

# NOTES

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## Marine Band Honors Thomas Jefferson

The Marine Band, President Clinton, and distinguished guests honored Thomas Jefferson in a ceremony at the Jefferson Memorial on April 13, 1993, the 250th anniversary of his birth. Jefferson's contributions to the history of this country are legendary, but less well known are Jefferson's contributions to the Marine Band. Director Colonel John R. Bourgeois explains, "President Adams gave the band its charter but Jefferson gave the band its identity. In Jefferson, the Marine Band found its most visionary advocate and friend."

"Music is the favorite passion of my soul." Thomas Jefferson

### A White House Tradition

Thomas Jefferson's knowledge of music played an important role in his interest in the Marine Band. An avid music lover and competent violinist by his early teens, Jefferson also compiled an extensive music library. His musical interests lasted a lifetime and at the age of seventy-four he still considered "music invaluable where a person has an ear."

On March 4, 1801, the Marine Band performed for Jefferson's inauguration, an event that had lasting historical significance for the band. Jefferson frequently used the Marine Band at White House functions and gave the band the title "The President's Own." One of the earliest eyewitness reports of a Marine Band performance at the White House was at Jefferson's first public reception

on July 4, 1801. Accounts from the *National Intelligencer* indicated that the "music awakened patriotic feelings as well as gaiety" and "the band of music played with great precision and with inspiring animation."

### Dedication of a Memorial

Throughout its history the Marine Band has been an integral part of this country's celebration of Jefferson. The band's association with the Jefferson Memorial dates back to the dedication



Percussionist GySgt Donald Spinelli and Cornetist SSgt Kurt Dupuis perform Taps at the 250th anniversary ceremony at the Jefferson Memorial on April 13, 1993.



President Clinton greets Colonel Bourgeois during the 250th anniversary ceremony at the Jefferson Memorial.

on April 13, 1943. Marine Band Director LtCol William F. Santelmann (1940-1955) noted in the director's log that the dedication ceremony was short but very impressive. The Marine Band, seated in front of President Roosevelt, played presidential honors and accompanied popular American opera star soprano Grace Moore in "The Star Spangled Banner." The band premiered the "Thomas Jefferson March," written by Santelmann's father, former Marine Band Director Capt William H. Santelman (1898-1927). Capt William H. Santelmann composed the march in 1903 when the idea of a Jefferson Memorial was first proposed.

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# ACTIVITIES UPDATE



Band and donated them during a ceremony at John Philip Sousa Band Hall on April 16, 1993.

## Sousa Pressbooks Donated

Colonel John R. Bourgeois and Marine Corps Commandant General Carl E. Mundy Jr. examine pressbooks containing valuable information about the Marine Band under John Philip Sousa's leadership and Sousa's civilian band c.1900-1910. The Marine Corps Historical Foundation purchased the books for the Marine

## Summer Concerts on the Mall

Summer concerts continue through August 29; Wednesdays on the East Terrace of the U.S. Capitol and Sundays at the Sylvan Theater on the grounds of the Washington Monument. Concerts begin at 8:00 p.m., weather permitting. Both concert sites are accessible by METRO, and limited street parking is available. Please note there will be no performances at the Sylvan Theater on July 4 or 25. See pages 3 and 4 for programs.

## Celebrating 195 Years of Music

**Meyerhoff Symphony Hall** - The Marine Band marks its 195th anniversary with a free performance at Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall in Baltimore, MD on Saturday, July 10 at 8:00 p.m. For ticket information, call the Meyerhoff Box Office at (410) 783-8008 or toll free (800) 442-1198. Patrons must request and pick-up tickets in person at the box office.

**Kennedy Center** - The 195th Anniversary concert at the Kennedy Center Concert Hall on Sunday, July 11 at 2:00 p.m. is sold out. Seats unoccupied at concert time may be available to nonticket holders.

## At the White House

The Marine Band recently performed at two receptions at the White House for the dedication of the Holocaust Museum.

## Marine Band hits Prime Time

### Cheers for the Marine Band!

Footage of the Marine Band at the 1993 Presidential Inauguration Ceremony appeared on an April episode of the popular TV comedy show *Cheers*.

### A Day at the White House

There were several glimpses of the Marine Band at the White House during the recent NBC special, *A Day at the White House*.

## Vacancies

Auditions for the following positions will be held at Marine Barracks in Washington, D.C.: **Cornet/Trumpet** on August 2; **Cello** on August 9. For more information write to: Operations Officer, U.S. Marine Band, Marine Barracks, 8th and I Sts. SE, Washington, D.C. 20390-5000, or call (202) 433-5714 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## July 4th Celebrations

### Wolf Trap Filene Center

The Marine Band will celebrate Independence Day with a concert at Wolf Trap's Filene Center on Sunday, July 4 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The concert is free and no tickets are required. Bring the whole family and a picnic lunch for an afternoon of patriotic music. Free parking is available.

### "A Capitol 4th" on PBS

Band members will join the National Symphony Orchestra on July 4 for a tribute to John Philip Sousa. The concert, "A Capitol 4th!" will be broadcast on PBS live from the Capitol Building.

## Reunions

### Attention retired and former Marine Band members

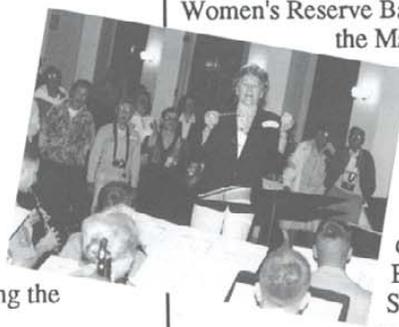
Two retired Marine Band members are organizing a reunion of retired and former members to be held in 1994. Contact the following individuals for more information:

Jimmy Erdman, Temple Avenue,  
Box 55, Mt. Gretna, PA 17604  
Or

John Renzi, 12604 DeOudes Road,  
Boys, MD 20841

### WWII Women's Reserve Band

Former members of the WWII Women's Reserve Band recently visited the Marine Band during their 50th anniversary reunion. The Women's Reserve Band, organized in 1943 with the help of former Marine Band Director LtCol Santelmann, participated in several wartime Mutual Radio broadcasts from the Band Hall.



Charlotte Plummer Owen, bandmaster, is pictured guest conducting the Marine Band in "March of the Women Marines" during the Reserve Band's recent visit to Sousa Band Hall.

# JULY CALENDAR

For complete information on Summer Concerts on the Mall, the Meyerhoff Anniversary Concert, the Kennedy Center Anniversary Concert, or July 4th at Wolftrap, please see page 2. Concert programs will include the following selections (subject to change):

## 7th

### CAPITOL BUILDING

**Colonel John R. Bourgeois,**  
conducting

Sousa\*  
March, "Sound Off"  
Donizetti/ Pulvirenti\*  
Overture to *Don Pasquale*  
Gottschalk/ Leidzén  
Cakewalk, "Pasquinade"  
Williams  
Fanfare and Allegro  
arr. Hockett\*  
"New Orleans Salute"

arr. Bulla\*  
Stephen Foster Songbook  
*Michael Ryan, Baritone*

Gershwin/ R. R. Bennett  
Selections from *Porgy and Bess*

## 10th & 11th

### 195th Anniversary Concert

**July 10 - Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony  
Hall, Baltimore MD, 8 p.m.**

**July 11 - John F. Kennedy Center for  
the Performing Arts, 2 p.m.**

**Colonel John R. Bourgeois,**  
conducting

**David McCullough,**  
Concert Moderator

Williams  
Fanfare and Allegro

#### A Dance Set:

Gottschalk/ Leidzén  
Cakewalk, "Pasquinade"  
Offenbach/Bourgeois\*  
Galop from "Geneviève de Brabant"  
Sousa\*  
Two Step, "The Washington Post"  
Joplin  
Maple Leaf Rag  
arr. Hockett\*  
Traditional Dixieland, "New Orleans  
Salute"

Benson  
Meditation on *I am for Peace*

Gershwin/ Bennett  
Selections from *Porgy and Bess*

Sousa\*  
March "The Gallant Seventh"

Knox\*  
"American Pageant"

arr. Bulla\*  
Stephen Foster Songbook  
*Michael Ryan, Baritone*

Tchaikovsky/ Bourgeois\*  
Overture Solenelle, "1812"

Sousa\*  
March, "The Stars and Stripes  
Forever"

## 11th

### SYLVAN THEATER

Marine Band Ensemble

Program TBA

## 14th & 18th

### CAPITOL BUILDING & SYLVAN THEATER

**Captain Dennis R. Burian,**  
conducting

Sousa\*  
March, "Jack Tar"

Wagner/ Winterbottom  
Prelude to *Die Meistersinger von  
Nürnberg*

G. Meister/ Knox\*  
Fantasia for Clarinet, "Erwinn"  
*Randall Riffle, soloist*

Barnes  
Duo Concertante, Op. 74  
*John Hagstrom, trumpet, and Dale  
Allen, euphonium*

Gershwin/ Krance  
*An American in Paris*

Giordano/ Jolly\*  
Aria, "Nemico della Patria" from  
*Andrea Chénier*  
*Michael Ryan, Baritone*

## 21st

### CAPITOL BUILDING

**Major Timothy W. Foley,**  
conducting

Sousa\*  
March, "Liberty Loan"

Gould/ Jirousek  
Dance from *Festive Music*

R. Strauss/ Boyd  
Horn Concerto No. 1 in E-flat, Op. 11

Williams  
*Symphonic Suite*

Mendelssohn/ Knox\*  
Concertpiece No. 1 in F minor, Op. 113  
*Lisa Kadala and Jeffrey Strouf,*  
*clarinet soloists*

Tchaikovsky/ Duker  
Cossack Dance from *Mazepa*

## 28th & 1st

### CAPITOL BUILDING & SYLVAN THEATER

**Colonel John R. Bourgeois,**  
conducting

Sousa\*  
March, "The Picadore"

Weber/ Bourgeois\*  
Rondo from Clarinet Concerto No. 1  
in F minor, Op. 73  
*John Norton, soloist*

Grainger  
"A Grainger Set"

Bernstein/ Grundman  
*Candide Suite*  
Premiere Performance

Massenet/ Knox\*  
Aria, "Vision Fugitive" from  
*Hérodiade*  
*Michael Ryan, Baritone*

R. Strauss/ Högg  
Love Scene from *Feuersnot*, Op. 50

# AUGUST CALENDAR

## 4th & 8th

### CAPITOL BUILDING & SYLVAN THEATER

**Captain Dennis R. Burian, conducting**

Sousa\*/ Byrne\*  
March, "The Fairest of the Fair"

Bizet/ F. Godfrey  
Selections from *Carmen*

Jeanjean/ Fournier  
Clarinet Solo, "The Carnival of Venice"  
*Jay Niepoetter, soloist*

Bernstein/ Dutoit  
Selections from *West Side Story*

Weber/ Kline\*  
Clarinet Solo, Rondo from Grand Duo Concertante, Op. 48  
*Nan Lopata, soloist*

Enesco  
Roumanian Rhapsody No. 1, Op. 11

**T**he Marine Band salutes composer **Clare Grundman** on his 80th Birthday. He is one of the most popular and successful composers of band music today. Mr. Grundman's compositions include *Concord*, which was commissioned and premiered by the Marine Band. His adaptation of music from Leonard Bernstein's opera *Candide* will be premiered by the Marine Band on July 28. Movements included in the *Candide Suite* are "The Best of All Possible Worlds", Westphalia Chorale and Battle Music, "Auto Da Fe", "Glitter and Be Gay", and one of Bernstein's most famous and beautiful compositions "Make Our Garden Grow".

**For up-to-date concert information call the 24-hour information line (202) 433-4011.**

## 11th & 15th

### CAPITOL BUILDING & SYLVAN THEATER

**Colonel John R. Bourgeois, conducting**

Sousa\*  
March, "The Gridiron Club"

Nicolai/ Sousa\*  
Overture to *The Merry Wives of Windsor*

Weber/ Lake  
Concertino for Clarinet, Op. 26  
*Elizabeth Gish, soloist*

Piston  
Intermezzo, "Tunbridge Fair"

Tchaikovsky/ Hindsley  
March from Symphony No. 6 in B minor, Op. 74, *Pathétique*

Rodgers and Hammerstein/ Bulla\*  
Scenario from *Carousel*  
*Michael Ryan, Baritone*

Respighi/ Duker  
*The Pines of Rome*

## 18th & 22nd

### CAPITOL BUILDING & SYLVAN THEATER

**Captain Dennis R. Burian, conducting**

Sousa\*  
March, "Daughters of Texas"

Mozart/ Dutoit  
Overture to *The Marriage of Figaro*

Boccalari/ Kent  
Clarinet Solo, "Fantasia di Concerto"  
*Frederick Lemmons, soloist*

Glière/ Leidzén  
Russian Sailors' Dance from *The Red Poppy*

Dinicu/ Owen\*  
Marimba Solo, "Hora Staccato"  
*Donald Spinelli, soloist*

Massenet/ Bowlin\*  
Aria, "Voilà donc la terrible cité!" from *Thaïs*  
*Michael Ryan, Baritone*

Shostakovich/ Hines\*  
Finale from Symphony No. 5

## 25th & 29th

### CAPITOL BUILDING & SYLVAN THEATER

**Major Timothy W. Foley, conducting**

Sousa\*  
March, "Wisconsin Forward Forever"

Hanson/ McBeth  
Finale from Symphony No. 2, Op. 30  
*Romantic* (1930)

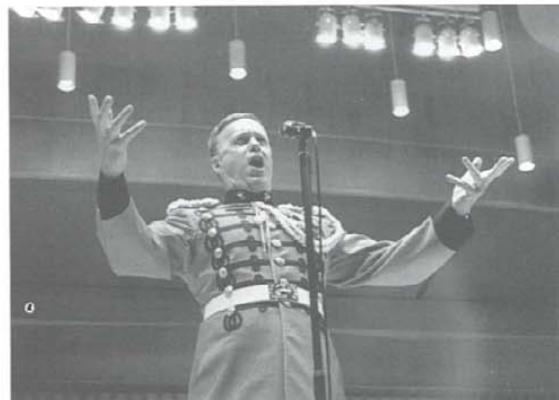
Davis  
Escapade for Trumpet  
*John Hagstrom, soloist*

Milhaud/ Fox\*  
*Scaramouche*, Suite pour Saxophone  
*Kenneth Foerch, alto saxophone soloist*

Tchaikovsky/ Knox\*  
Finale from Violin Concerto in D, Op. 35  
*Jihoon Chang, clarinet soloist*

Rodgers and Hammerstein/Bulla\*  
"Oklahoma-An American Portrait"  
*Michael Ryan, Baritone*

**\*Member U.S. Marine Band**



### Please Note:

**Concerts will not be held at the Sylvan Theater on July 4th or July 25th.**

**The Marine Band will be performing at Wolftrap on July 4th. See pg. 2 for details.**

# STAFF LINES

## **MGySgt Michael Ryan**

**Position in the Band:** Baritone Vocalist and Concert Moderator (I talk to our audience about music and they listen patiently while I sing)

**Birthday:** June 22nd

**Hometown:** Washington, D.C.

**Family Status:** Married for a quarter century to Trixie

**Children:** Kathleen, 21, Quentin, 19

**Pets:** The cows and goats are gone; only two dogs and three cats remain

**Education:** BA Major in French & Italian, minor in Latin and Greek from University of Maryland (but I always wanted to be a singer!)

**When Joined Band:** June, 1970

**Self-Portrait:** Just an ordinary guy trying to make do with less talent than a lot of other people I know

**Favorite Saying:** "What could go wrong?"

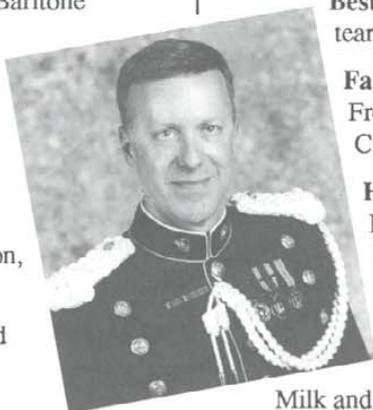
**Greatest Accomplishment:** Having sustained voice, career, and the same family for so long

**Pet Peeves:** "L'enfer, c'est les autres" - Sartre

**Walter Mitty Fantasy:** Having my Christmas tape in every American home

**Most Memorable Moment in Band:** Singing "America, the Beautiful" during the first inauguration of President Reagan while our hostages were being released by Iran

**Inspiration:** I really love music



**Who Would Play You in a Movie:** Arnold Schwarzenegger

**Best Kept Secret:** I use "no tears" shampoo

**Favorite Food:** (Fantasy) Fat Free, Cholesterol Free Nuts, Chocolate, and Prime Rib

**Hobbies:** Weightlifting, Music, Searching for intelligent life on this planet

**Something Always Found in my Refrigerator:** Skim Milk and other age-reducing foods

**Luxury Defined:** Staying home from tour

**Bad Habits:** I am a driven, impatient, Type-A workaholic (worse, I used to think these were admirable qualities)

**Most Influential Teacher:** John Bullock took my voice apart and put it back together again

**Professional Experience Before Marine Band:** Six years in the back row of the U.S. Army Chorus

**Books at Bedside:** The Bible, Victorian Homes, Opera News, The Urantia Book, and a Weightlifting Magazine

**Favorite Piece of Music:** Too numerous to mention. However, there are a few I never need to hear again

**Place You'd Most Like to be Stranded:** The stage of the Metropolitan Opera House with all other baritones out of town

**Last Words:** "La Morte e il Nulla!" -from Verdi's *Otello*

# BAND MEMBER NEWS

## Retirements

**Trumpet player Master Gunnery Sergeant J. Carlton Rowe** of Norfolk, VA retired on May 31 after serving with the Marine Band since May 1971. He performed as principal trumpet since 1978. He earned a bachelor's degree from The Shenandoah Conservatory of Music and a master's degree from The Catholic University of America. MGySgt Rowe performed as a soloist many times during his tenure with the Marine Band.

**Bass Clarinetist MSgt Thomas W. Fox** of Chattanooga, TN retired on May 31 after serving with the Marine Band since May 1973. He earned a bachelor's degree in music education from Peabody College of Nashville, TN, and a master's degree in music from The Catholic University of America.

## Promotions

**To Master Gunnery Sergeant**  
Percussionist Thomas H. Prince of Portsmouth, VA

**To Master Sergeant**  
Saxophonist Pasquale J. Marino of Brackenridge, PA  
French Hornist William J. Zsembery of Holbrook, NY

**To Gunnery Sergeant**  
Eb Clarinetist John R. Barclay of Las Vegas, NV

### Summer Concerts at the Memorial

In 1950, the Marine Band became the first military band to give concerts at the memorial. Considering the importance of Jefferson to Marine Band history, the memorial served as an appropriate backdrop for the band's traditional summer concerts. The concerts continued until 1953 and again from August 1973 to July 1984. After 1984, logistical concerns caused the concerts to be moved from the Memorial to their present location at Sylvan Theater.

The band's historical and current connection to the White House and the Presidency has its roots in Jefferson's musical interests and visions. The Marine Band, continuing the tradition as "The President's Own" performs over 200 times annually at White House receptions, State dinners, and ceremonial occasions. The band has also continued the tradition of participating in inaugural ceremonies and has performed at every Presidential Inauguration Ceremony since 1801. It is because of these important contributions that Jefferson is still referred to as the "godfather of the Marine Band."

## Jefferson and Marine Barracks

On March 31, 1801, President Jefferson and Marine Corps Commandant Lieutenant Colonel William Burrows rode through Washington to find a suitable location for the Marine Barracks. The present site was selected because it's within easy marching distance of the Capitol Building. Marine Barracks has been the home of the Marine Band since 1801.

## NOTES

"The President's Own"  
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