



"The President's Own"

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GALA "HANDS ACROSS THE SEA" CONCERTS AT KENNEDY CENTER & MEYERHOFF HALL

If you haven't already done so, mark your calendars for this season's most spectacular concerts by "The President's Own." These gala "Hands Across the Sea" concerts will be presented in our area's two finest concert halls on April 22nd and 23rd. The theme of the concerts, "Hands Across the Sea," celebrates the U.S. Marine Band's first-ever overseas performances, given last November in Rotterdam, Holland. Colonel John Bourgeois will conduct both concerts in a program of music reflecting the international theme of the event. Highlights of the program include Wagner's overture to "The Flying Dutchman," Percy Grainger's Irish Tune from County Derry, Vocal Selections from Leigh & Darion's "Man of La Mancha," Camille Saint-Saens' Grand March "Occident et Orient," and Respighi's "The Pines of Rome." For this occasion Colonel Bourgeois has prepared a special International March—Past of 12 great marches from around the world and, as is Marine Band tradition, we begin the concert with one of Sousa's great marches, "Hands Across the Sea." In addition, we are honored to present a special concert performance of "Winds of Nagual" by Pulitzer Prize winning composer Michael Colgrass, who will conduct his composition at both concerts. "Winds of Nagual" is the 1985 winner of the Sudler Wind Band Composition Competition, our nation's most prestigious competition for wind band music. Both concerts are free and open to the public but **TICKETS ARE REQUIRED**. Tickets for the April 22nd concert at Meyerhoff Symphony Hall in Baltimore may be obtained at the Meyerhoff Symphony Hall Box Office, 1212 Cathedral Street in Baltimore. Tickets for the April 23rd concert at the Kennedy Center may be obtained by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope to: MARINE BAND KENNEDY CENTER TICKETS, 8th and I Streets, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20390. Due to limited seating, requests are limited to 4 tickets per family. Please join us for these special Marine Band concerts!

FOR MARINE BAND CONCERT INFORMATION CALL (202) 433-4011

BAND CONCERT SERIES EVERY SUNDAY IN APRIL AND MAY

By the time you receive this issue of our Marine Band Newsletter, our **Spring Band Concert Series** will be well underway. We began the series a week earlier than usual this year, on March 30th, in order to present our annual Easter Band Concert. The series of nine band concerts will be presented every Sunday at 3:00 p.m. in our own **John Philip Sousa Band Hall** at Marine Barracks, 8th and I Streets, Southeast, in Washington, until the final concert in the series on Sunday, May 25th. The Spring Band Concert Series features the same variety of marches, overtures, selections and operatic arias as our Summer Concert Series with an emphasis on those works which are more effectively performed indoors. We are enclosing complete concert programs for the month of April and will send the programs for the month of May later this month. For those of you who would like a preview, concerts in May will include: Massenet's overture "**Le Roi de Lehere**," the **Variations on a Theme by Haydn** by Johannes Brahms, Ippolitov-Ivanov's "**Procession of the Sardar**" from "**Caucasian Sketches**," Franz Lehar's **Gold and Silver Waltz**, Selections from Lerner and Loewe's "**My Fair Lady**," Herbert L. Clarke's brilliant solo "**From the Shores of the Mighty Pacific**," Rimsky-Korsakov's **Capriccio Espagnol** and much, much more. The concerts begin at 3:00 p.m. and doors will open at 2:30 p.m. Due to limited seating in Sousa Band Hall, arrive early to ensure a good seat. Weekly concert information will be available on our concert information line at (202) 433-4011. **SPRING BAND CONCERT SERIES- Sundays at 3:00 p.m., March 30-May 25th., John Philip Sousa Band Hall, 8th and I Streets, S.E., Washington, D.C.** *Street Parking is available on Sundays or ride METRO to the Eastern Market stop and walk three blocks south on 8th Street to Marine Barracks. No tickets are required for these concerts. Plan to join us!

1986 CONCERT TOUR PLANNED FOR SOUTHEASTERN STATES

When John Philip Sousa took the Marine Band on tour in the Southeastern part of the U.S., he assured standing ovations by playing "**Dixie**" as an encore to **every** piece on the program. We don't plan to repeat Sousa's programming exactly but we can promise exciting matinee and evening tour concerts on our 1986 tour of the Southeast during September and October. The tour begins and ends in Washington, D.C., and the Band will perform in seven states during the eight week tour. (continued next page)

1986 CONCERT TOUR (continued)

The following states will be included in the tour: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Eastern North Carolina, South Carolina and the Eastern portion of Virginia. If you would like more information about sponsoring the U.S. Marine Band on tour, please write to: The Division of Public Affairs (PAB), Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington, D.C. 20380

CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES AND ORCHESTRA SERIES CONCLUDE

In our last issue we covered the second half of our annual **Chamber Music Series** at the Library of Congress's Coolidge Auditorium and our **Chamber Orchestra Series** in Sousa Band Hall. If you were unable to attend these concerts, you missed a special opportunity to enjoy the versatility of our Marine Band musicians in music from Schubert to Gershwin. The highlight of our Chamber Music Series was the special guest appearances by noted music critic Paul Hume and WGMS radio personality Renee Channey for a performance of William Walton's "Facade." (If you weren't at the concert, there may yet be another opportunity for you to enjoy the talents of these artists with our Marine Band musicians- we will keep you posted) The **Chamber Orchestra Series** showcased our musicians who perform for White House state dinners and other occasions in a wide variety of musical styles and periods. Both concert series were well received and we hope to see you at these concerts next year. Remember...if you have comments or suggestions about these concerts, we would be happy to hear from you.

PRESIDENTIAL TRIVIA

1. Who was the first President to ride on a railroad train?
2. Who was the first President born outside the 13 original states?
3. Who was the first First Lady to cast a vote in a Presidential Election?
4. Who was the only President to be born on the Fourth of July?
5. Who was the first child born in the White House?
6. Which President made the first presidential radio broadcast?
7. Which President gave official status to the name "The White House"?
8. Which President's nickname was "Old Kinderhook"?
9. Under which administration was the annual Easter Egg Roll moved from the grounds of the U.S. Capitol to the White House lawn?

(answers on the following page)

BAND MUSIC FEATURED ON UPCOMING TELEVISION PROGRAMS

For all lovers of band music, there will be two special programs on network television which feature bands. On Memorial Day evening on P.B.S., there will be a special "On Stage at Wolf Trap" program featuring a concert by Keith Brion and the New Sousa Band. A recreation of Sousa's touring band, this program recreates the experience of hearing a concert by John Philip Sousa and his Band. This program is scheduled for 10:00 p.m. on P.B.S. On June 1st, A.B.C. will present a special two-hour program on the life of Teddy Roosevelt with all the music for this program played by the great Detroit Concert Band under the direction of Dr. Leonard B. Smith. The Teddy Roosevelt program is scheduled for 9:00 p.m. on A.B.C. Please check your local listings for both of these television specials. We thought you would like to know!

FRIDAY EVENING PARADES BEGIN MAY 9TH

If you have attended one of the Friday Evening Parades at Marine Barracks, they need no introduction. If you haven't, you have missed one of Washington's most spectacular and popular tourist attractions. Each week, the stands are filled to capacity for a thrilling one-hour ceremony featuring marching, music and precision rifle demonstrations. The evening begins with a 30-minute prelude concert by the Marine Band at 8:20 p.m. No tickets are required but reservations are a must. We recommend you make reservations several weeks in advance by calling (202) 433-6060.

ANSWERS TO *PRESIDENTIAL TRIVIA* QUESTIONS

1. Andrew Jackson, 1833. 2. Abraham Lincoln 3. Elanor Roosevelt was voter number 203 on Election Day, 1920, in Hyde Park, N.Y. 4. Calvin Coolidge, born in 1872. 5. James Madison Randolph, grandson of Thomas Jefferson. 6. Warren Harding, June, 1922 from Ft. McHenry in Baltimore. 7. Theodore Roosevelt had the popular title printed on his presidential stationery. 8. Martin Van Buren 9. Rutherford B. Hayes' wife, Luc suggested the change when Congressmen complained that the annual event was ruining the lawn of the U.S. Capitol.

DO YOU HAVE FRIENDS OR RELATIVES WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE ON OUR MARINE BAND MAILING LIST? THEY'LL RECEIVE OUR BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER, ADVANCE LISTINGS OF CONCERT PROGRAMS, FORTHCOMING CONCERT SERIES AND SPECIAL TRIPS OR TOURS YEAR ROUND. THERE'S NO CHARGE TO BE ADDED TO OUR "FRIENDS OF THE MARINE BAND" MAILING LIST AND IF YOU'D LIKE TO BE INCLUDED, PLEASE WRITE TO THE MARINE BAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE, MARINE BARRACKS, 8TH AND EYE STREETS, S.E. WASHINGTON, D.C. 20390.