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TO: All Members of the American Bandmasters Association

FROM: Thomas V. Fraschillo, Secretary-Treasurer

RE: United States Air Force Band

Colleagues:

Below is a message from Don Schofield, Cmdr. and Conductor, the United States Air Force Band, that you may find very important for your students and possibly some of your colleagues.

The United States Air Force Band uses music to bridge language, cultural and socio-economic differences to advance international relationships and inspire positive and long-lasting impressions of the United States Air Force and the United States of America. The Diversity Fellowship is a unique opportunity for selected musicians to rehearse and perform with one of the six ensembles that make up the unit. Fellowship recipients will gain valuable first-hand experience of what it's like to rehearse and perform as a professional musician in The United States Air Force Band.

FELLOWSHIP BENEFITS

- a. A week-long residency with The United States Air Force Band during its summer series (late May - August) to include rehearsal and performance opportunities throughout the Washington, D.C. metro area
- b. Travel, lodging, and per diem will be provided
- c. Fellows who choose to audition for The United States Air Force Band in the future will be advanced to the semi-final live audition round with no pre-screening requirement (where applicable)

The Fellowship is open to any U.S. citizen completing their formal education or in the early stages of their musical career. Ideal candidates will bring a diverse background of musical and personal experiences. Fellowship positions are open to instrumentalists and vocalists in The United States Air Force Concert Band, Singing Sergeants, String Orchestra, Airmen of Note (jazz band), and Max Impact (rock band).

Full information, including application and requirements, can be found at: <https://www.music.af.mil/USAFBand/Diversity-Fellowship/>

Please contact The USAF Band Diversity Team at USAFBandFellowship@gmail.com if you have any questions about the program.

Regards,

Colonel Don Schofield
Commander and Conductor
The United States Air Force Band