



*"The President's Own"*

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## FEBRUARY CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES FEATURES PAUL HUME AND RENEE CHANNEY

Marine Band Chamber Music Concerts continue Sundays through February 23rd at the Library of Congress. Concerts are presented in the Library's beautiful Coolidge Auditorium at 3:00 p.m. This popular series features Marine Band musicians in performances of music for small ensembles, with a variety of musical periods and styles represented. The highlight of the Marine Band's sixth annual Chamber Series at Coolidge Auditorium will be the February 23rd performance of William Walton's "Facade." Our special guest narrators for the Walton will be Paul Hume, music critic emeritus of *The Washington Post*, and Renee Channey, popular radio personality from Washington classical music station WGMS. Mr. Hume is well known to Washington audiences as host of WGMS's "A Variable Feast" and "Delta's World of Opera." He is known to audiences around the nation as biographer of Giuseppe Verdi and John McCormack, as host of "The Steinway Hour" and through appearances as intermission host on Texaco's Metropolitan Opera broadcasts. Miss Channey has become one of Washington's most popular and in-demand radio personalities. Having graced both the radio and television programming in Washington, she currently hosts the afternoon drive-time program on WGMS, bringing fine music and delightful commentary to Washington's harried drivers. Colonel John Bourgeois will conduct the February 23rd performance of Walton's "Facade." The program will also include Kurt Weill's suite for wind ensemble from his *Little Threepenny Opera*. **MARINE BAND CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERTS**- Sundays at 3:00 p.m., through February 23rd. Concerts are presented in Coolidge Auditorium, The Library of Congress, First Street between East Capitol and Independence Avenue, Southeast, in Washington. All concerts are free, no tickets or reservations are required.

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

## ORCHESTRA SERIES BEGINS MARCH 2ND

Four Sundays in March have been reserved for the Marine Band's annual **Chamber Orchestra Series**. The concerts will be held on Sunday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. in the Sousa Band Hall at Marine Barracks, 8th and I Streets, S.E., in Washington. The concerts will be conducted by the Assistant Directors of the Marine Band, LtCol. Charles Erwin and Capt. Timothy Foley. Highlights of the concerts include:

- March 2nd-** Music for percussion ensemble and the Scuola Di Balla, Sur Des Themes De Boccherini by **Jean Francaix**.
- March 9th-** Sinfonia Concertante, K.364 by **Mozart**, Deutche Tanz Vom Oktober 1824 by **Schubert** and the Chamber Symphony for Strings by **Dmitri Shostakovich**.
- March 16th-** Violoncello Concerto in D by **Haydn**, Variaciones Concertantes by **Ginastera**, "Octandre" by **Varese** and the Schoenberg arrangement of the Kaiser Waltz by **Strauss**.
- March 23rd-** Music for strings including the "Little Suite" by **Nielsen**

No tickets are required for these free concerts and the doors will open at 2:30 p.m. Street parking is available or ride **METRO** to the Eastern Market Station and walk 3 blocks to Marine Barracks. Plan to join us!

## "MUSIC IN THE SCHOOLS" PROGRAMS SCORE HIGH MARKS

For the ninth consecutive year, musicians from "The President's Own" have been visiting local elementary schools to present ensemble concerts designed for young people. These **"Music in the Schools"** concerts are one-hour presentations which not only entertain the youngsters with music but enlighten them with commentary about the history of the instruments and the music being performed. Three ensembles from the Marine Band share the **"Music in the Schools"** concerts: the woodwind quintet, the brass quintet and the string ensemble. Each group has selected a wide variety of music designed to appeal to the elementary school age group. Selections may range from Mozart or Haydn (with accompanying information about how violins are made) to familiar folk tunes, ragtime music by Scott Joplin to an arrangement of a popular song by Stevie Wonder. Each group distributes specially printed programs which contain historical information on the Marine Band, the music and illustrations of the instruments with accompanying descriptions. Demand has been increasing each year, with 32 **"Music in the Schools"** concerts scheduled for 1986.

## RECORDINGS STILL AVAILABLE

We have received a number of inquiries about our "Esprit de Corps" recording, done in conjunction with the Marine Corps Historical Foundation. Many people want to know where the recording can be obtained and others were wondering if it is still available. We checked with Historical Foundation personnel who assured us that "Esprit de Corps" is currently in stock, although the remaining supply is going fast. The album contains 12 selections ranging from Sousa's "Semper Fidelis" and other spirited marches, to the stirring strains of "America the Beautiful" and the Marines' Hymn Apotheosis. Each album costs \$11.50 by mail (including shipping and handling). All profits from the sale of this record will be used to support the Marine Corps Association Awards Program. To order this limited edition recording of "The President's Own", send \$11.50 per album to: MARINE CORPS HISTORICAL FOUNDATION GIFT SHOP, Washington Navy Yard, Building 58, Washington, D.C. 20374

## SPRING BAND CONCERT SERIES MAKES EARLY DEBUT

Easter falls early on the 1986 calendar and, lest we break with tradition, our annual Easter Band Concert will open the Spring Band Concert Series on Sunday, March 30th, at 3:00 p.m. Colonel John Bourgeois will conduct the special Easter concert which will include Sousa's march "Power and Glory," Rimsky-Korsakov's "Russian Easter Overture," the Intermezzo from "Cavalleria Rusticana" by Mascagni and Ottorino Respighi's "The Pines of Rome." Spring Band Concerts continue every Sunday during April and May, concluding with the final indoor concert on May 25th. These concerts are presented in the Sousa Band Hall at Marine Barracks, 8th and I Streets, S.E., in Washington. The concerts begin at 3:00 p.m., doors will open at 2:30 p.m. Due to limited seating in Sousa Band Hall, arrive early to ensure a good seat. As always, complete concert programs will be mailed before the first of each month and weekly information will be available on our concert information line at (202) 433-4011. SPRING BAND CONCERT SERIES- Sundays at 3:00 p.m., March 30th through May 25th.

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**MARINE BAND CONCERTS AT KENNEDY CENTER AND MEYERHOFF SYMPHONY HALL**

"The President's Own" will appear in two special concerts this spring in the Concert Hall of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington and at Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall in Baltimore. The theme of the concerts is "Hands Across the Sea," celebrating the U.S. Marine Band's first-ever overseas performances, given last November in Rotterdam, Holland. Colonel John Bourgeois will conduct both concerts and has selected a program to reflect the international theme "Hands Across the Sea." Highlights of the concerts will include Respighi's "The Pines of Rome," an International March-Past of great marches from around the world, and baritone Michael Ryan will encore his Rotterdam performance of Vocal Selections from "Man of La Mancha." Pulitzer Prize winning composer Michael Colgrass will conduct his "The Winds of Naguel," 1985 winner of the prestigious Sudler Wind Band Composition Competition. Both concerts are free but **TICKETS ARE REQUIRED**. Tickets for the April 22nd performance at Meyerhoff Symphony Hall may be obtained 3-4 weeks in advance at the Meyerhoff Symphony Hall Box Office. Tickets for the April 23rd performance at the Kennedy Center may be obtained by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope to: MARINE BAND KENNEDY CENTER TICKETS, Marine Band Public Affairs Office, 8th and I Streets, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20390-5000. Kennedy Center tickets will also be mailed 3-4 weeks in advance of the concert. Seating for both concerts will be limited to 4 tickets per family. Band directors or other group leaders desiring larger numbers of tickets should contact the Marine Band Public Affairs Office at (202) 433-4044.

**JOSEPH MEYERHOFF SYMPHONY HALL, BALTIMORE: Tuesday, April 22nd, 8:00 pm**  
**JFK CENTER CONCERT HALL, WASHINGTON: Wednesday, April 23rd, 8:30 pm**

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For information about concert tour appearances by "The President's Own," please write to: The Division of Public Affairs (PAB), Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington, D.C. 20380

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