**The Blue Duff’s**

 The Blue Duff’s, a student formed jazz ensemble at The Maryland School for the Blind (MSB), has been in residence at the school since the fall 2004. Through the music department at MSB, every student has access to music education or music therapy services. The Blue Duff’s are both an educational and therapeutic experience for the group.

The group began when two students approached the music department about starting a band. Auditions were held and the group began rehearsals. Unfortunately, right before their first scheduled appearance, their bass player, Joshua Duff, passed away unexpectedly. In honor of Joshua Duff, the band decided to call themselves The Blue Duff’s.

These students use music to express themselves. As a group, they are able to play together and express a common experience and feeling. The students here may not be able to find the words to say how they feel, but they can play how they feel. The Blue Duff’s have performed throughout the greater Baltimore area and play for many school events throughout the year. Although each member of the band brings his/her own individuality and different talents, their music soars with harmony. Being able to play well with a group gives these students a sense of pride and accomplishment. These talented students remind us that anything is possible and the sky’s the limit! #SOAR

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