Jefferson National Expansion Memorial

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Free Family Concert Series
on the grounds under the Gateway Arch

WHERE: Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, The Gateway Arch Grounds, 11 North Fourth Street, St. Louis, Missouri

WHEN: Sundays in September – 3:00 p.m.

WHAT: The National Park Service presents a series of free family concerts throughout the month of September 2011. On Sunday afternoons, music will fill the air under the Gateway Arch. Concert goers are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy themselves by dancing and singing along with the variety of entertainment.

September 4th — Deutschmeister Brass Band of St. Louis — *3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

Since its founding in 1963, the band is dedicated to preserving the musical tradition of the German and Middle European cultures, while bringing a modern flavor to the traditional German brass band style. Their repertoire includes marches, polkas, waltzes and tangos with over 300 compositions ranging in styles from classical to military and American to German brass band.

September 11th — USAF Band of Mid-America Shades of Blue Jazz Ensemble — *3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

The repertoire of this group of 18 professional enlisted musicians ranges from traditional big band jazz, to bebop and swing, to modern jazz. Whether performing for a head of state, before a capacity crowd in the Midwest, or for our troops at home and abroad, the Shades of Blue reflects the heritage and pride of our great nation and the United States Air Force.

September 18th — River City Ramblers Dixieland Band — *3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

Dixieland style of music originated in New Orleans and evolved as it moved up the mighty Mississippi River during the early 1900s, St. Louis' contributions are revealed in this lively and entertaining look at the roots of Dixieland while demonstrating the use of improvisation through performances of such favorites as "Meet Me in St. Louis" and "When the Saints Go Marching In".

September 25th — Farnum Family: American Heritage Music — *3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

From the Missouri Ozarks, this "home-grown" family band consists of six children, all performing, singing and promoting American and European-originated folk music from the early 1800s through mid-1900s and much more. With influence gleaned from bluegrass, folk, gospel, Irish, old-time, novelty, cowboy and Western standards, their diverse blend of music is styled in a near-traditional string-band manner, with 5-string banjo, fiddle, guitar, mandolin and upright bass, supported by piano, penny-whistle and occasional harmonica, tenor banjo and washboard!

In the event of inclement weather, concerts will take place in the Gateway Arch lobby.

The Gateway Arch is open daily 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Old Courthouse is open daily year round 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

All programs are FREE of charge and open to the public.
For more information about programs and exhibits, please call the park at 314-655-1600.

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