 1995 & BM Oberlin Conservatory, 1993

PERCUSSION

SrA David A. Pojar, Minneapolis MN ▪ active as the band's marimba soloist, frequently performing his own arrangements and compositions ▪ previously employed as the principal percussionist of the Duluth-Superior Symphony Orchestra ▪ former drummer of the following rock bands: Moral Hazard, His Boy Elroy, and Slow Children (formerly known as Mad Cow Disease)

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