



***Night Flight Jazz Ensemble***

***Big Bands Then and Now***

**Mona Shores High School  
Muskegon, Michigan**

**7:30 p.m., May 22, 2012**



# WEST MICHIGAN CONCERT WINDS

The West Michigan Concert WINDS, formerly the Muskegon Symphonic Band, was founded in the fall of 1979 as a volunteer group of music educators and local residents dedicated to performing outstanding instrumental music in the community. In 1986, the band formed a mutually advantageous affiliation with Muskegon Community College. The WINDS receives an influx of talented college musicians who take the class for credit each year, while the college benefits from the exposure in the community while enhancing its class offerings. The WINDS is an open volunteer auditioned ensemble, drawing members from much of the West Michigan area.

The WINDS love to travel, from several cities within the state, to international festivals in England, Wales, Ireland, Germany, Austria, and Switzerland, sharing their love of music while enhancing the cultural life of other communities. The ensemble has also participated since 1997 in the Red Cedar Festival of Community Bands in Okemos, MI. Three nationally recognized clinicians critically evaluate each band's performance and follow up with a thirty-minute session with one of the clinicians. This learning tool has improved their musicianship and performance techniques.

In April of 2005, the WINDS was one of six bands nationally chosen to perform at the Association of Community Bands' national convention in Quincy, IL. The following year, the group was awarded the John Phillip Sousa Foundation's Sudler Silver Scroll, recognizing the WINDS as demonstrating high standards of excellence in concert activities over a period of several years and a significant and leading role in the cultural and musical environment in the community. This honor has inspired the group to reach for new heights by performing even the more challenging band music of today.

This past May, 2011, the WINDS hosted the Association of Concert Bands national convention in downtown Muskegon with nearly 250 convention guests. Six community concert bands, two convention bands and nine ensembles totaling over 600 musicians presented free concerts to West Michigan audiences. Notable was an appearance by the US Air Force Band of Flight.

Funding for the West Michigan Concert WINDS is provided by Muskegon Community College, grant programs, and local businesses as well as individuals. Donations are tax deductible and accepted throughout the year.

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Tuesday, May 22, 2012

Mona Shores High School Auditorium, Muskegon, Michigan

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***TSgt David Diamond, Noncommissioned Officer in Charge***

### ***~ Big Bands Then and Now ~***

*To be selected from the following:*

Almost Like Being in Love ..... Frederick Loewe, arr. Sebesky/Ernest  
America the Beautiful.....Bates/Ward, arr. Tom Kubis  
American Patrol ..... F.W. Meacham, arr. Jerry Gray  
Anvil Chorus ..... G. Verdi, arr. Jerry Gray  
Bach 2 Part Invention.....J.S. Bach, arr. Gordon Goodwin  
Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea ..... Koeher/Arlen, arr. A1C Luis Rosa  
Carmelo's by The Freeway ..... Bob Florence  
I Love You..... Cole Porter, arr. A1C Luis Rosa  
Knarf .....Michael Abene  
Lament .....J.J. Johnson, arr. TSgt Eric Frank  
Morning..... Clare Fisher, arr. A1C Luis Rosa  
St. Louis Blues ..... W.C. Handy, arr. Glenn Miller  
The Star-Spangled Banner .....arr. Robert Curnow  
Take the "A" Train..... Billy Strayhorn, transc. David Berger  
Tea for Two.....Youmans & Caesar, arr. Rey Santos, adapt. A1C Luis Rosa  
Twenty-Three Red ..... Bill Chase, arr. TSgt Eric Frank  
Us ..... Thad Jones  
A View From the Side..... Bill Holman  
When You're Smiling ..... Shea/Goodwin/Fisher, arr. Tom Kubis  
Where's Teddy ..... Willie Maiden

# NIGHT FLIGHT JAZZ ENSEMBLE

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The Night Flight Jazz Ensemble is one of 13 active duty Air Force jazz bands in existence today. As a direct descendant of the original Glenn Miller Army Air Corps Band, the Night Flight Jazz Ensemble continues to preserve the "Glenn Miller sound," a permanent fixture of America's national musical heritage. This highly acclaimed ensemble performs a diverse and exciting program consisting of swing music of the "Big Band" era, jazz, and Latin compositions from contemporary big bands.

Band of Flight members have cultivated their talents with high-level musical training and a wide range of performance experience. Their expertise has garnered numerous invitations to appear at national and international festivals and conferences, including the Detroit-Montreaux Jazz Festival and the International Trumpet Guild Conference.

Night Flight, along with all of the components of the Band of Flight, enjoys a reputation for excellence throughout Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Kentucky, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania.

*Please address comments regarding this program to:*

**USAF Band of Flight  
Attn: Commander  
3920 Lear Street, Building 1420  
Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433-5721**

The United States Air Force Band of Flight is wholeheartedly committed to reflecting the diversity of our great nation. We actively encourage individuals from all cultural and ethnic backgrounds to learn about their Air Force and seek positions in the band program.

For more information on auditions or upcoming concerts and tours, or to request the band, please visit our website:

**[www.bandofflight.af.mil](http://www.bandofflight.af.mil)**

*The mission of the United States Air Force Band of Flight is to deliver world-class musical products that inspire emotions, create positive impressions and communicate information according to Air Force objectives for the defense of the United States of America.*

*To find out about opportunities in today's United States Air Force, visit*  
**[www.airforce.com](http://www.airforce.com).**

*Comments may also be left on the band's web page: [www.bandofflight.af.mil](http://www.bandofflight.af.mil).  
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## THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BAND OF FLIGHT

### NIGHT FLIGHT ENSEMBLE MEMBERS

#### Alto Saxophones

SSgt Lindsay Zufall – Findlay, OH  
A1C Luis Rosa – San Juan, PR

#### Tenor Saxophone

TSgt Kara Frank – Sioux Falls, SD  
SrA Carlos Serrano – Humacao, PR

#### Baritone Saxophone

TSgt Joshua Fedele – Louisville, KY

#### Trumpet

TSgt Eric Knorr – Wooster, OH  
TSgt Michael Richter – Lake Ronkonkoma, NY  
TSgt David Diamond – Latham, NY\*  
A1C Andrew Fowler – Fort Worth, TX  
A1C Davic Wuchter – Sacramento, CA

#### Tenor Trombone

TSgt Eric Frank – Lansdale, PA  
SSgt Douglas Kost – Zelenople, PA  
SrA Andrew Duncan – North Huntingdon, PA

#### Bass Trombone

SSgt Kaz Kruszewski – Skokie, IL

#### Piano

MSgt Cameron Voorhees – Leavenworth, KS

#### Bass

SSgt Leo Smith – York, PA

#### Drums

SSgt John Sayre – Westminster, MD

#### Audio Engineer/Technical Director

A1C Drew Mealer – Newnan, Georgia

#### Director of Operations

TSgt Dan Bentley – Versailles, OH

\* Noncommissioned Officer-in-Charge



## WELCOME!

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### **U.S. Air Force Band of Flight Night Flight Jazz Ensemble**

Several months ago we were contacted by Technical Sergeant Eric Knorr to host a concert by the Night Flight Jazz Ensemble of the U.S. Air Force Band of Flight from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. Since we have had the pleasure of hearing outstanding concert performances by several Band of Flight ensembles, the West Michigan Concert Winds Board of Directors approved our hosting of tonight's concert. Within three weeks of the approval we had the financial support needed for the event from several area companies and individuals.

Tonight's concert is the second stop of the Night Flight tour in Ohio and Western Michigan. After the Muskegon performance, the band will be playing in Cadillac, Ludington, Rogers City, and concluding their tour on Mackinac Island on May 26<sup>th</sup>. It was just a year ago that the Air Force Band of Flight was the featured concert band at the Frauenthal Theater on the opening night of the Association of Concert Band National Convention hosted by the WINDS. They thrilled a large audience with an exciting program that included marches and patriotic selections. Our convention guests were also treated to some outstanding playing of very challenging concert band literature during this concert.

The Prism Brass ensemble and the Huffman Prairie Winds woodwind quintet from Wright-Patterson AFB performed in the White Lake area several years ago. Their performances featured outstanding soloist and ensemble playing excellence.

Due to restructuring of the military band program in the Air Force, the Band of Flight will no longer be responsible for touring Michigan by summer 2013. Although this might be the Band of Flight's last trip to the Muskegon area, we hope the Band of Mid-America from Scott AFB, Illinois, will continue serving our community with fine military and patriotic music.

We have enjoyed a great working relationship with the Air Force Band of Flight. We will miss their great contributions in supporting the mission of the Air Force and bringing great music to their admiring audiences.

*Howard Meade, President,  
West Michigan Concert WINDS*



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