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Annual Concert Forges Link Between Memorial Day Traditions And 2001 Terrorist Attacks

(NAPSA)—After the events of September 11, how does a country honor the bravery of the fallen and the courage of heroes?

PBS' 2002 National Memorial Day Concert invites the nation to pay special tribute to the Americans who are serving in the war against terrorism; the thousands of soldiers who endured the World War II Bataan Death March; and the victims and heroes of the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and Flight 93 in Pennsylvania.

Noted actor Ossie Davis returns to host the annual concert, which will weave together musical performances, archival footage and dramatic readings. Joining Davis are teenage superstar Charlotte Church, popular entertainer Tony Danza, the legendary music group Chicago and Heather Headley, the original star of the Broadway hit *Aida*.

Decorated war veteran and actor Charles Durning, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Richard B. Myers, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, color guards from each of the armed forces and other celebrated guest artists will join conductor Erich Kunzel and the National Symphony Orchestra on the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.

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The program has become a tradition for Americans who pause on the eve of the national holiday to appreciate the integration of song, dance and words with the spirit of reflection.

"This year our goal was daunting," said executive producer Jerry Colbert. "New challenges face us as we acknowledge the events of September 11 and the memories of war and sacrifice."

For additional information, visit the Web site at www.pbs.org/memorialdayconcert.