



"The President's Own" UNITED STATES MARINE BAND

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"CAROLS AT WOLF TRAP" WITH THE MARINE BAND

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas" with the blinking lights wrapped around evergreen trees and holiday decorations adorning city streets and store windows. The holiday season also brings the annual Marine Band performance of "Carols at Wolf Trap."

The holiday performance begins with a prelude concert at 4 p.m., Sunday, December 4, in Wolf Trap's Filene Center.

Concertgoers bundle up to enjoy the Marine Band and choirs from the Capital area in this joyous expression of the holiday spirit. Colonel John R. Bourgeois will direct the band in traditional holiday favorites such as "Silent Night," "Frosty the Snowman," "Sleigh Ride," the "Nutcracker Suite" and Handel's stirring "Hallelujah Chorus." At dusk, the chilly air glows with the flames from candles brought by audience members.

This is a performance for the entire family. It's free and tickets are not required.

THE MARINE BAND PRESENTS CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES

The 1989 edition of the Chamber Music Series will be presented Sundays at 3 p.m. during January and February in the newly renovated Sousa Band Hall, Marine Barracks, 8th and I Sts., S.E., Washington, D.C.

The Marine Band's Chamber Music Series gives the band members an opportunity to organize, rehearse and conduct their own programs. The entire series is under the supervision of Assistant Director Major Timothy Foley.

The series will feature members of the Marine Band performing a variety of chamber music ranging from solos and duets to larger mixed ensembles.

The series begins January 8 with a harp and violin duet and a woodwind quintet. Performances by woodwind, string, brass and percussion ensembles are also scheduled. A complete program listing will be sent out in January.

Admission is free and no tickets are required. Limited parking is available on the street, or take the Metro to the Eastern Market Station and walk three blocks south on 8th Street.

CONCERT INFORMATION:
(202) 433-4011

THE MARINE BAND INAUGURAL TRADITION

On Friday, January 20, 1989 the 41st President of the United States will be sworn in during inaugural ceremonies at the Capitol Building.

Traditionally, "The President's Own" United States Marine Band has provided the musical support for the inauguration.

The Marine Band has performed at every inauguration since March 4, 1801 when it played for President Thomas Jefferson, the first President to be inaugurated in Washington.

The band played for the first inaugural ball held in Washington during James Madison's inaugural festivities on March 4, 1809.

In 1861 Marine Band leader Francis Scala wrote a march for Abraham Lincoln's first inauguration called "President Lincoln's Inaugural March," also referred to as the "Union March" or the "Inaugural March."

The band was on hand during Ulysses S. Grant's inaugural reception in 1869. The *Na-*

tional Intelligencer reported that "the music from the Marine Band enlivened the occasion, and in a measure, consoled those who could not dance."

Under John Philip Sousa, the Marine Band's leader from 1880 to 1892, the band performed at the inaugural ceremonies of James Garfield, Grover Cleveland and Benjamin Harrison.

The Marine Band performed for each of Franklin Roosevelt's four inaugurations. President Roosevelt was first inaugurated to the strains of "Happy Days Are Here Again." Roosevelt was too ill to leave the White House for his fourth inauguration in January, 1945. The ceremonies were held on the White House portico, with music provided by the Marine Band. Notes in the Marine Band log indicate the ceremony took only 14 minutes.

On January 20, 1981 "The President's Own" performed for the inaugural ceremony of President Ronald Reagan. In a remarkable coincidence of timing, Marine Band vocalist Michael Ryan sang "America the Beautiful" with the band and as millions watched the televised ceremonies, the American hostages were released from captivity in Iran.

Although Constitutional law mandates January 20th as the official inauguration day, the President is never sworn in on Sunday. For this reason, President Reagan took the oath of office for his second term in a private ceremony at the White House on Sunday Jan. 20, 1985. The Marine Band Chamber Ensemble performed at the White House for this. On Jan. 21, 1985 due to the extreme cold weather, President Reagan directed that all outdoor events for his public ceremony be cancelled. For the first time in history, members of Congress, the Supreme Court, the Diplomatic Corps, distinguished guests and the Marine Band gathered inside the Capitol Building to witness the President's swearing-in and hear his Inaugural Address.

MARINE BAND FALL TOUR "COMPLETE SUCCESS"

The Marine Band returned from its tour through the Northeast and New England area on Nov. 20. The band traveled for 51 days and, according to the National Tour Director, the tour was very well received.

"The fall tour was a complete success," said John G. Potochney. "The band played before standing room only audiences and, judging by the many letters we've gotten, they were received with great enthusiasm."

One such letter, from a woman of New Philadelphia, Pa., represents the spirit of all the letters. She writes;

"Last night, Oct. 5, 1988 a joyful sound reached the hearts of hundreds of citizens of Schuylkill County as we tapped our feet, applauded till our hands stung and shouted for more as the U.S. Marine Band brilliantly performed its magic. What a sound it was! What an experience to see, hear and feel the music and spirit of "The President's Own."

"I love this country and patriotism is uppermost in my heart. In fact, I fly an American flag on my front porch all year round. But, never before have I felt more American than last night at the U.S. Marine Band concert. I felt so proud and for a brief moment I was lifted away from the many ills facing our country. Music, the music we heard last night reminded me of all the good things our country is all about."

The final figures are not back yet but Potochney expects to receive more than 2,000 letters and the total audience count to exceed 100,000. The Marine Band would like to thank everyone who attended our concerts and those who took time to send us a letter. Your attendance and letters of appreciation are the key measure of the success of our concert tours.

Next year the band will travel to the West Coast visiting Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Nevada and California.

IN MEMORIAM JOHN S. BURROUGHS

MGySgt John S. Burroughs, USMC (Ret.), former member of the U.S. Marine Band died October 27th after a long illness. "Buddy" Burroughs, as he was known to his many friends, served 31 years in the Marine Band, retiring in 1966.

In spite of his retirement from active duty, "Buddy" worked tirelessly on behalf of the Marine Band every day of his life. He loved the Marine Band and expressed this in correspondence with friends and hundreds of band musicians around the world. He possessed a rare combination of enthusiasm and a positive attitude which made him a joy to be with and which will be missed by all who knew him.

His extensive collection of band music and recordings has been donated to the U.S. Marine Band Library.

For more information about these or other Marine Band performances, or if you would like to be added to the "Friends of the Marine Band" mailing list, write to: Marine Band Public Affairs, Marine Barracks, 8th and I Streets, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20390.