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MILITARY BANDS HIGHLIGHT JULY 4TH PROGRAMMING

C-SPAN to offer Capital Concerts

Outdoor concerts are an integral part of summer nights in Washington. Now, through C-SPAN, cable viewers across the country will be able to enjoy these Capital events.

Videotaped performances of The U.S. Army Band and the U.S. Navy Band will air throughout the day on July Fourth as part of the C-SPAN cable network's holiday coverage. The Army concert airs at 10AM and 10PM, EDT; the Navy performance can be seen at 6PM and 2AM, EDT.

This is C-SPAN's third summer providing these Capital concerts. Program director Carrie Collins says C-SPAN provides this unique opportunity because, "The service band concerts are traditionally good entertainment and it's an enjoyable way to expand our coverage of Washington public events for the holiday. Viewers should be given the experience of hearing them without having to travel."

The Army band performance, taped at Fort Myer in Arlington, VA, consists of three parts: Birth of a Nation, Rise to World Power, and the Finale. The format is a two-hour pageant which follows American history with performers portraying prominent American figures dressed in uniforms of the period.

Selections from Leonard Bernstein's "West Side Story", performed by the Seachanter's Chorus, are the main feature of the Navy performance, taped at the Capitol's West Terrace. Other selections include the "Colonel Bogey March", and Vivaldi's Concerto in C-major, featuring a piccolo solo.

The Navy band has been performing Capital concerts since 1922, before its official designation as the Navy's premier musical organization by Pres. Coolidge in 1925. Since its origination in 1922, The Army band has marched before all the Inaugural parades, and has its daily commitments including banquets, state dinners, and funerals at Arlington Cemetery.

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