



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

L.A. Winds to Feature Gabriel and Underwood in Free Concert

Woodland Hills, California - June 27, 2009 - Col. Arnald D. Gabriel, Conductor Emeritus of the US Air Force Band, will guest conduct the Los Angeles Pierce Symphonic Winds in a free outdoor concert in Woodland Hills on August 2, 2009, that will also feature saxophone soloist Dale Underwood, Master Chief Musician, U.S. Navy Band, retired, and Professor of Music at GMU.

The repertoire will pay tribute to the Armed Forces and will include the “1812 Overture” by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky augmented by live cannon shots. Attendance is expected to be around 10,000, and the concert will begin at 6:00 PM at Warner Park in Woodland Hills.



Col. Arnald D. Gabriel (retired, US Air Force Band) and Dale Underwood (Master Chief Musician, U.S. Navy Band, retired) at concert by L.A. Winds on June 4, 2006, at Pierce College

Gabriel and Underwood are based in Washington DC and have worked and traveled with L.A. Winds on tour in the United States and Europe. The legendary Gabriel commanded and conducted the U.S. Air Force Band in Washington DC for more than 20 years and is known to audiences around the world for deft and exhilarating performances. Underwood, whom the *Washington Post* has called “the Heifetz of the alto saxophone,” served with the U.S. Navy Band for 30 years during which he forged his international reputation as a leading classical saxophonist.

L.A. Winds is a 100-piece community band founded in 1983 and conducted by Stephen Piazza, bass clarinetist with the Los Angeles Opera Orchestra and chair of the music department at Los Angeles Pierce College in Woodland Hills (lawinds.org). The concert is part of the Concert in the Park series sponsored by the Valley Cultural Center (valleycultural.org).

High resolution photographs are available.

Contact:

Therese Grundl
Los Angeles Pierce Symphonic Winds
therese.grundl@lawinds.org
818-380-0411

Mike Browne
Los Angeles Pierce Symphonic Winds
mike.browne@lawinds.org

Los Angeles Pierce Symphonic Winds
23309 Mariano Street
Woodland Hills CA 91367
lawinds.org
###