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## U.S. Naval Forces Europe Band Performs Appreciation Concert for Local Community



Naples, Italy - The U.S. Naval Forces Europe (CNE) Band performed live at the Mostra D'Oltremare Teatro Mediterraneo today to show appreciation to the local Italian community for their friendships and support toward NATO and the U.S. Navy in Naples.

"The people of Italy and this community in Naples have hosted us graciously for many years. This is a great opportunity to show them how thankful we are for their continued generosity in welcoming us into their community," said Adm. Mark Fitzgerald, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe/Commander, Joint Forces Command Naples. "Without the support and partnership of our Italian hosts we would not be able to continue our important missions throughout Europe and Africa."

Prior to the concert, Prince Sergio of Yugoslavia presented Fitzgerald with the International Peace Award from the International Association of Regina Elena for his 'high level of commitment in leading his forces towards assuring the best level of security facing new world challenges.'

In addition, former American Idol finalist – the American version of EuroVision – and U.S. Navy Reservist Phil Stacey also performed with the band. The guests were treated to a classical, jazz, rock and pop music during the performance.



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