



"The President's Own" UNITED STATES MARINE BAND NOTES

APRIL - MAY, 1988

GALA CONCERTS SLATED FOR BALTIMORE AND WASHINGTON

The United States Marine Band will be performing two gala concerts in April as part of its 190th anniversary season. The first of these concerts is at Joseph P. Meyerhoff Symphony Hall in Baltimore, on Tuesday, April 5th. The second concert is the following evening, Wednesday, April 6th, at DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. Both concerts will start at 8:00 p.m. The program is the same for both evenings, and will feature Sousa's march "Foshay Tower Washington Memorial." Composed in 1929, this march remained unpublished for 59 years, and was performed only once before, in 1976, by the Marine Band. Marine Band vocalist Michael Ryan will sing two arias of Richard Wagner, and cornet soloist James Klages will offer Vincent Bach's "Hungarian Melodies." The band will perform Dana Wilson's "Piece of Mind," winner of the 1987 Sudler International Wind Band Composition Competition. The program also will include music of Richard Strauss, Giuseppe Verdi, and Clare Grundman. The concert will con-

clude with Sousa's "Semper Fidelis," the official march of the United States Marine Corps, which was written one hundred years ago.

TO OBTAIN TICKETS

Both concerts are free, but tickets are required. Tickets for the April 5th concert at Meyerhoff Symphony Hall will be distributed at the Meyerhoff box office beginning March 14th. The ticket office is located at 1212 Cathedral Street in Baltimore. You may obtain up to four tickets for the concert by picking them up at the box office. For more information, call Meyerhoff Symphony Hall at (301)783-8000. Group requests should be directed to the Marine Band Public Affairs Office at (202)433-5809.

To obtain up to four tickets for the concert on April 6th at DAR Constitution Hall, fill out the ticket form below, clip it, and return it to the Marine Band Public Affairs Office, along with a stamped, self-addressed, business-size envelope. You will receive your tickets in the mail after March 14th. (Do not use this form for Meyerhoff tickets.) Group requests should be directed to Marine Band Public Affairs at (202)433-5809.

SHOWCASE CONCERT SERIES CONTINUES

The Marine Band and Orchestra will continue its showcase concerts each Sunday afternoon in April and May in Sousa Band Hall at Marine Barracks, 8th and I Streets, S.E., in Washington. The schedule of concerts is as follows:

April 3rd:	The Marine Band Col. Bourgeois, conducting
April 10th:	The Marine Band Col. Bourgeois, conducting
April 17th:	The Marine Band Col. Bourgeois, conducting
April 24th:	The Marine String Orchestra Maj. Foley, conducting
May 1st:	The Marine Band Col. Bourgeois, conducting
May 8th:	The Marine Orchestra LtCol. Erwin, conducting
May 15th:	The Marine Band LtCol. Erwin, conducting
May 22nd:	The Marine Orchestra Maj. Foley, conducting
May 29th:	Marine Orchestra Maj. Foley, conducting

These concerts begin at 3:00 p.m., and due to limited seating, we recommend that you arrive early. The doors will open at 2:30 p.m. Street parking is available, or ride the METRO blue or

Please send me _____ tickets (limit 4) to the April 6th Marine Band Concert at DAR Constitution Hall. I have enclosed a self-addressed, stamped, business size envelope.

Name:

Mailing Address:

City:

State:

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Return this form to CONSTITUTION HALL TICKETS, Marine Band Public Affairs, 8th and I Streets, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20390-5000.

orange line to Eastern Market and walk three blocks south on 8th Street to Marine Barracks. No tickets are required for these free concerts. Detailed program information will be available each week on our concert information line at (202)433-4011.

MARINE BAND SHOWCASE SERIES
Sundays at 3:00 p.m. through May 29th. John Philip Sousa Band Hall, 8th and I Streets, S.E., Washington, D.C.

WHITE HOUSE GROUNDS OPEN ON EASTER MONDAY

Monday, April 4th, offers an opportunity to see and hear "The President's Own" United States Marine Band on the White House lawn. The band will be part of the entertainment at the annual Easter Egg Roll, a White House tradition since the administration of Rutherford B. Hayes. Children 8 and under will enjoy the day-long celebration, which features appearances by familiar television personalities and cartoon characters. More information about this event may be obtained by calling the White House Visitors Center at (202)456-7041 or 456-2322.

EVENING PARADES BEGIN MAY 13TH

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 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's program begins with a 30-minute prelude concert by the Marine Band at 8:20 p.m., and the parade concludes shortly after 10:00 p.m. No tickets are required for these free parades, but reservations ARE A MUST. Parades begin on May 13, and continue each Friday evening through September 2nd. Reservations are accepted beginning three weeks before each parade. Call the reservation line at (202)433-6060.

CONCERT INFORMATION
(202)433-4011

MARINE BAND TO PERFORM AT MENC CONFERENCE

The Music Educators National Conference is a national organization of musicians and teachers dedicated to the advancement of music education in America. This year they are gathering in Indianapolis for their biennial National In-Service Conference. The Marine Band will perform a special concert for the MENC at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 23rd. Colonel Bourgeois will conduct this concert, which will feature concert band classics as well as new music for band. The concert is free and open to the public, and it will take place at Hall E of the Indiana Convention Center, located at Capitol Avenue and Maryland Street in Indianapolis. No tickets are required for admission.

MARINE BAND BIDS FAREWELL

TO ROBERT KALMAN

It has been more than 31 years since Robert Kalman joined the ranks of "The President's Own." During that time he has performed for seven presidents, and traveled uncounted thousands of miles on 18 national tours. With the exception of LtCol Charles Erwin, Kalman has the longest tenure of any current member of the band. Kalman has served for many years as the Marine Band's principal bassoonist. He plans to spend the first part of his well-earned retirement relaxing at home with his family in Bowie, Maryland.

THREE NEWCOMERS JOIN THE BAND

Mark Christianson comes to the Marine Band from halfway around the world. Before joining the band he was an oboist and English hornist with the Hong Kong Philharmonic. A 1979 master's degree graduate of Northwestern University, Christianson studied with Chicago Symphony principal oboist Ray Still, and performed occasionally with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

Steven Searfoss is a native of Broomall, Pa., near Philadelphia. He earned his bachelor of music degree in percussion from the Eastman School of Music, where he studied with former Marine Bandsman John H. Beck. Before joining the band, he performed with the Spoleto Festival, and the Philadelphia Orchestra.

Nineteen-year-old John Barclay has the distinction of being the youngest member of the Marine Band. A native of Las Vegas, he began clarinet studies with his father, Robert Barclay. In addition, he has studied with Mitchell Lurie in Los Angeles. Before joining the Marine Band, Barclay was the principal clarinet of the Las Vegas Studio Orchestra.

There's no charge to be added to our "Friends of the Marine Band" mailing list and if you'd like to receive our bi-monthly "Marine Band Notes," advance listings of concert programs, forthcoming concert series and special trips or tours year round, please write to:

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