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MPT to present *The United States Army Field Band: Sound the Bells* on December 24 at 8 p.m.

***Concert special recorded live at The Lyric in Baltimore anchors more than 30 hours
of holiday programming on MPT's primary broadcast channels***

OWINGS MILLS, MD – [Maryland Public Television](http://MarylandPublicTelevision.org) (MPT) will premiere *The United States Army Field Band: Sound the Bells* on Tuesday, December 24 at 8 p.m. on MPT-HD and the [MPT livestream](#). The one-hour concert special is among more than 30 hours of programming offered by the statewide public TV network to recognize the winter holidays. A preview of the program is available on MPT's YouTube channel [HERE](#).

Recorded live this month at [The Lyric in Baltimore](#), *Sound the Bells* features the U.S. Army Field Band – the “Musical Ambassadors of the Army” – showcasing the musical talents of active-duty soldiers and celebrating the magic of the holidays. The family-friendly program is hosted by WBAL-TV personality [Jason Newton](#), features a guest appearance by the [Singing Sensations Youth Choir](#), and includes shout-outs from servicemembers stationed around the globe.



From the dynamic energy of the U.S. Army Rappers to the acoustic stylings of Six-String Soldiers and powerful performances of the Concert Band and Soldiers' Chorus, *Sound the Bells* is a musical journey through the spirit of the season. Packed with beloved classics, new holiday favorites, and messages of hope and togetherness, the festive celebration brings the warmth and joy of the holidays straight to viewers' homes.

Following its December 24 premiere, *Sound the Bells* will air again on MPT-HD and the MPT livestream on Wednesday, December 25 at 12 a.m. and 1 p.m. The program will also be available to view live and on-demand using [MPT's online video player](#) and the [free PBS app](#).

The United States Army Field Band: Sound the Bells is one of dozens of holiday-themed programs airing on MPT-HD and MPT2/Create® in December. For more information about MPT's primetime holiday program lineup, visit mpt.org/holidayprograms or consult [MPT's on-air schedule](#).

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