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Coe Touring Wind Ensemble and Jazz Band plan summer tour to southern United States, Mexico and western Caribbean

Members of the Coe College Touring Wind Ensemble and Jazz Band are planning summer tour performances in St. Louis, Nashville, New Orleans and Costa Maya, Mexico, August 3-15. In addition, the musicians will perform aboard a Norwegian Lines cruise ship during a seven-day cruise of the western Caribbean, including stops in Honduras and Belize.

The groups will perform an outdoor farewell concert on the grounds of Washington High School in Cedar Rapids on Wednesday, August 3, beginning at 6 p.m. This concert is a prelude to the Cedar Rapids Municipal Band concert at 7:30 p.m. In case of inclement weather, the Coe bands will perform in the Washington High School band room. Both concerts are free with the public invited to attend.

Consisting of Coe students, faculty, alumni, community players and professional musicians, the ensembles are led by Coe Music Professor and Band Director William Carson and Coe music instructor Al Naylor, who will be featured on the trumpet.

The group's repertoire will feature a wealth of variety, including the work of composers as diverse as John Williams, John Philip Sousa, Henry Mancini and Irving Berlin. In particular, the concerts will feature popular music from classic Hollywood films, such as "Raiders of the Lost Ark," "Pink Panther," "Blue Skies" and "Pirates of the Caribbean." For more information, visit www.coe.edu/bands

Various ensembles from the Coe Music Department regularly tour and perform nationally and internationally. In recent years, Coe band students have learned about other nation's cultures through trips to South Korea, England, Scotland and China.

Specific details of the concert schedule are as follows:

Wednesday, August 3

6 p.m. - Farewell concert, on the grounds of Washington High School, 2205 Forest Drive SE, Cedar Rapids. This concert is a prelude to the Cedar Rapids Municipal Band concert at 7:30 p.m. In case of inclement weather, the Coe bands will perform in the Washington High School band room.

Thursday, August 4

10:15 a.m. - Concert at Gateway Arch Riverfront, 100 Washington Avenue, St. Louis.
7:00 p.m. - Concert at Music City Walk of Fame Park, 121 4th Avenue South, Nashville.

Saturday, August 6

11:30 a.m. - Concert at Riverwalk Marketplace Food Court, 500 Port of New Orleans Place, New Orleans.

Tuesday, August 9

11:00 a.m. – Wind ensemble concert in Costa Maya, Mexico port, next to the reception area for tours.

Saturday, August 13

At Sea – Shipboard performance, poolside concert, time to be determined.