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Pensacola, Florida, Selected for U.S. Navy Band Tour Headed to the Saenger Theatre September 2, 2018

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WASHINGTON -- America's Navy is coming to Pensacola, Florida, one of nine cities in four states to host a performance by the United States Navy Band during its 2018 tour -- one of the signature outreach programs of the U.S. Navy.

The United States Navy Band Country Current performance sponsored by Bob Tyler Toyota is scheduled for September 2, 2018, at 6 p.m. at the Saenger Theatre. A maximum of four (4) tickets will be available for pickup on Monday, July 30, at the Saenger Theatre box office located at 22 East Intendencia Street. The box office is open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. In addition to the Saenger Theatre box office, tickets will be available to pick up at Bob Tyler Toyota, located at 7201 Pensacola Blvd. Their hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

The Navy's premiere country-bluegrass ensemble Country Current is renowned for its versatility and phenomenal musicianship, performing a blend of modern country music and cutting-edge bluegrass. Reaching out to communities both locally and nationally, they regularly perform for veterans, elementary schools, and in support of our active-duty Sailors.

One of the U.S. Navy Band's primary responsibilities involves touring the country. All of the band's primary performing units embark each year on concert tours throughout specified regions of the country, allowing the band to reach out to audiences in areas of the country that do not have opportunities to see the Navy's premier musical ensembles on a regular basis. The concerts are family-friendly events, meant to be entertaining to veterans, families, individuals and those interested in joining the Navy.

All Navy Band performances are free and open to the public, however tickets are required for admission. The performance is first come first served seating.

The Saenger Theatre would like to thank its generous sponsors, Bob Tyler Toyota, Saenger Theatre and SMG as well as our media sponsors, Pensacola News Journal, Cat Country 98.7, Cox Communications, and News Radio 1620AM and 92.3 FM.

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"For many years, Navy bands have been where it matters, when it matters, just like the rest of our Navy. Today, we have Sailors performing around the world, improving relations with our allies abroad as well as telling the Navy story here at home." --Capt. Kenneth Collins, U.S. Navy Band commanding officer

QUICK FACTS

- The U.S. Navy Band is the flagship musical organization of the Navy, and one of 11 Navy bands located around the world.
- The U.S. Navy Band is based at the Washington Navy Yard in Washington, D.C.
- The Country Current 2018 tour will cover nine cities and more than 850 miles.
- The Navy Band has been touring the country since 1925.
- There are six performing ensembles in the Navy Band: the Concert Band, Ceremonial Band, Sea Chanters chorus, Commodores jazz ensemble, Country Current country/bluegrass ensemble, and the Cruisers popular music group
- Ensembles from the Navy Band tour nationally 12-15 weeks each year.
- Sailors in the Navy Band are full-time professional musicians.
- Almost all of the Sailors in the Navy Band have undergraduate degrees in music, and most have graduate degrees.

LINKS

U.S. Navy Band (www.navyband.navy.mil)

Navy Band tours (www.navyband.navy.mil/national_tour.html) Country Current

(http://www.navyband.navy.mil/country_current.html) U.S. Navy (www.navy.mil)

EVENT DETAILS AT A GLANCE:

Who: U.S. Navy Band

When: Sunday, September 2, 2018

Available: Monday, July 30, 2018 at the Saenger Theatre box office

Ticket Prices: Free, Limit of four (4) tickets per person

About Saenger Theatre: The Saenger Theatre is the premier entertainment venue located in downtown Pensacola. The Theatre is home to the Broadway in Pensacola and hosts a variety of events including symphony, opera, ballet, touring concerts, family shows and community events. The Saenger Theatre is owned by the City of Pensacola and professionally managed by SMG, the world leader in venue management, marketing and development.

About SMG:

Founded in 1977, SMG provides management services to more than 230 public assembly facilities including convention and exhibition centers, arenas, stadiums, theatres, performing arts centers, equestrian facilities, science centers and a variety of other venues. With facilities across the globe, SMG manages more than 14.4 million square feet of exhibition space and over 1.75 million sports and entertainment seats. As the recognized global industry leader, SMG provides venue management, sales, marketing, event booking and programming, construction and design consulting, and pre-opening services for such landmark facilities as McCormick Place & Soldier Field in Chicago, Moscone Convention Center in San Francisco, Houston's Reliant Park and the Mercedes-Benz Superdome. SMG also offers food and beverage operations through its concessions, catering and special events division, SAVOR, currently servicing more than 100 accounts worldwide. For more information visit www.smgworld.com.

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