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**For Immediate Release:**

**MERCHANTS SQUARE SUMMER BREEZE CONCERT SERIES RETURNS**  
*Nineteenth Annual Summer Concert Series Kicks Off June 25*

Williamsburg, VA - - The popular Merchants Square Summer Breeze Concert Series will feature free outdoor evening concerts each Wednesday throughout July and August beginning July 7, with a kick-off concert to celebrate our nation's birth on Saturday, July 3. In July, the Square will be filled with the sounds of military marches, big band music, and party bands. In a new twist this year, one of the July concerts will turn the spotlight on some of the many talented youth performers in our region. The August concerts continue with the excellent music of the USAF Heritage of America Band and its ensembles.

The season kicks off with the annual USAF Heritage of America Band Independence Day concert on Friday, July 3 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. In a departure from tradition, this patriotic concert will be performed by Satellite, a 12-member ensemble of the Heritage of America Band. The U.S. Air Force is an all-deploying force. At this time and into the summer, many of the concert band members are deployed to perform for our troops overseas, for citizens of those countries, and for coalition forces. This is an important and gratifying part of the band's mission. On July 3, concertgoers can expect to enjoy an energetic performance from Satellite, with patriotic tunes, American music and other classic renditions. The program will include such

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beloved favorites as Irving Berlin's "God Bless America," Glenn Miller's "In The Mood," and "America The Beautiful."

Beginning July 7, the Wednesday July concerts will run from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and feature a variety of styles of music, from big band to party band. The season kicks off with the Richmond-based Kings of Swing, and continues in successive weeks with big band sounds from the Super Jazz Band, the talented teens of the Coastland Band and friends, and perennial favorite Slapwater. August concerts feature the return of the USAF Heritage of America Concert Band and various ensembles. The August concerts run from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. A full concert schedule is attached, and is also posted on the [calendar tab of the Merchants Square website](#).

Concerts in Merchants Square are free to the public, and concertgoers are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets to the performances. On concert nights beginning with the July 7 concert, Merchants Square also offers children's entertainment beginning at 6:30 p.m., including face painting, bubble making, and clowns. Convenient concert night parking is available at the Prince George Street garage and the lot at the corner of South Henry and Francis Streets.

The 2010 Summer Breeze Concert Series is sponsored by Merchants Square, the City of Williamsburg Department of Parks and Recreation, the Legacy Financial Group, and the York County Arts Commission.

Merchants Square, an 18<sup>th</sup>-century style retail village located adjacent to Colonial Williamsburg's Historic Area, has over 40 shops and restaurants. For more information on Merchants Square's Summer Breeze series and other activities occurring in the Square, visit the calendar of events page on our website: [www.merchantssquare.org](http://www.merchantssquare.org), or call the events hotline: 757-259-0209.

## 2010 Summer Breeze Concert Schedule

Date	Band	Description
July 3 7 – 8:30 p.m.	USAF Satellite Jazz Ensemble <a href="#">Heritage of America Band</a>	A versatile 12-piece ensemble performing patriotic tunes, American music and other classic renditions.
July 7 7 – 9:00 p.m.	Kings of Swing <a href="#">Kings of Swing Website</a>	A versatile dance and show band from Richmond, playing beach music, Motown favorites and everyone's favorite music of the 70s through the 90s.
July 14 7 – 9:00 p.m.	The Super Jazz Band <a href="#">Super Jazz Band on Facebook</a>	A professional big band from Yorktown, VA, with over 25 years of experience. Musical style ranges from Latin to swing, with specific concentration in the Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington and Count Basie styles.
July 21 7* – 9:00 p.m.  *6:15 p.m. opening act	The Coastland Band <a href="#">Coastland Band Website</a>  Also Featuring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening act preview of “Willie Wonka, Jr.” by <a href="#">Stagelights</a></li> <li>• 16-year old fiddler <a href="#">Jessica Zelinsky</a> and friends</li> </ul>	Featuring 14-year old award-winning lead vocalist Bria Kelly, CoastLand plays an eclectic mixture of rock, country and blues, from Led Zeppelin and Pat Benatar to Stevie Ray Vaughan and Taylor Swift.  16-year old state champion fiddler Jessica Zelinsky of Williamsburg will provide a bluegrass musical interlude with several friends.
July 28 7 – 9:00 p.m.	Slapwater <a href="#">Slapwater Website</a>	Virginia's premier party and dance band, a.k.a. “The Lords of Longevity,” has earned numerous awards while delighting crowds in tHampton Roads for more than 30 years.
August 4 7 – 8:30 p.m.	USAF Satellite Jazz Ensemble <a href="#">Heritage of America Band</a>	A versatile nine-piece ensemble that performs a wide variety of jazz, blues and funk.
August 11 7 – 8:30 p.m.	USAF Heritage of America Band <a href="#">Heritage of America Band</a>	The Langley-based concert band will play a mixture of old favorites and modern works.
August 18 7 – 8:30 p.m.	USAF Blue Aces Ensemble <a href="#">Heritage of America Band</a>	The energetic productions of this 10-piece ensemble encompass a wide variety of musical styles.
August 25 7 – 8:30 p.m.	USAF Heritage of America Band <a href="#">Heritage of America Band</a>	The Langley-based concert band will play a mixture of old favorites and modern works.