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German-American Holiday Concert at the Kurhaus

The U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden, the City of Wiesbaden and Hessen State are excited to invite the local community to attend the traditional Holiday Concert. The Concert of the U.S. Army Europe and Africa Band & Chorus under the motto "Joy to the World" will take place on December 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., in the Friedrich-von-Thiersch-Saal of the Kurhaus in Wiesbaden.

"Wiesbaden is a beautiful, historic city. For members of the U.S. Armed Forces stationed here, it's more than just a place to live — it's our home in Germany," said Colonel Troy Danderson, commander of the U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden. "I'm pleased to participate in this annual music tradition and to celebrate the holiday season with the Wiesbaden community. We are delighted that the band will bring festive cheer to the Kurhaus, heralding the start of the holiday season for residents of Wiesbaden and members of the garrison community."

"I am delighted that the U.S. Army is continuing this tradition this year and that their Holiday Concert is once again a highlight of the pre-Christmas season in Wiesbaden," said Gert-Uwe Mende, Lord Mayor of the City of Wiesbaden. "I would like to thank the U.S. Army once again today for its friendship with the people of Wiesbaden. I wish all the people of Wiesbaden - and of course all our American friends - a reflective pre-Christmas season, a merry Christmas and a good start to a successful and happy New Year 2026."

Under the command of Lt. Col. Richard Winkels, the musicians of the U.S. Army Europe and Africa Band and Chorus will lead the audience through well-known holiday music from revered radio, stage, and screen traditions.



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"The Soldiers of the United States Army Europe and Africa Band & Chorus are proud to usher in the holiday season in Germany with one of its most meaningful annual traditions. As one of the busiest and most anticipated periods of our performance calendar, this Holiday Season offers the unique opportunity to share a message of unity, partnership, and holiday celebration with communities across Germany. This year's program, "Joy to the World," showcases a dynamic lineup designed to offer something for every member of the audience—bringing together timeless holiday classics, new arrangements, and the inspiring talent of our Soldiers. It is a privilege to represent the United States and the U.S. Army in the historic and spectacular Wiesbaden Kurhaus. We look forward to continuing this tradition of music, connection, and goodwill this holiday season," said Winkels.

"The bond with our American friends is particularly close and was further strengthened last year with the establishment of NATO headquarters in Wiesbaden. Cultivating this transatlantic friendship is particularly important to us because it rests on a stable, reliable foundation. Around 5,000 American Soldiers and their families live in Hesse, along with 4,000 civilian employees. They are an integral part of our society. Every year, the holiday concert brings us together with our friends and strengthens the bonds of friendship. I wish all our guests a festive and peaceful Advent season," said the head of the Hessian State Chancellery, State Secretary Benedikt Kuhn.

Admission to the concert is free of charge, but tickets are required. Only a limited number of tickets will be available online from Dec. 1, at 9 a.m.:

<https://tickets.frankfurtticket.de/eventim.webshop/webticket/shop?kassierer=web-palm>

Tickets are limited to four per person while supplies last. Since the demand for concert tickets is very high, we ask that unused tickets are turned-in at the Kurhaus on the day of the event, 10 December.



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Admission starts at 6:15 p.m. **Unclaimed seats will be released at 6:45 p.m., so ticket holders must take their seats before this time.** There will be bag checks at the entrance to the concert hall. Large bags, backpacks, weapons, or any items that look like a weapon are prohibited and may not be brought into the concert hall. Bulky items such as bags, chairs, bicycles, scooters and similar items are, also, not permitted in the concert hall.

It is recommended to use public transportation, as parking space is limited. Parking is available in the Kurhaus underground parking lot, Kurhausplatz 1, but also in the Theater parking lot, Paulinenstraße 19.

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