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Army Blues Jazz Ensemble Brings Big Band Sound to Lake Accotink Park

Experience a part of American musical history at Lake Accotink Park on Friday, August 22, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. The United States Army Blues ensemble will perform a special concert as part of the Braddock Nights summer concert series. Don't miss this exceptional free performance!

The group began in 1942 as the U.S. Army Dance Band, created to entertain soldiers and civilians in the battle zone during World War II. Since then, the band has performed at prestigious venues such as the Monterey Jazz Festival, the Montreux Jazz Festival and the legendary Blues Alley club in Washington D.C. The ensemble has also shared the stage with jazz greats such as Dave Brubeck, Dr. Billy Taylor and Kevin Mahogany.

The Army Blues' musicians are constantly performing and sharing their love of music with others. They perform regularly at the White House, the Vice President's Residence and the State Department. To match their historic origins, the Army Blues play seldom-performed yet historically significant music from the Library of Congress' jazz archives. In addition, as musical ambassadors, the ensemble has conducted numerous clinics at schools and colleges throughout the United States.

Lake Accotink Park is located at 7500 Accotink Park Road in Springfield, Va.

The Summer Entertainment Series is made possible by the Fairfax County Park Authority, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, the Fairfax County Park Foundation and generous contributions from local businesses or corporate supporters.

For weather-related cancellations, call 703-324-SHOW (7469) one hour before the show. For more information about the Summer Entertainment Series, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/.

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