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Live Concert Kicks Off Theater's Reopening

New films and old favorites also part of grand reopening events

Columbus, Georgia – November 19, 2015: “The New American Freedom Train” rolls into the new Giant Screen theater at the National Infantry Museum Thursday, December 3, 2015. The show features award-winning Nashville recording artist Tim Maggart, a band of talented musicians, and an inspiring and patriotic multimedia show.

“It’s the perfect event for introducing the new theater,” said National Infantry Museum Foundation President Ben Williams. “It will take full advantage of the new giant screen, and will show off the new stage we’ve installed. And it will appeal to our audiences, who share Tim Maggart’s appreciation for the military.”

The show, which starts at 7 p.m., is free, but reservations must be made in advance. Tickets can be reserved by calling 706-494-3708.

The addition of a stage was part of a just-completed \$1.8 million renovation of the theater. The stage will allow more flexible use of the 289-seat auditorium. Other improvements include the conversion from film projection to a state-of-the-art digital projection system. The new 6P Christie Laser Projection System is currently installed in only two other American theaters. The Giant Screen Theater at the National Infantry Museum will be the first in the southeast to use laser projection.

Also part of the theater’s grand reopening is a film schedule including a new documentary and a popular holiday film that has become a family tradition at the museum. ***The Polar Express 3D*** starts with two shows on Saturday, December 5. The Conductor will be back punching golden tickets at select screenings. And on Saturday, December 12, Muscogee Moms will help host two Polar Express Pajama Parties

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with free holiday crafts for the kids. The full schedule can be found at www.nationalinfantrymuseum.org.

The museum's theater will be the first in the nation to screen a new 3D documentary called **Space Next**. The film will transport audiences to the past, present and future of space exploration and travel. *Space Next* opens Friday, December 4.

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The National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center at Patriot Park, a 155-acre tract linking Columbus, Georgia, and the Maneuver Center of Excellence at Fort Benning, is the first world-class site to pay tribute to the U.S. Army Infantryman and those who fight alongside him. As the only interactive Army Museum in the United States, the museum showcases the contributions of the Infantry Soldier in every war fought by the U.S. by offering immersive participation and engaging visitors in the unique experiences of the Infantry Soldier. The complex also includes a parade field, memorial walk of honor, Vietnam Memorial Plaza, authentic World War II Company Street and giant screen theater. For more information, visit www.nationalinfantrymuseum.org.