Lieutenent Colonel Douglas Monroe

Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Monroe began his military career as a clarinetist with The United States Army Field Band in Washington, D.C. Following a competitive audition, the USAF accepted Lt Col Monroe as a band officer. He served as Deputy Commander of the USAF Air Combat Command Heritage of America Band, Langley Air Force Base, Virginia and the United States Air Forces in Europe Band, Sembach Air Base, Germany. In November of 1998, Lt Col Monroe was appointed Commander of the USAF Band of the Golden West, Travis Air Force Base, California. In July 2004 Lt Col Monroe returned to Langley AFB to assume command of the USAF Heritage of America Band .

Lt Col Monroe has led performances for Presidents Ronald Reagan, George H. W. Bush, Bill Clinton, and George W. Bush; German Chancellor Helmut Kohl; and American Ambassadors to the United Kingdom, Germany, France, Belgium, and Italy. He has performed in many of the world's finest concert halls including New York's famed Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington D.C., the historic Royal Albert Hall in London, the Schauspielhaus in Berlin, and the Plzen Opera House in the Czech Republic.

Lt Col Monroe is a graduate of the Interlochen Arts Academy. He holds degrees from Michigan State University, the University of Arizona, and The Ohio State University. He also studied at the Manhattan School of Music and the Aspen Music Festival. Lt Col Monroe's military decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, and the Army Commendation Medal. In 2002 he was named Air Force Band Officer of the Year.

Dr. Milton Allen

Dr. Milton Allen serves as both Director of Bands and Instrumental Division Director at Eastern Illinois University where he conducts the Wind Symphony, Collegiate Band, University Band, teaches undergraduate conducting, guides the graduate wind conducting program and oversees all aspects of Eastern's band program.

Allen earned his Bachelor of Music Education degree with honors from the University of North Texas, the Masters degree in conducting from the University of Missouri-Columbia, the Diploma of Fine Arts in Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band from the University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada and the Doctor of Musical Arts from The Ohio State University. He holds memberships in CBDNA, MENC, NBA, ISME, Kappa Kappa Psi and Phi Mu Alpha

Prior to his appointment at EIU, Allen served on the music faculty at Wittenberg University, conducting the symphonic band, chamber orchestra and teaching various courses in music education. In addition to his duties at Wittenberg he was the Doctoral Conducting Associate for The Ohio State University Bands.

A 17-year veteran of the public school rehearsal room, Dr. Allen's refreshing and practical approach to both music education and conducting has taken him throughout the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom as a clinician and guest conductor. From British Columbia to Glasgow, Scotland and at conferences including the Midwest Clinic, MENC regional and national conventions and BASBWE International Wind Festivals, Dr. Allen's humor, passion and experience combine to illuminate the possibilities of both music education and the live art of performance.

Program

St. Louis Blues March.....Major Glenn Miller
Awayday.....Adam Gorb
Ballad for Band.....Morton Gould
Radiant Joy.....Steven Bryant
Chunk.....Jonathan Newman
Lux Aurumque (Light and Gold).....Eric Whitacre
Blue Shades.....Frank Ticheli
Footlifter.....Henry Fillmore

INTERMISSION

Introduction of Maestro Hil Arioso
Marsch Oder Die Versuchung.....Marcel Wengler
Casey at the Bat.....Alan Feinstein
MSgt Mike Marshall, narrator
Concertino for Clarinet.....Carl Maria von Weber/
Arr. by Alfred Reed
Immer Kleiner (Always Smaller).....Adolf Schreiner
Lt Col Douglas Monroe, clarinet
Someone to Watch Over Me.....George Gershwin/
Arr. Newman
Air Force Hymn.....Robert Jager
God Bless America.....Irving Berlin/
Arr. Shafer
A1C Amy Aguilera, Vocals