



*"The President's Own"*

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## A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of the Marine Band:

I am writing to thank all of you for the incredible response we have received to our concert series in 1986. Whether at Coolidge Auditorium for the Chamber Music Series or here in Sousa Band Hall for the Orchestra and Band Concert Series, audience size and enthusiasm is continually increasing and we thank you for this.

I would like to say a special word about our concerts at the John F. Kennedy Center and Baltimore's Meyerhoff Symphony Hall. We made a special effort to "get the word out" about the concerts and your response was even greater than we had imagined. The Concert Hall of the Kennedy Center was near capacity and the Meyerhoff Symphony Hall could not accommodate everyone who wanted to attend the concert. To our friends in Baltimore who were unable to attend the concert: please accept our most sincere apology for any inconvenience you may have experienced the night of our concert. We wish everyone in Baltimore could have joined us for that special evening but the response was overwhelming. We understand that our concert drew the largest crowd of any event since the gala opening of the hall. Based on past years' attendance, we anticipated a full house but we attracted a full house...and then some. Every musician loves to perform before a packed house and, generally, the more the better. I want you to know that we share your disappointment at not being able to be at the Baltimore concert. Please know that we value your support and hope that you can attend our concert next year as well as other performances by "The President's Own."

Colonel John R. Bourgeois, Director

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

## SPRING CONCERT SERIES CONCLUDES

With the May 25th concert, our indoor Spring Band Concert Series concluded in Sousa Band Hall at Marine Barracks. The series was a great success this year, each week with a standing-room-only crowd to hear the Marine Band. This year's concerts featured a wide variety of repertoire ranging from band masterworks by Paul Hindemith and Ida Gotkovsky to a program of music of the wild west and the rodeo. These concerts are an annual series presented on Sundays in April and May .

## OUTDOOR SUMMER CONCERT SERIES AT THE CAPITOL & SYLVAN THEATER

Not to be found idle, we move directly from one concert series to another beginning June 1st with our annual summer concerts at the Capitol and Sylvan Theater. The Marine Band presented its first public concert in Washington on July 4th, 1800, making this our 186th season of outdoor concerts for Washingtonians and visitors to our nation's capital. All concerts are at 8:00 p.m. and will continue through Sunday, August 31st. These concerts are free and no tickets are required. For more information please call out concert information line at 433-4011.

### Summer Concert Series: June 1st through August 31st

Sundays at 8:00 p.m.- Sylvan Theater near the Washington Monument  
Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.- West Front of the U.S. Capitol Building

### **\*\*PRESIDENTIAL TRIVIA\*\***

1. Who was the first President to be married while in office?
2. Who was the shortest President? Who was the tallest?
3. Which First Lady was first to ride seated beside her husband for the triumphant Inauguration Day carriage ride?
4. Which President initiated the custom of shaking hands at a White House social reception?
5. Which potential Presidential candidate said, "If forced to choose between the penitentiary and the White House for four years, I would say the penitentiary, thank you."
6. Who is the only Chief Executive to have earned a Ph.D.?

(answers on back page)

## FOURTH OF JULY WITH "THE PRESIDENT'S OWN"

Our nation's independence day has always been a special day for the Marine Band but this year's activities promise to eclipse them all. Various parts of the Marine Band will be split between the Statue of Liberty Ceremonies in New York City, Wolf Trap Farm Park near Washington and here at Marine Barracks. Here is a summary of our activities on and around July 4th:

### STATUE OF LIBERTY CEREMONY- NEW YORK CITY

The U.S. Marine Band under the direction of Colonel Bourgeois is tentatively scheduled to perform near the Statue of Liberty on the evening of July 4th. The President is scheduled to attend the ceremony and the evening will culminate in the **"International Fireworks Spectacular"** with music provided by the Marine Band. Billed as the largest fireworks display ever, forty 100-foot barges loaded with fireworks will surround Manhattan, stretching from the World Trade Center to the Brooklyn Bridge. Fireworks will be choreographed to music written by the ceremony's music director, **Joe Raposo**, of Broadway and television fame. (Will be carried on nationwide T.V.)

### FREE PERFORMANCE AT WOLF TRAP FARM PARK

The Marine Dixieland Combo, Strings and all Band members not in New York will convene at Wolf Trap from 1:00 until 4:00 p.m. on the afternoon of the Fourth under the direction of Capt. Timothy Foley. We have a full afternoon of lively music, patriotic tunes, marches and Americana in store. The event is free, no tickets are required. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the Fourth at Wolf Trap.

### INTERNATIONAL CLASSICAL CONCERT- NEW YORK CITY- JULY 5TH

The Statue of Liberty Ceremony will carry over to July 5th with an all-star classical concert broadcast live on T.V. from New York's Central Park. Over 500 thousand people are expected to attend this concert which will feature the U.S. Marine Band and the following world-renowned artists: **Zubin Mehta and the New York Philharmonic, Marilyn Horne, Placido Domingo, Sherrill Milnes, Pinchas Zukerman and James Galway.** AND the concert will include, live by satellite, **L'Orchestra de Paris** and more fireworks. Don't miss this great event!

## EVENING PARADE AT MARINE BARRACKS- JULY 4TH

What's the Fourth of July without a parade? Well, that's what we said so there will be an Evening Parade here at Marine Barracks on the night of Friday, July 4th. The evening parades are held each Friday during the summer running through September. The Parades feature the marching and ceremonial units from Marine Barracks, The U.S. Marine Band and the U.S. Marine Drum & Bugle Corps. The parades begin with a 30-minute prelude concert by the Marine Band beginning at 8:20 p.m. All parades are free, no tickets required. Reservations are essential and may be made by calling several weeks in advance at **433-6060**.

## MARINE JAZZ COMBO AT AIR & SPACE MUSEUM

Again this year we will participate in the summer concert series presented at the National Air & Space Museum. These concerts are presented on the West Terrace of the Air & Space Museum from 12 noon until 1:00 p.m. Our Jazz Combo will be performing there at noon on Monday, July 21st. (For those of you who like to plan ahead, we will be there again on August 25th) If you work in the area or can come down for the concert, please join us.

## ANSWERS TO \*\*PRESIDENTIAL TRIVIA\*\* QUESTIONS

1. The first President to be married while in office was John Tyler, in 1844. It was his second marriage. 2. The shortest President was James Madison at 5'4" in his knickers and a hefty 100 lbs. The tallest, as you may have guessed, was Abe Lincoln at 6'4" and 180 lbs. 3. The first First Lady to ride along was Helen Taft, wife of William Howard Taft. 4. Thomas Jefferson was first to shake hands in 1801. His predecessors bowed. 5. Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman 6. The learned individual in question was Woodrow Wilson.

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.