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HUFFMAN PRAIRIE WINDS

The "Huffman Prairie Winds" woodwind quintet is one of four classical chamber ensembles within The United States Air Force Band of Flight. Named for the nearby historic plain where the Wright Brothers conducted many of their early aviation experiments, the quintet was founded in 1984 and utilizes members of the concert band. The current members are Senior Airman Julia Taylor, flute; Staff Sergeant Michelle Kuntz, oboe; Staff Sergeant Mary Nan Young, clarinet; Staff Sergeant Kristen TenWolde, horn; and Staff Sergeant Robert D. Jordan, bassoon and Noncommissioned Officer in Charge.

These five active duty Air Force members perform a wide variety of music, ranging from the traditional classical repertoire to show tunes and ragtime. Their versatility enables them to please audiences in many different settings, including social functions for military and civilian dignitaries, high school and college performance clinics, and formal evening recitals. Huffman Prairie Winds, along with all of the components of the Band of Flight, enjoys a reputation for excellence throughout Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Kentucky, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Maryland. The Huffman Prairie Winds released their first recording, *Blue Skies*, in December of 1994.