

Battle of the Keys Press Release

Musicians and multi-instrumentalists Stephen Dakin, Marc Van Lue and Polina Senderova will be touring as Battle of the Keys with Armed Forces Entertainment (AFE) this holiday season. The tour, part of AFE's annual Holidays Around the World performance series, will feature nine shows from December 1 to 13 at bases across Europe.

Pianist Stephen Dakin has been passionate about music from a young age. After studying music theory and performing in several drum and bugle corps, he started touring with Top-40 bands before discovering dueling piano venues and making a career switch. He has performed at clubs all over the United States, including stints as the musical director for popular clubs like Howl at the Moon in Houston and Norman's Dueling Piano Bar in Humble, Texas.

Pianist and musician Mark Van Lue is a dynamic and energetic performer whose live performances have taken him around the world. From playing for the troops to private venues and everything in between, his specialty is bringing energy to live crowds and creating positive and fun experiences.

Music director and multi-instrumentalist Polina Senderova has an impressive resume in live music, including providing musical direction for live off-Broadway shows, performing with iconic dueling piano venues Howl at the Moon, Dueling Pianos, Piano Works in London and Haswell Green's in New York City. She has performed for troops around the world and has performed piano, violin, bass, drums, guitar and vocals at private venues worldwide.

AFE delivers world-class entertainment to U.S. troops and their families overseas, strengthening their resilience, boosting morale and contributing to readiness. These engaging experiences connect servicemembers to home, foster a sense of belonging, ease the challenges of deployment and support their mental health.