

# ENTERTAINMENT

## MUSIC

### U.S. Air Force band brings concert to Shuler Theater Monday night

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RATON – The United States Air Force Academy Band, Rampart Winds, will bring its varied concert program to the Shuler Theater on Monday night, March 24, for a free show. Performances will include Latin and Hungarian dances, American favorites and well-known classical compositions. Rousing patriotic favorites will include John Philip Sousa songs and "America the Beautiful."

Rampart Winds is a traditional wood-

wind quintet, one of 10 performing ensembles in the Air Force Academy Band based at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs. As are the others, Rampart Winds is made up of highly accomplished professional musicians who travel the U.S. and the world on a mission of patriotism, community relations, educational outreach and recruiting, all while supporting troop morale.

The Shuler concert highlights a three-day tour in which the musicians will visit two Cimarron, N.M., schools and give a performance at Kearny Elementary School in Raton. Rampart Winds has invited three of Raton High School's woodwind musicians



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Raton High School musicians, left to right, Collette Village Center, Forrest McConnell and Juan Prieto-Archuleta will join Rampart Winds in performance on Monday night.



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to perform with the group in the Shuler concert. Collette Village Center, Forrest McConnell and Juan Prieto-Archuleta will rehearse with Rampart Winds on the Shuler stage on Monday afternoon to prepare for that night's show.

Rampart Winds' performances are interactive and entertaining, even to the extent of including props and choreography. Monday night's program includes an American folk song medley, a flamenco dance by Paquito D'Rivera and "Summer Music" by Samuel Barber.

After earning degrees from American universities and conservatories, the musicians earned their positions in Rampart Winds through rigorous auditions. They're full-time performers who give regional and national concert tours. They perform for

radio and TV broadcasts and varied musical conferences.

Rampart Winds musicians are Senior Airman Jennifer L. Nelson, on flute; Technical Sergeant Monica Ding, on oboe; Master Sergeant Heike J. Gazetti, on Bb clarinet; Technical Sergeant Sarah E. Stewart, on bassoon; and Senior Airman Manuel Collazo-Liantin, on French horn.

Monday's concert at the Shuler Theater begins at 7 p.m. and is presented by the Shortgrass Music Festival. Although tickets are free, acquiring tickets in advance is encouraged. Seating is first-come, first-served, with ticket holders being admitted beginning at 6 p.m., and the doors will open to the general public at 6:45 p.m. Free advance tickets are available at the Shuler Theater box office by calling 575-445-4746.

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