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Musicians to Perform in Celebration of Herbert Hoover's 150th Birthday

WEST BRANCH, IOWA – July 16, 2024 – The jazz ensemble Shades of Blue of the United States Air Force Band of Mid-America will perform as part of the celebration for President Herbert Hoover's 150th birthday during the annual Hoover's Hometown Days in West Branch, Iowa on Saturday, August 10 from 7:30-8:45 pm on the East Lawn of the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum at 210 Parkside Drive in West Branch, Iowa.

The ensemble is comprised of 18 talented professional enlisted musicians and performs repertoire from big band to bebop-style jazz and more. The group regularly plays for heads of state, troops, and at professional sporting events in addition to their public concerts. Their concert during Hoover's Hometown Days will provide a rare opportunity to hear the group for free, so this is a performance you will not want to miss.

Herbert Hoover was born in West Branch, Iowa on August 10, 1874. Orphaned at age 9, he traveled to Oregon to be raised by family. He was part of the inaugural class at Stanford University. After this, he had a successful career as a mining engineer before entering public life at the outbreak of World War I, where he found safe passage back to the United States for 120,000 stranded Americans. Following this, he led the effort to feed 9.5 million starving citizens in Belgium and Northern France daily during the war. He would eventually become Secretary of Commerce and President of the United States.

For more information on festival events, visit www.hooverdays.org.

About the Foundation

The Hoover Presidential Foundation promotes and supports the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum, National Historic Site, and other programs that enhance the understanding of Herbert Hoover as president and humanitarian.

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