



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

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## NOTES

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### OUTDOOR CONCERTS BEGIN JUNE 1ST

Open-air concerts by the Marine Band are a Washington tradition and this tradition continues with our summer concert series at the U.S. Capitol and at the Sylvan Theater on the Washington Monument Grounds. This marks the 189th season of outdoor concerts in Washington by the Marine Band.

The Band's first Washington concert was performed on August 21, 1800, on its hillside encampment near the present site of the Lincoln Memorial. Although the Marine Band's early performances in the "capital city" cannot be tied to one location, we do know that President Franklin Pierce approved legislation in 1854 allowing the Band extra pay for playing "on the grounds of the President and the Capitol."

Today's performances are given on the West Terrace of the U.S. Capitol Building every Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. and at the Sylvan Theater every Sunday at 8:00 p.m., weather permitting. These concerts will continue through August and are free and open to the public. No tickets are required. For more information, please call our concert information line at 433-4011.

### Moving?

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### EVENING PARADES CONTINUE AT MARINE BARRACKS

Another summer institution in Washington is the Evening Parade, which is held every Friday at Marine Barracks, 8th and I Streets, S.E. "The Oldest Post of the Corps" provides a stunning backdrop for the ceremonies which feature the U.S. Marine Band, the U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps and the Marching and Ceremonial units from Marine Barracks. The evening parades begin at 8:20 p.m. with a 30-minute prelude concert by the U.S. Marine Band. All Evening Parades are free and open to the public but *RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST*. We recommend calling several weeks in advance for Parade reservations at (202) 433-6060.

### UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND CONCERT

The U.S. Marine Band, under the Direction of Colonel John Bourgeois, will present a special concert at the University of Maryland's Tawes Theater on Saturday, June 4th, at 8:15 p.m. This concert will open the Maryland Summer Institute for Creative and Performing Arts 1988 Cultural Series.

This concert is free and open to the public but **TICKETS ARE REQUIRED**. Tickets may be obtained in one of two ways: To obtain tickets by mail, send a stamped, self-addressed business size envelope with a note in-

dicating the number of tickets requested to: MARINE BAND TICKETS, TAWES SUMMER BOX OFFICE, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND 20742. Or, tickets may be picked up in person at the Tawes Theater Box Office AFTER MAY 23rd. The box office will be open Monday through Friday, 12:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

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### LTCOL CHARLES ERWIN RETIRES JUNE 30TH

On June 30th, 1988, LtCol Charles Erwin, Assistant Director of the Marine Band will retire from active duty, having completed more than 40 years of service with the Band. LtCol Erwin joined the Marine Band in 1948 as a 18 year-old cornetist and soon established himself as a featured soloist. He later served as the Band's solo cornetist for the final 18 years of his playing career. In 1975 he was appointed the Marine Band's first Operations Officer and was appointed Assistant Director in 1977. He was promoted to his present rank in 1985. LtCol Erwin's farewell concert with the Marine Band is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 22nd at the U.S. Capitol. In the event of rain, the farewell concert will be re-scheduled for 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 26th at the Sylvan Theater on the Washington Monument grounds.

## MARINE BAND AT WOLF TRAP

The U.S. Marine Band will make two appearances at Wolf Trap Farm Park during June and July. The first appearance will be on Wednesday, June 8th, when the Band performs for the opening ceremonies of Wolf Trap's 1988 summer season.

On Monday, July 4th, the Band will again perform for Wolf Trap's Independence Day festivities. The Band will perform in the Filene Center from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. on the 4th of July and this performance is free and open to the public, no tickets are required. This would be an ideal setting for a 4th of July family picnic, complete with music by "The President's Own." Plan to join us for this holiday event!

## MARINE BAND CELEBRATES 190TH BIRTHDAY

One week after Independence Day, the U.S. Marine Band will celebrate its 190th birthday. The Marine Band was founded by an Act of Congress signed by President John Adams on July 11, 1798, making the Marine Band America's oldest musical organization.

As the Band nears the end of its second century, we thank you, our audiences, for your devoted interest and support.

## BAND TO PERFORM FOR TEXAS BANDMASTERS

The Marine Band will present a concert in San Antonio, Texas, on Monday, July 25th in conjunction with the 41st Annual State Convention of the Texas Bandmasters Association. The concert begins at 8:00 p.m. and will be held at the Lila Cockrel Theater in the San Antonio Convention Center.

The concert is free and open to the public. No tickets are required.

In addition, Band representatives will be on hand in the exhibit area to answer questions about the Band, future vacancies and tour schedules.

CONCERT INFORMATION  
(202)433-4011

## 1STLT BURIAN APPOINTED ASST. DIRECTOR

1st Lieutenant Dennis Burian, Operations Officer of the Marine Band, has been selected to become the next Assistant Director of the Band. 1stLt Burian will assume his new duties upon the retirement of LtCol Charles Erwin on June 30th.

Burian, a native of Allentown, PA., attended West Chester University in West Chester, PA, before joining the Marine Band in 1969 as a clarinetist and saxophonist. While a member of the Band he earned his Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

1stLt Burian was selected as the Band's Operations Chief in June of 1977 and held that position until September of 1987 when he assumed the duties of Operations Officer. In these capacities, he was responsible for daily scheduling of all Marine Band events, which included liaison for the Band's White House commitments.

## MARINE BAND TO BE FEATURED IN READER'S DIGEST

In recognition of the Marine Band's 190th birthday, a feature article will appear in the July issue of *Reader's Digest*. Senior Editor Trevor Armbrister, author of the article, spent an intensive week with the Band, both here at Marine Barracks and at Constitution Hall for our gala concert held on April 6th. He observed the Band in rehearsal and concert and interviewed a number of Marine Band musicians to gain insight into their careers with "The President's Own." Please look for the article in the July issue.

## BAND PERFORMS FOR M.E.N.C.

As mentioned in the last issue of NOTES, the Marine Band performed for the 51st National In-Service Conference of the Music Educators National Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana. Colonel John Bourgeois conducted the Band in an international program which featured the world premiere of "Fantasy Variations on a Theme of Niccolo Paganini" by James Barnes. The work was commissioned by the Marine Band in 1988. James Barnes is a well-known band composer and is on the faculty of the University of Kansas in Lawrence.

Dr. Donald Corbett, President of the M.E.N.C., opened the second half of the concert by conducting the Marine Band in Henry Fillmore's march "Americans We."

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