



*"The President's Own"*

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# UNITED STATES MARINE BAND *NEWSLETTER*

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## THE LATEST NEWS

For many of you on our Marine Band mailing list, the February-March newsletter arrived in the mail almost one month behind schedule, making this the latest news we have ever published. Half-way through the process of producing that newsletter, our addressing equipment ground to a complete halt, leaving us helpless. Those envelopes which had been addressed were mailed but all those which had not yet been completed had to wait for the equipment to be repaired. We apologize for this delay and wish to assure you that every effort will be made to insure that this will not happen again. We are currently meeting with representatives of companies offering more modern alternatives to our present system which, like many other Marine Band traditions, is quite historic. Thank you for your patience and, most of all, for your continued interest and support.

The Marine Band Public Affairs Staff

## MARINE BAND PERFORMS FOR GRIDIRON DINNER

Since the days of John Philip Sousa, the U.S. Marine Band has performed for the annual dinner of the Gridiron Club of Washington, D.C., an elite organization whose membership includes some of our nation's most distinguished journalists. Sousa was named the first Music Director of the Gridiron Club and, since that time, the Director of the U.S. Marine Band has traditionally served in that capacity. Invitations to the Gridiron Club dinner are among the most sought-after in Washington, everyone wanting to be present for the songs and skits which "roast" politicians and public figures alike. The evening of March 28th opened with a patriotic salute by the Marine Band and then Colonel Bourgeois led the Gridiron's singers and musicians in Democratic and Republican skits. Also featured in the show was the Marine Band's baritone vocalist, Michael Ryan.

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

## "SHOWCASE SERIES" CONTINUES THROUGH MAY

The Marine Band's new **"Showcase Series"** continues each Sunday afternoon at 3:00 in John Philip Sousa Band Hall at Marine Barracks, 8th and I Streets, S.E. in Washington. Although we have been presenting concerts in Sousa Band Hall for several years, the **"Showcase Series"** offers weekly concerts by a variety of ensembles, some which have not been previously featured in concert. The schedule of concerts for April and May is as follows:

April 5th: Marine Dixieland Band- MGySgt. Sonny James, leader  
April 12th: U.S. Marine Band- Col. John Bourgeois, conducting  
April 19th: Marine Band Easter Concert- Col. Bourgeois, cond.  
April 26th: Jazz Ensemble & Stage Band- MGySgt. Burian, cond.  
May 3rd: Percussion Ensemble- GySgt. Matt Becker, conducting  
May 10th: Chamber Orchestra- Major Timothy Foley, conducting  
May 17th: U.S. Marine Band- Major Timothy Foley, conducting  
May 24th: Chamber Orchestra- Major Timothy Foley, conducting  
May 31st: Chamber Orchestra- LtCol. Charles Erwin, conducting

Doors open at 2:30 p.m. for the 3:00 concerts. Due to limited seating, we recommend you arrive early. Street parking is available on Sundays or ride METRO to the Eastern Market Station and walk three blocks south on 8th Street to Marine Barracks. No tickets are required for these free concerts. Weekly concert information will be available on our concert information line at (202) 433-4011.

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## HEAR THE MARINE BAND AT THE WHITE HOUSE

This Spring will offer two public events at the White House which will allow you to hear "The President's Own" at the home of the presidents. On Saturday, April 11th, the U.S. Marine Band will perform for the annual Spring Garden tour of the White House and its grounds. The Marine Band will be featured from 3:30-5:00 p.m. On Monday, April 20th, the Marine Band will also perform for the annual Easter Egg Roll, a White House tradition since the administration of Rutherford B. Hayes. Children of all ages will enjoy the day-long celebration which features appearances by familiar television personalities and cartoon characters. More information about both events may be obtained by calling the White House Visitors Center at (202) 456-2322.

## SPECIAL CONCERT IN NORFOLK, VA., ON APRIL 24TH

The U.S. Marine Band will present a special concert for the 31st Annual All-Eastern Band and Instrumental Clinic. The concert will be held on Friday, April 24th at 8:00 p.m. in the Little Creek Base Theater. Colonel John Bourgeois will conduct the concert which will include his medley of Sousa marches entitled "Marching Along" and Modest Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition." Baritone Michael Ryan will perform vocal selections from "Man of La Mancha" by Mitch Leigh and Joe Darion. The concert is free and open to the public.

### EVENING PARADES BEGIN MAY 1ST

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 summer attractions. The parades are held on the Parade Ground at Marine Barracks and feature the Marine Band as well as the other ceremonial units from the Barracks in a one-hour ceremony which includes 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. Evening parades begin May 1st and we recommend that you make reservations several weeks in advance by calling (202) 433-6060. There is a limited amount of unreserved seating but please call ahead to insure a good seat.

### MARINE BAND CONCERTS ON N.P.R.

The Marine Band is no stranger to radio broadcasting. In 1922, when radio was still in its infancy, the Marine Band began a series of radio broadcasts which ran continuously until the late 1950's. At the time that they were discontinued, these were the longest sustaining broadcasts on network radio. The Marine Band returns to radio this fall in a series of broadcasts on National Public Radio which will feature each of the Washington service bands and the Coast Guard Band of New London, CT. Each band will be featured in a series of one-hour weekly concerts, with each month devoted to concerts by one of the major service bands. Although the series will begin in July, the Marine Band's concerts are programmed to begin in November. We will be providing additional information as it becomes available but please check the program listings of your local N.P.R. affiliate to determine broadcast times in your area.

## JOINT CONCERT WITH SOUSA HONORS BAND

On Saturday, May 9th, the Marine Band will share the stage at Departmental Auditorium with the Sousa International High School Honors Band. The Sousa High School Honors Band is comprised of students representing high schools from around the nation and some foreign students as well. These outstanding young musicians were selected based on recommendations from their band directors and their record of musical achievement. Every two years, the band meets here in Washington for a concert conducted by Colonel John Bourgeois, Director of the U.S. Marine Band. Following the first half of the concert by the Sousa Honors Band, the second half of the concert will feature the U.S. Marine Band, also conducted by Colonel Bourgeois. The event is sponsored by the John Philip Sousa Foundation, a publicly supported educational foundation organized to promote the excellence of bands and band music around the world. Concert time is 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 9th. No tickets are required and the concert is free and open to the public. Departmental Auditorium is located on Constitution Avenue between 12th and 14th Streets, N.W.

## COL. BOURGEOIS HONORED BY PHI BETA MU

Colonel John R. Bourgeois was recently awarded the Phi Beta Mu Outstanding Bandmaster Award. The award was presented at a meeting of the national school bandmasters fraternity which was held at the 1986 Mid-West International Band and Orchestra Clinic last December in Chicago, Illinois. The award was presented to Colonel Bourgeois by Jack W. White, President of Phi Beta Mu. Also honored on this occasion by the fraternity was Elizabeth Green, former professor at the University of Michigan School of Music and well-known author.

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.