

November - December 1999

NOTES

The 2000 Season



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Introducing

The Marine Band's 2000 Season

The United States Marine Band is pleased to announce its 2000 season of performances. Next year, patrons will have the opportunity to attend 21 performances throughout the Washington, DC, area, featuring the Marine Band, Marine Chamber Orchestra, and chamber ensembles. In addition, "The President's Own" will reach beyond the metropolitan area to perform in Winchester and Fredericksburg, VA, as well as St. Mary's and Baltimore, MD.

"We look forward to our 2000 concert series and to performing in a wider selection of venues than ever before," Director Colonel Timothy W. Foley said. "As we explore new concert opportunities, we hope to bring the Marine Band's music to an even greater audience."

Concerts are free and open to the public. *For the first time, tickets are NOT required for the band's performances at George Mason University's Center for the Arts in Fairfax, VA.* In addition, tickets are not required at the other Washington-area venues. It is recommended, however, that groups larger than 20 or those with special needs contact the Marine Band Public Affairs Office prior to the concert date at (202) 433-5809.

The following schedule is subject to change. For more information, call the Marine Band 24-hour Concert Information Line at (202) 433-4011 or visit the band's website at www.marineband.bqmc.usmc.mil.

January

- Wed., Jan. 5 at 8 p.m. Chamber Orchestra at LOC
 Sun., Jan. 16 at 2 p.m. Chamber Ensembles at NAS
 Sun., Jan. 23 at 2 p.m. Chamber Orchestra at NAS
 Sun., Jan. 30 at 2 p.m. Marine Band at GMU

February

- Sun., Feb. 6 at 2 p.m. Chamber Ensembles at NAS
 Sun., Feb. 13 at 2 p.m. Marine Band at GMU
 Wed., Feb. 16 at 8 p.m. Chamber Orchestra at LOC
 Thu., Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m. Chamber Orchestra at St. Mary's College Auerbach Auditorium, St. Mary's City, MD
 Sun., Feb. 20 at 2 p.m. Brass and Percussion Ensembles at Sousa Band Hall, Marine Barracks, Washington, DC

- Sun., Feb. 27 at 2 p.m. Marine Band at GMU

March

- Sun., March 5 at 2 p.m. Chamber Ensembles at NAS
 Wed., March 8 at 8 p.m. Marine Band at Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall, Baltimore, MD
 Thu., March 16 at 8 p.m. Chamber Orchestra at Shenandoah University Goodson Chapel, Winchester, VA
 Sun., March 19 at 2 p.m. Chamber Orchestra at NAS
 Sun., March 26 at 2 p.m. Chamber Ensembles at NAS

April

- Sun., April 2 at 2 p.m. Marine Band at GMU
 Sun., April 9 at 2 p.m. Chamber Orchestra at NAS
 Sun., April 16 at 2 p.m. Marine Band at GMU
 Wed., April 19 at 8 p.m. Chamber Ensembles at LOC
 Wed., April 26 at 8 p.m. Chamber Orchestra at LOC

May

- Sun., May 14 at 2 p.m. Marine Band at GMU
 Sat., May 20 at 8 p.m. Marine Band at Mary Washington College Dodd Auditorium, Fredericksburg, VA
 Sun., May 21 at 2 p.m. Marine Band at GMU

June, July, & August

The Marine Band performs outdoor evening concerts on Wednesdays at the U.S. Capitol Building and Sundays on the Mall, weather permitting.

October

Chamber ensembles perform Sundays, October 15, 22, and 29 at 2 p.m. at John Philip Sousa Band Hall, Marine Barracks, Washington, DC.

2000 Concert Tour

In October and November, the Marine Band will visit western Virginia, southern West Virginia, western North Carolina, Tennessee, northern Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico.

LOC: The Coolidge Auditorium in the Thomas Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress, 10 1st St., SE, Washington, DC

NAS: The Auditorium of the National Academy of Sciences, 2100 C St., NW, Washington, DC

GMU: George Mason University's Center for the Arts Concert Hall at the intersection of Braddock Rd. and Rte. 123, Fairfax, VA

100 Years Ago...

In 1899, 25th President William McKinley prepared the Marine Band for the upcoming 20th century by signing an act that increased the size of "The President's Own" from 30 to 60 members and allowed for an additional leader.

'Tis the 30th Season at Wolf Trap

Ring in the holidays with the Marine Band on Sunday, December 5, at 4 p.m. for their 30th annual holiday performance at the Filene Center at Wolf Trap, America's only national park for the performing arts.

Conducted by Marine Band Director Colonel Timothy W. Foley, the performance will feature the concert band and baritone vocalist Master Gunnery Sergeant Michael Ryan. After a prelude concert of seasonal works, the band will accompany local school, church, and community choirs in traditional holiday songs. The evening will conclude at dusk with a parade of lights generated by the flickering glow of candlelight.

The concert is free, and tickets are not required; free parking is available. Wolf Trap is located in Vienna, VA. For program information, call the Marine Band 24-hour Concert Information Line at (202) 433-4011, or call Wolf Trap for directions and parking information at (703) 255-1860.

White House Highlights

Recent Marine Band appearances at the White House include:

- NBA Championship event
- Medal of Freedom Ceremony
- NCAA Division I Championship event
- WETA-TV "In Performance" event

Marine Band to Perform at the Pageant of Peace

On Wednesday, December 8, at 4:30 p.m. the Marine Band will perform for the opening of the 1999 Pageant of Peace. This annual ceremony, during which the President and First Lady light the National Christmas Tree, will be held on the Ellipse across from the White House.

At its last Pageant of Peace appearance in 1994, the Marine Band accompanied legendary vocalist and songwriter Aretha Franklin in an arrangement of the seasonal favorite "O Tannenbaum" in addition to performing a number of selections with country music artist Trisha Yearwood.



Birthday Celebrations in November

John Philip Sousa

On Saturday, November 6, at 3 p.m. the Marine Band will celebrate the life of John Philip Sousa at a graveside ceremony in honor of his 145th birthday. A native of Washington, DC, Sousa was born on November 6, 1854, at 636 G Street, SE, just two blocks from historic Marine Barracks, the home of "The President's Own."

During the annual graveside ceremony, the Marine Band will lay a wreath on Sousa's grave at Congressional Cemetery in Southeast Washington. Congressional Cemetery is located at 1801 East E Street, SE, and Sousa's grave is off the main crossroad, west of the front of the chapel. The ceremony is open to the public.

USMC Birthday Service

A Marine Band brass choir under the direction of Assistant Director Major Dennis R. Burian will perform during the annual service honoring the United States Marine Corps birthday on Sunday, November 7, at the Washington National Cathedral in Northwest Washington. The prelude concert begins at 3:30 p.m. and will be followed by a worship service at 4 p.m. The concert and service are free and open to the public.

For more information about either performance, call the Marine Band Public Affairs Office at (202) 433-5809.



White House Photo

In Performance

President Clinton peeks at the music of a Marine brass quintet at WETA-TV's taping of "In Performance." Musicians are MSgt Andrew Schuller (left), GySgt John Abbracciamento, MSgt John Cradler, GySgt Charles Casey, and MGySgt William Zsembery.

Scooby Doo and the Marine Band, too?

American literaries Walt Whitman and Hugh Sidey have told the band's 200-year-old history in the nation's major newspapers and magazines. News icons Walter Cronkite and Peter Jennings have talked about its mission. Even movie stars such as Robert Wagner have immortalized "The President's Own" on the silver screen.

But Scooby Doo?

Over the years the Marine Band story has been told by various characters in animated and editorial cartoons, as well as comic strips.

Recently, some friends of the Marine Band reported hearing "The President's Own" mentioned in the classic Scooby Doo cartoon "The Secret of Shark Island" with special guest stars Sonny and Cher. Apparently, one of the characters says his uncle was a Marine Band cymbal player.

In a series of 20 "Shoe" comic strips by Jeff MacNelly in the summer of 1988, character Skyler Fishhawk joins

"The President's Own" when his Marine Corps reserve unit is called up for active duty. MacNelly chose the "M-1" tuba for Marine Bandsman Fishhawk's instrument. During the cartoonist's visit to the band that year, then-Marine Band Director Colonel John R. Bourgeois presented him with a certificate proclaiming Skyler an official Marine Band member.

The Marine Band has also been featured in "Flashbacks," an ongoing historical comic strip series by Patrick M. Reynolds, published in *The Washington Post*. Various Washington, DC, milestones and traditions are highlighted, many of which featured Marine Band participation. Subjects include the first Easter Egg Roll, the origination and popularity of Dixie, the first lighting of the national Christmas Tree, and baseball games on the White House grounds.

Have you seen the Marine Band in other comic strips or cartoons? Write to us at Marine Band NOTES, 8th and I Streets, SE, Washington, DC, 20390-5000.



The December 29, 1991, edition of Patrick M. Reynolds's "Flashbacks" depicts the first New Year's reception at the White House. The Marine Band provided musical entertainment. Although the comic shows drums and fifes, the actual instrumentation included French horns, clarinets, and a bassoon. Selections performed by the band may have included "The President's March," "Yankee Doodle," and "Marseillaise Hymn," as well as Revolutionary War-era melodies including "Dog and Gun" and "Around the Huge Oak."

Marine Band Ceremonial CD Online

Ceremonial music performed by "The President's Own" is now available on the Marine Corps website for downloading onto a CD or audio cassette. The website (www.usmc.mil/ceremonialcd) offers 38 tracks of ceremonial and martial music, 29 bugle calls by "The Commandant's Own" U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, and detailed instructions for creating a CD or cassette.

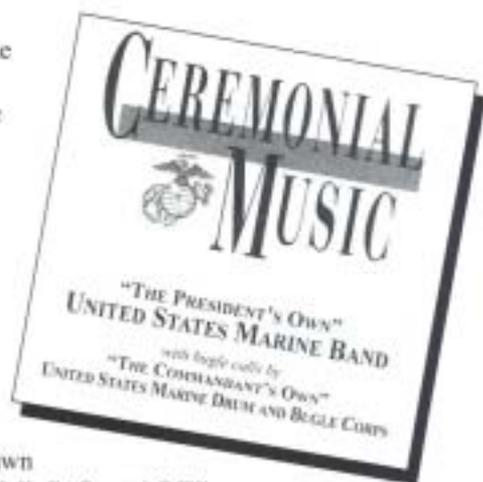
Designed to accommodate the need for music at official events, the site features traditional music for Morning Colors, Mess Nights, and the Marine Corps Birthday Ball. Selections include The Marines' Hymn, "The Star Spangled Banner," and Auld Lang Syne, as well as John Philip Sousa's "Semper Fidelis," "The Washington Post," "The Thunderer," and "The Stars and Stripes Forever."

Did You Know?

The Marine Band website features 22 complete musical selections the public can hear online. Site visitors can listen to a variety of classic and contemporary repertoire drawn from 13 Marine Band recordings, including the discs "From Fife and Drum," "Semper Fidelis," "Sound Off," "Uncommon Valor," "Courtly Dances," "Director's Choice," and many others.

Available selections include The Marines' Hymn, Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever," Beethoven's March in D Major, von Suppe's Overture to Light Cavalry, and a number of historic selections from the band's Bicentennial Collection.

Access this music in either the "Hear the Band" or "Educational Resources" sections of the band's website: www.marineband.hqmc.usmc.mil.



New Recordings Now Available to the Public

From Altissimo! Recordings:

"Sousa III Original," featuring "Fairest of the Fair," "Nobles of the Mystic Shrine," "Hail to the Spirit of Liberty," "The Liberty Bell," "The Black Horse Troop," and others. (Catalog number 5566)

"Sousa's Greatest Hits," including "The Stars and Stripes Forever," "Semper Fidelis," "The Thunderer," "El Capitan," "King Cotton," and others. (Catalog number 5567)

For more information, call (800) 699-9911 or write to The Vantage Group, Attn: Altissimo! Recordings, 1830 Air Lane Drive, Suite 3-B, Nashville, TN, 37210, or visit their website at www.militarymusic.com.

An original Berliner Gramophone (circa 1888) now on display in the Smithsonian Institution.



From the Musical Heritage Society:

"The Bicentennial Collection," a 10-disc set, with early acoustic recordings, historic soloists, guest conductors, and music conducted by Director Colonel Timothy W. Foley, as well as former directors.

"American Games," featuring Nicholas Maw's "American Games," Charles Cushing's "Angel Camp," and others.

"Uncommon Valor," including Jager's "Esprit de Corps," Barber's "Commando March," the Marines' Hymn, and others. This recording will be available in December.

More titles will be available in the coming year. For additional information, call (732) 531-7033 or write to The Musical Heritage Society, 1710 Highway 35, Oakhurst, NJ, 07755, or visit their website at www.musicalheritage.com.

Prior to the turn of the century, the Marine Band made commercial recordings for the Columbia Phonograph Company as well as Edison and Berliner.

STAFF LINES

MSgt Jeffrey Strouf

Assistant Principal Clarinet



Birthday: May 25, 1962
Hometown: Laramie, WY
Family status: Single
Pets: Three Chihuahuas—Minnie, Bruce, and Cindy
Education: BM, Temple University (PA)
Joined the band: July 1988
Self-portrait: Impatient, humorous, and stubborn
Favorite saying or motto: "If you want something done right, do it yourself."
Greatest accomplishment: Performing Weber's Clarinet Concerto No. 1 with the Philadelphia Orchestra as winner of their Student Soloist Competition
Walter Mitty Fantasy: Studying the tombs and temples of ancient Egypt as an archaeologist

Most memorable moment in the band: Private tours of the Kremlin and the Hermitage during the band's 1990 trip to Russia

Inspirations: Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg, Glenn Gould, Edouard Manet, and John Singer Sargent

Pet peeves: Bad waiters

Favorite movie: *Blade Runner*

Who would play you in a movie? Jim Carrey or Paul Reubens

Best kept secret: I'll never tell.

Favorite food: Lobster with lemon butter

Hobbies: Wines, rollerblading, hiking, and classic automobiles

Bad habits: Eating out and ordering dessert

Three things always found in your refrigerator: Guacamole, French chablis, and cherry preserves

Most influential teachers: Anthony Gigliotti of the Philadelphia Orchestra and my father Ralph Strouf

Luxury defined: Traveling through Europe and touring the museums and galleries

Books at bedside: Biographies of President John Adams by Page Smith and Queen Elizabeth I by Alison Weir, and *Interview with the Vampire* by Anne Rice

Favorite piece of music: Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5 or Johann Sebastian Bach's Chaconne for Solo Violin

Place you'd most like to be stranded: Australia

Last words: See ya later!

Promotions

To **Master Gunnery Sergeant:** Clarinetist Ruth A. McDonald of Kenilworth, NJ

To **Master Sergeant:** Saxophonist Audrey E. Cupples of Rome, NY, and tubist John M. Cradler of Lake Mills, WI

To **Gunnery Sergeant:** Bassoonist Christopher J. McFarlane of Williamsville, NY, string bassist Aaron D. Clay, of Fairmont WV, and saxophonist Miles C. Smith of St. Joseph, MO

New Members

Guitarist SSgt Alan Prather

of Cuyahoga Falls, OH, earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Akron in Ohio. Prior to joining the band, Prather was a music teacher in the Nardon Hills, OH, public schools.



Stage Manager SSgt Charles Terry, Jr.

of Washington, DC, joined the Marine Corps in March 1996. Prior to joining the band, Terry served with the 8th Engineer Support Battalion at Camp Lejeune, NC, and most recently, with the Headquarters and Service Company at Marine Barracks, Washington, DC.



Vacancies

"The President's Own" announces auditions for the following vacancies:

Clarinet: January 24-25

Bass Trombone: February 28-29

Tuba: March 20-21

For more information, please write to:

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U.S. Marine Band
8th and I Streets, SE

Washington, DC 20390-5000

E-mail: HurleyJM@mbw.usmc.mil
or call (202) 433-5714

For audition repertoire, visit the Marine Band website:

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