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WEST POINT BAND CELEBRATING 200 YEARS WITH NYC SHOW – Sept. 27, 2017

WEST POINT, N.Y. – Join the West Point Band at Lincoln Center’s David Geffen Hall in New York City Sunday, Oct. 29, as it celebrates 200 years of continuous service to the United States Military Academy, the Army, and the nation.

The band traces its history to the American Revolution, when in 1778, Gen. George Washington appointed musicians to West Point on the Hudson River after Gen. Samuel Holden Parsons’ 1st Connecticut Brigade crossed the Hudson River and established West Point as a permanent military post. Over the last 200 years, the band has evolved into one of the most capable and professional performing ensembles in the nation, comprising musicians drawn from the nation’s top music schools and performing groups. Be immersed in two centuries of music with a multimedia experience that explores the band’s storied history from the birth of the nation to today.

Tickets are free and available to the public on Sept. 29 at <http://westpointband.army.mil/bicentennial.html>. You may also call 212-721-6500 for tickets. Tickets acquired online or by phone will be charged a \$2 ticketing fee. Tickets ordered in advance can be picked up at will call up the day of the event. No-fee tickets may be picked up in-person at the Lincoln Center Box Office.

Over the last 200 years, the band has worked closely with many prominent composers, including Morton Gould, Percy Grainger, and Darius Milhaud, and has appeared in numerous prestigious venues including Carnegie Hall, Avery Fisher Hall, and Tanglewood. Established in 1817, the West Point Band is the Army’s oldest musical organization and continues to provide world-class music to educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets and to serve as ambassadors of the United States Military Academy and the Army to local, national, and international communities.

About West Point

The U. S. Military Academy at West Point is a four-year, co-educational, federal, liberal arts college located 50 miles north of New York City. It was founded in 1802 as America’s first college of engineering and continues today as the world’s premier leader-development institution, consistently ranked among top colleges in the country. Its mission remains constant—to educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate is a commissioned leader of character committed to the values of Duty, Honor, Country and prepared for a career of professional excellence and service to the nation as an officer in the U. S. Army. For more information, go to www.westpoint.edu.