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# NOTES



*Season Preview*

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# 2004 Season

As the 2003 season draws to a close, patrons of “The President’s Own” can look forward to events featuring special guests, historic new venues, and a tribute to 17th Director John Philip Sousa. In addition, the Marine Band will begin the next chapter in its 205-year history when it bids farewell to Director Colonel Timothy W. Foley at the end of the concert season (see sidebar).

In 2004, the band will welcome Osmo Vänskä, newly appointed music director of the Minnesota Orchestra in Minneapolis, who will conduct the Marine Band in performance at 8 p.m., Saturday, March 20, at the University of Maryland’s Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center (UMD).

The event is free, but tickets are required. Mr. Vänskä also serves as music director of the Lahti Symphony Orchestra in Lahti, Finland, and chief conductor of the BBC Scottish Symphony in Glasgow, Scotland.

“I’m thrilled to have a conductor of Osmo Vänskä’s caliber take the podium to lead ‘The President’s Own,’” Colonel Foley said. “It’s especially gratifying to

bring such an exciting and vibrant talent as Maestro Vänskä to our audience, many of whom may not yet be familiar with his stellar work.”

Praised for his intense, dynamic performances, Mr. Vänskä is recognized for compelling interpretations of both standard and contemporary repertoire. His 2002 debut conducting the Boston Symphony Orchestra received critical acclaim, and last year he made conducting debuts with the Philadelphia Orchestra and San Francisco Symphony.

The Marine Band will mark the 150th anniversary of Sousa’s birth year with a special performance at 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 18, at George Mason University’s Center for the Arts Concert Hall (GMU). Sousa joined the band at age 13, and

rose through the ranks to become Director in 1880. He wrote many of the world’s best known marches, including America’s national march, “The Stars and Stripes Forever.”

Marine Chamber Ensembles return in 2004 to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial (GWMNM) Auditorium in Alexandria, VA. In two years, GWMNM has become a popular



**GySgt Mark Questad and MSgt Amy Horn perform at the Marine Band’s 205th Anniversary Concert, July 12 2003, at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.**

venue for “The President’s Own,” with enthusiastic audiences enjoying the intimate setting perfectly suited for chamber music performances. Also this year, Marine Chamber Ensembles will return for a special performance at the Corcoran Gallery of Art’s Frances and Armand Hammer Auditorium in Washington, DC.

The newest ensemble of “The President’s Own,” the Marine Jazz Orchestra, will be guest conducted by David Berger, former conductor and arranger for the Lincoln Center Jazz

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## “The President’s Own” Director to Retire After 36 Years

In July 2004, Colonel Timothy W. Foley will step down as 26th Director of “The President’s Own.” Colonel Foley joined the Marine Band in 1968 as a clarinetist, and was named Assistant Director in 1979. On July 11, 1996, the band’s 198th birthday, Colonel Foley was designated Director of the Marine Band.

In June 1999, he was promoted to his present rank by President Bill Clinton in an Oval Office ceremony, and was

awarded the Legion of Merit by the 31st Commandant of the United States Marine Corps, General Charles C. Krulak.

Upon announcing his decision to the band, Colonel Foley remarked, “There are many things in life that I would still like to accomplish, and with total confidence in the future leadership of the organization, I feel the time is right to move on.” Colonel Foley’s career will be spotlighted in future issues of *NOTES* as information about his retirement becomes available.

**Quotable Quote**

*... the Marine Band musicians displayed their prowess in solos and impeccable intonation in sectional solos throughout the all-Williams concert ...*

—Grace Jean  
*The Washington Post*

**White House Highlights**

Recent Marine Band appearances at the White House include:

- Presidential Remarks on Medicare
- Bill Signing Ceremony
- Tee Ball Game
- Restoration of Pennsylvania Avenue Announcement
- New Jersey Devils Visit
- State Dinner for the President of Kenya
- Fall Garden Tour
- Reception for the Friends of the Art and Preservation of Embassies
- Presidential Remarks on Domestic Violence Prevention
- Reception for the National Design Awards

**To receive e-mail updates about "The President's Own," please visit [www.marineband.usmc.mil](http://www.marineband.usmc.mil) and select "What's New," then "Activities Update" to submit your e-mail address.**

**November Birthday Celebrations**

**United States Marine Corps**

A brass choir from "The President's Own" will participate in an annual worship service in honor of the inception of the United States Marine Corps by performing a 30-minute prelude concert at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 2 at the Washington National Cathedral in northwest Washington, DC. The event is free and open to the public.

"The President's Own" also will participate in a wreath-laying ceremony to honor the Marine Corps' 228th birthday at 9 a.m., Monday, Nov. 10, at the United States Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, VA.

Also known as the Iwo Jima memorial, the monument is based on Associated Press photographer Joseph Rosenthal's Pulitzer-Prize winning photograph of five Marines and one Navy corpsman raising the American flag on top of Mount Suribachi during the battle for Iwo Jima during World War II.

The sculptor of the memorial, Felix deWeldon, who passed away this year, was honored by the Marine Band and Marines from Marine Barracks Washington in September during a memorial service at Arlington National Cemetery.

*For driving or METRO directions, or for parking information, visit [www.cathedral.org](http://www.cathedral.org) or call (202) 537-6200 for the Washington National Cathedral; visit [www.nps.gov/gwmp/usmc.htm](http://www.nps.gov/gwmp/usmc.htm) or call (703) 289-2500 for the United States Marine Corps War Memorial.*



**John Philip Sousa**

The Marine Band will mark the 149th anniversary of John Philip Sousa's birth at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, at his gravesite in Congressional Cemetery in Washington, DC. Sousa, a Washington native, was born on Nov. 6, 1854, at 636 G Street, SE, two blocks from historic Marine Barracks, home of "The President's Own." The anniversary signals the start of Sousa's sesquicentennial (150th) year, during which "The President's Own" will honor the life and work of its legendary 17th Director. The annual event will include a wreath-laying on Sousa's grave and a musical tribute.



Congressional Cemetery is located at 1801 East E Street, SE, in Washington, DC. Sousa's gravesite is off the main crossroad, west of the chapel. The ceremony is free and open to the public.

*For more information about the tribute, please call the Concert Information Line at (202) 433-4011 or visit [www.marineband.usmc.mil](http://www.marineband.usmc.mil).*

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Orchestra in New York. Mr. Berger, an internationally recognized authority on the music of Duke Ellington and the swing era, will lead the Marine Jazz Orchestra at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 17. The concert will take place at the historic Lincoln Theatre, a crown jewel of the U Street cultural circuit in Washington, DC, from 1922 to the late 1950s. The Lincoln Theatre has hosted jazz greats such as Louis Armstrong, Cab Calloway, Ella Fitzgerald, and native Washingtonians Ellington and Pearl Bailey.

“It is an honor for the Marine Jazz Orchestra to perform at a Washington, DC, venue with such a rich history,” Assistant Director Captain Jason K. Fettig said. “Bringing Duke Ellington’s music back to the Lincoln Theatre with a world-renowned guest artist to lead the group makes this evening a special and unique event.”

The Marine Band’s season opener will take place at UMD. The band will continue to make appearances throughout the spring at UMD, GMU, and Northern Virginia Community College’s Rachel M. Schlesinger Center Concert Hall and Arts Center (NOVA) in Alexandria, VA. NOVA also will host the Spring Chamber Orchestra concert series. In addition, the Marine Band will return to Mary Washington College’s Dodd Auditorium in Fredericksburg, VA.

The Marine Band will continue to perform outdoor concerts during June, July, and August, at the U.S. Capitol and the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial.

Upholding a tradition initiated by Sousa, “The President’s Own” will embark on its annual national tour to the lower Midwest and West Coast in October.

*For the most up-to-date concert and program information, please visit [www.marineband.usmc.mil](http://www.marineband.usmc.mil) or call the 24-hour Concert Information Line at (202) 433-4011.*

## 2004 Concert Season Schedule

**Sunday, January 4 at 2 p.m.**  
Chamber Ensembles at GWMNM

**Sunday, January 11 at 2 p.m.**  
Marine Band at UMD

**Sunday, January 18 at 2 p.m.**  
Marine Band at GMU

**Sunday, January 25 at 2 p.m.**  
Chamber Orchestra at NOVA

**Sunday, February 1 at 2 p.m.**  
Marine Band at GMU

**Sunday, February 8 at 2 p.m.**  
Chamber Ensembles at GWMNM

**Sunday, February 15 at 2 p.m.**  
Marine Band at UMD

**Sunday, February 22 at 2 p.m.**  
Chamber Orchestra at NOVA

**Sunday, February 29 at 2 p.m.**  
Chamber Ensembles at GWMNM

**Sunday, March 7 at 2 p.m.**  
Marine Band at UMD

**Sunday, March 14 at 2 p.m.**  
Chamber Orchestra at NOVA

**Saturday, March 20 at 8 p.m.**  
Marine Band at UMD  
**\*Tickets required**

**March 28 at 2 p.m.**  
Chamber Ensembles at GWMNM

**Sunday, April 4 at 2 p.m.**  
Marine Band at UMD

**Wednesday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m.**  
Marine Band at Mary Washington College’s Dodd Auditorium, 1301 College Avenue, Fredericksburg, VA

**Saturday, April 17 at 7:30 p.m.**  
Marine Jazz Orchestra at Lincoln Theatre 1215 U Street, NW, Washington, DC

**Sunday, April 18 at 2 p.m.**  
Chamber Ensembles at GWMNM

**Sunday, April 25 at 2 p.m.**  
Chamber Ensembles at GWMNM

**Sunday, May 2 at 2 p.m.**  
Chamber Orchestra at NOVA

**Sunday, May 9 at 2 p.m.**  
Chamber Ensembles at Corcoran Gallery of Art, 500 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC

**Sunday, May 16 at 2 p.m.**  
Marine Band at GMU

**Sunday, May 23 at 2 p.m.**  
Marine Band at NOVA

**June, July, and August**  
Outdoor Marine Band concerts: 8 p.m., Wednesdays, at the U.S. Capitol and 7 p.m., Thursdays, at the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, VA

**Summer Orchestra Series**  
Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., June 19, July 17, and August 21 at NOVA

**Fall Chamber Series**  
Sundays at 2 p.m., October 10, 17, and 24 at GWMNM

**2004 Concert Tour:** In October and November, the Marine Band will visit western Maryland, central West Virginia, Kentucky, southern Indiana, southern Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, California, and Arizona.

### Concert Venues

**GWMNM:** George Washington Masonic National Memorial Auditorium, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria, VA

**UMD:** University of Maryland’s Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, Stadium Drive and Route 193 (University Boulevard), College Park, MD

**NOVA:** Northern Virginia Community College’s Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, 3001 North Beauregard Street, Alexandria, VA

**GMU:** George Mason University’s Center for the Arts Concert Hall, Braddock Road and Route 123, Fairfax, VA

**Schedule subject to change.**

## New Members



### **Violinist Staff Sergeant Erika Sato**

of Portland, OR, earned bachelor's and master's degrees from The Juilliard School in New York. Prior to joining the band, Sato performed with the Colorado Symphony in Denver and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Opera house orchestra in Washington, DC.

### **Saxophonist Staff Sergeant Steven Temme**

of Phoenix, AZ, earned a bachelor's degree from Indiana University in Bloomington, and a *degrèe superior* from the Conservatoire National De Region Cergy-Pontoise in Paris. Prior to joining the band, Temme performed as a soloist with the Tucson Pops Orchestra in Tucson, AZ, and with The French National Band of the Salvation Army in Paris.



### **Trombonist Staff Sergeant Timothy Dugan**

of Ocean City, NJ, earned a bachelor's degree from The College of New Jersey in Ewing, and a master's degree from Indiana University in Bloomington. Prior to joining the band, Dugan performed with the Richmond Symphony Orchestra in Richmond, IN.



## **Library of Congress Introduces "Patriotic Melodies"**

The Library of Congress has launched its website, "Patriotic Melodies," ([www.loc.gov/rr/perform/patriotic](http://www.loc.gov/rr/perform/patriotic)) which features sheet music, audio recordings, and the stories behind 26 of America's national songs. "Patriotic Melodies" is a preview of the forthcoming website, "I Hear America Singing," slated for release by the music division of the Library of Congress in late 2003.

In this first release, only a portion of the United States' most famous patriotic melodies are highlighted. Items featured include recordings, sheet music, manuscript scores, song sheets, and other print materials. These items do not represent the Library of Congress' entire holdings on a song, but rather an illustrative sampling. Selection of the songs and their accompanying items was based not only on what songs were the most significant in American history, but also on what unique items the Library had in its collections to illustrate the song.

Marine Band recordings are featured throughout the site, such as The Marines' Hymn, Charles Zimmerman's "Anchors Aweigh," and John Philip Sousa's March, "The Stars and Stripes Forever" from The Bicentennial Collection; Richard Rodgers' Guadalcanal March from *Victory at Sea* from Uncommon Valor; "The Star-Spangled Banner," "You're a Grand Old Flag," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "Over There," and "America, the Beautiful" from the Dream Hour recordings; and Aaron Copland's Fanfare for the Common Man from the Aaron Copland Centennial.

While the Library of Congress website is not officially sanctioned by the United States Marine Corps or the Marine Band, this information is provided as a public service. The Marine Band cannot assume responsibility for omissions or for the quality of the information on the website.

## **Marine Band Returns for Holiday Sing-a-Long**

The Marine Band returns to the Filene Center at Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts in Vienna, VA, for its annual holiday concert at 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 7. Featured by *The Washington Post's* "You're Not a Washingtonian If ..." and "Weekend's Best" sections, the annual Holiday Carols at Wolf Trap is a great way to kick off the holiday season.

Marine Band Director Colonel Timothy W. Foley will conduct "The President's Own" in a concert of seasonal works featuring baritone vocalist Staff Sergeant Kevin Benneer.

Following the concert, the band will accompany local school, church, and community choirs in a performance of traditional holiday carols. The evening will conclude at dusk, when audience members are invited to light candles and illuminate the Filene Center.

*The outdoor concert is free and tickets are not required. Free parking is available. For directions and parking information, call Wolf Trap at (703) 255-1860. For program information, please call the Concert Information Line at (202) 433-4011.*

**"The President's Own" would like to recognize and thank the military personnel, civilians, and their families who have participated in or supported the Global War on Terrorism.**

STAFF LINES



**MGySgt William Perry**  
Acting Operations Officer

**Birthday:** July 30, 1962  
**Hometown:** Houston  
**Family:** Wife Bonnie, daughter Sydney  
**Pet:** Kirby, an 11-year-old Welsh corgi  
**Education:** Northbrook High School in Houston  
**Joined the band:** Joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1980; came to Marine Band as administrative clerk in 1984; joined the band as operations assistant in 1989  
**Self-portrait:** Friendly, loyal  
**Favorite saying:** “We’re going to be late!”  
**Greatest accomplishment:** My daughter  
**Pet peeves:** Tardiness, apathy toward your profession

**Walter Mitty fantasy:** Being a scratch golfer  
**Most memorable moment in band:** Marching in the inaugural parade for President George W. Bush  
**Professional experience before the band:** Administrative clerk, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA; rifle coach, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton  
**Favorite movie:** *The Sandlot*  
**Who would play you in a movie:** The Rock  
**Inspiration:** My family and the Marines I have the honor to work with daily  
**Favorite food:** Tacos  
**Bad habits:** Procrastination, interrupting people when they are speaking  
**Three things always found in your refrigerator:** Beer, soda, Lunchables  
**Place you’d most like to be stranded:** A beach with a golf course nearby  
**Favorite piece of music:** *The Pines of Rome* by Ottorino Respighi  
**Last words:** “It’s been fun!”

**Vacancies**

“The President’s Own” announces audition dates for the following vacancies:

- Clarinet:** December 8-9
- Flute:** January 5-6
- Euphonium:** January 12-13
- French horn:** February 2-3
- Trumpet:** February 9-10
- Percussion:** February 16-17
- Saxophone:** February 23-24
- Tuba:** March 22-23
- Trombone:** March 29-30

For more information, please write to:  
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Audition repertoire may be found at [www.marineband.usmc.mil](http://www.marineband.usmc.mil).

The Marine Band is an equal opportunity employer.

**Promotions**

**To Captain:** Assistant Director Jason K. Fettig of Manchester, NH  
**To Master Gunnery Sergeant:** Bassoonist Roger Kantner of Elmhurst, IL  
**To Master Sergeant:** Chief Audio Technician Karl Jackson of Buena Vista, CO  
**To Gunnery Sergeant:** Violinist Regino Madrid of Panorama City, CA; Cellist Nathaniel Chaitkin of New York  
**To Lance Corporal:** Stage crewman Eric Weisenborn of Wilson, NC

**Retirements**

**Operations Officer Chief Warrant Officer 4 Joseph M. Hurley** of Mason City, IA, retired in October after 20 years with the Marine Band. He also served as operations chief and French hornist.  
**Violinist Master Gunnery Sergeant Vickie J. Yanics** of Clifton, NJ, retired in September after 28 years with the Marine Band.



**During a promotion ceremony in the John Philip Sousa Band Hall, Assistant Director Jason K. Fettig was promoted to the rank of captain.**

**Cathy Fitzgerald, Captain Fettig’s mother, and Judith Young, his mother-in-law, pinned his collar insignia.**

**In his remarks Captain Fettig said, “The encouragement and support I’ve received from my wonderful wife, Lydia, and my entire family during my career thus far has been essential, and I cannot thank them enough.”**