

# NOTES

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## Director Bids Farewell at Gala Concert

**M**ore than 3,500 people packed DAR Constitution Hall July 11 to witness the gala event that President Bill Clinton called "the hottest ticket in town."

Colonel John R. Bourgeois conducted his final concert as Director of "The President's Own" and passed the Sousa Baton to Major Timothy W. Foley, making him the 26th Director of the 198-year-old Marine Band.

People traveled from all over the world to attend the "sold out" Change of Command Concert and Ceremony that was covered by media giants CNN, ABC, CBS, *The New York Times*, and *The Washington Post*. ABC's World News Tonight with Peter Jennings selected Colonel Bourgeois as their "Person of the Week."

Dignitaries attending the event included Supreme Court Justice Harry A. Blackmun, Senator Charles S. Robb, and White House Social Secretary Ann Stock. Distinguished conductors Frederick Fennell and Donald Hunsberger as well as composers Nicholas Maw and Warren Benson were there.

During the ceremony, American presidents and military leaders honored Colonel Bourgeois for his 40-year career as Marine, musician, and Director of "The President's Own."

"On behalf of all who have had the opportunity to enjoy your music, I salute you for a job well done," wrote President Clinton in a letter to Colonel Bourgeois that was read at the ceremony.

"There is no way I can possibly tell you what you and the Marine Band meant to me when I was President. I get very emotional just thinking about it," President

George Bush wrote. "Your music inspired me and often made me shed a tear of gratitude for those who serve our nation in uniform."

Presidents Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford and Nancy Reagan also sent congratulatory letters to Colonel Bourgeois.

Secretary of the Navy John H. Dalton called Colonel Bourgeois a "national treasure" and presented him with the Distinguished Service Medal from President Clinton.

Marine Corps Commandant General Charles C. Krulak compared Colonel Bourgeois to the band's famous 17th Director John Philip Sousa, saying, "Our Corps has not only had a John Philip Sousa, we have now had a John Bourgeois. His legacy of professionalism and excellence will never be forgotten by the Marine Corps or our nation."

"You have done me great honor this evening which I shall always remember, but your accolades should go to these scarlet clad musicians here on stage and in the audience and those behind the scenes," Colonel Bourgeois said. "To you, the Marine Band, I wish you the happiest of birthdays and a future as bright and glorious as the traditions you so magnificently represent. Semper Fidelis."

The evening concluded with new Marine Band Director Major Timothy W. Foley leading "The President's Own" in John Philip Sousa's "The Stars and Stripes Forever."



**Colonel John R. Bourgeois hands Major Timothy W. Foley the famed Sousa Baton before more than 3,500 people at DAR Constitution Hall.**

Wrote *The Washington Post's* Chief Music Critic, "On the evidence of this concert, Bourgeois leaves his ensemble in terrific shape; indeed, it would be hard to imagine any band playing with greater vigor, precision, and timbral variety... Washington is very generous with its standing ovations. But Bourgeois deserved each and every one he received last night."

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# ACTIVITIES UPDATE

## Clare Grundman Remembered

American composer Clare Grundman, a great friend of "The President's Own," passed away June 15 at age 83. Grundman composed scores for film, radio, and television; orchestrated and conducted Broadway musicals; and wrote a number of works for orchestra. He is best known, however, for his works for the concert band.

The Marine Band commissioned Grundman to compose "Concord" in 1987. Under the direction of Colonel John R. Bourgeois, the band also gave the premiere performances of Grundman's "Copland Portrait," "Bernstein Tribute," and Suite from *Candide*.



**Composer Clare Grundman congratulates Colonel Bourgeois after a 1993 Marine Band performance.**

"With over 70 published band compositions to his credit, there is no name in American music who has been more responsible for building American bands than Clare Grundman," said Colonel Bourgeois in the eulogy at Grundman's memorial service in Mt. Salem, NY. "At any given time, it is not an exaggeration to say that every city or town with a school band plays the music of Clare Grundman, and this music is the heart of its concert repertoire."

## Chamber Series Returns

The Marine Band will once again present its Autumn Chamber Music Recital Series on Sunday afternoons in October. The series will showcase individual Marine Band musicians and ensembles in an intimate musical setting.

*Concerts will take place on Sundays, October 6, 13, 20, and 27 at the John Philip Sousa Band Hall, Marine Barracks, 8th & I Streets, SE, Washington, DC. All performances begin at 2 p.m. The concerts are free, and tickets are not required. Free parking is available at Marine Barracks. For 24-hour concert information call (202) 433-4011.*

## White House Highlights

**Recent Marine Band appearances at the White House include:**

- State Arrival Ceremony and Dinner for the President of Ireland on June 13
- Olympic Torch send-off on June 21
- Reception for Girls Nation and Boys Nation participants on July 18

## New Director Announces Programs for 1996 Concert Tour

One of Major Timothy W. Foley's first tasks as Director of the Marine Band has been to prepare for this year's fall concert tour of the southeastern United States.

"As was the inspiration for John Philip Sousa's march, 'From Maine to Oregon,' the Marine Band has always existed to bring the best music to the American people from coast to coast," said Major Foley.

This year's tour audiences will hear one of four varied programs selected by Major Foley. A concert of "Patriotic Pops" will feature the music of popular American composers Aaron Copland, Jerome Kern, and John Philip Sousa.

A program entitled "Celebration!" will open with William Walton's regal coronation march, "Crown Imperial," and continue with the rollicking "Slava!," Leonard Bernstein's tribute to cellist Mstislav Rostropovich.

The spirit of the South and the Caribbean will be captured in "Tropical Winds" with works by Latin American composers Alberto Ginastera, Heitor Villa-Lobos, and Ernesto Lecuona. This program will also include several works by notable African-American composers.

Transcriptions of orchestral favorites by Franz von Suppé, Franz Liszt, and Richard Strauss, all standards

in the concert band repertoire, will be heard in the "Old Romances" concert.

Soloists will include principal saxophonist Master Gunnery Sergeant Ronald Hockett performing both the Artie Shaw Clarinet Concerto and a saxophone solo, "Tribute to Rudy Wiedoeft." Principal cornetist Gunnery Sergeant Richard Lehman and principal trombonist Master Sergeant Bryan Bourne will team up for Herbert Clarke's popular duet, "Cousins," and vocalist Master Gunnery Sergeant Michael Ryan will appear on each program.

*See pages 3, 4, and 6 for the complete tour itinerary and ticketing information.*

# 1996 TOUR SCHEDULE

The dates and locations for the 1996 tour concerts are listed below. Times and locations are subject to change. For ticket information call the telephone numbers listed or write to the addresses below, attention "Marine Band Concert Tickets."

## October

### Saturday, October 5

**Staunton, VA**  
**Robert E. Lee High School Auditorium 7:30 p.m.**  
*Daily News Leader*  
 Post Office Box 59  
 Staunton, VA 24402  
 540-885-7281

### Sunday, October 6

**Roanoke, VA**  
**Roanoke Civic Center Auditorium 3 p.m.**  
*The Roanoke Times*  
 Post Office Box 2491  
 Roanoke, VA 24010-2491  
 540-981-3376

### Monday, October 7

**Bluefield, WV**  
**Brushfork National Guard Armory 7:30 p.m.**  
*Bluefield Daily Telegraph*  
 928 Bluefield Avenue  
 Bluefield, WV 24701  
 304-327-2800

### Tuesday, October 8

**Johnson City, TN**  
**East Tennessee State University,  
 Brooks Gymnasium 7:30 p.m.**  
*Johnson City Press*  
 Post Office Box 1717  
 Johnson City, TN 37605-1717  
 423-929-3111

### Wednesday, October 9

**Greenville, SC**  
**Furman University,  
 McAlister Auditorium 8 p.m.**  
 Furman University Bands  
 3300 Poinsett Highway  
 Greenville, SC 29613-0456  
 864-294-3193

### Thursday, October 10

**Gainesville, GA**  
**Riverside Military Academy,  
 John L. Beaver Field House 8 p.m.**  
 Riverside Military Academy  
 2001 Riverside Drive  
 Gainesville, GA 30501  
 770-532-6251

### Friday, October 11

**Atlanta, GA**  
**Rialto Center for the Performing Arts 7:30 p.m.**  
 Atlanta Wind Symphony  
 Post Office Box 566521  
 Atlanta, GA 30356  
 404-651-4727

### Saturday, October 12

**Montgomery, AL**  
**Robert E. Lee High School Auditorium 8 p.m.**  
 Alabama State University  
 School of Music  
 Post Office Box 271  
 Montgomery, AL 36101  
 334-229-4341

### Sunday, October 13

**Brewton, AL**  
**Jefferson Davis Community College,  
 Woodfin Patterson Auditorium 3 p.m.**  
 Brewton Council of the Arts  
 Post Office Box 432  
 Brewton, AL 36427  
 334-867-4190

### Monday, October 14

**Mobile, AL**  
**Saenger Theater 7:30 p.m.**  
*Mobile Press Register*  
 Post Office Box 2488  
 Mobile, AL 36652-2488  
 334-434-8571

### Wednesday, October 16

**Pensacola, FL**  
**Naval Aviation Museum 7:30 p.m.**  
 Pensacola Area Chamber of Commerce  
 117 West Garden Street  
 Pensacola, FL 32593-0550  
 904-438-4081

### Thursday, October 17

**Panama City, FL**  
**Marina Civic Center Auditorium 7:30 p.m.**  
 Panama City Lions Club  
 Post Office Box 738  
 Panama City, FL 32402  
 904-747-7611

### Friday, October 18

**Tallahassee, FL**  
**Florida A&M University,  
 Lee Hall Auditorium 8 p.m.**  
 Florida A&M University  
 University Relations Office  
 1500 Martin Luther King Boulevard  
 Tallahassee, FL 32307  
 904-599-3024

### Saturday, October 19

**Jacksonville, FL**  
**Prime F. Osborn Convention Center, Hall "A"  
 7:30 p.m.**  
 Jacksonville Council  
 Navy League of the United States  
 P.O. Box 7280  
 Jacksonville, FL 32238  
 904-348-3300

### Sunday, October 20

**Clearwater, FL**  
**Ruth Eckerd Hall 2 p.m.**  
 Ruth Eckerd Hall  
 1111 McMullen-Booth Road  
 Clearwater, FL 34619  
 813-791-7060

### Monday, October 21

**Brooksville, FL**  
**Hernando High School Gymnasium 7:30 p.m.**  
 Hernando High School Band Boosters  
 Post Office Box 10554  
 Brooksville, FL 34601  
 352-796-4897

### Tuesday, October 22

**St. Petersburg, FL**  
**Bayfront Center, Mahaffey Theatre 7:30 p.m.**  
 Bayfront Center  
 400 1st Street South  
 St. Petersburg, FL 33701  
 813-892-5767

### Wednesday, October 23

**Lakeland, FL**  
**Lakeland Center, Youkey Theatre 7:30 p.m.**  
*The Ledger*  
 Post Office Box 408  
 Lakeland, FL 33802  
 941-687-7805

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### Thursday, October 24

**Sarasota, FL**  
**Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall 8 p.m.**  
 Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall  
 777 North Tamiami Trail  
 Sarasota, FL 34236  
 941-955-7676

### Friday, October 25

**Punta Gorda, FL**  
**Charlotte County Memorial Auditorium 8 p.m.**  
 TROA  
 Post Office Box 1851  
 Punta Gorda, FL 33951  
 941-627-6404

### Saturday, October 26

**Fort Myers, FL**  
**Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall 7:30 p.m.**  
 Mariner High School  
 701 Chiquita Boulevard North  
 Cape Coral, FL 33909  
 941-772-9086

### Sunday, October 27

**Naples, FL**  
**Lely High School Auditorium 3 p.m.**  
*Naples Daily News*  
 1075 Central Avenue  
 Naples, FL 33940  
 941-263-4744

### Monday, October 28

**Miami Beach, FL**  
**Jackie Gleason Theater of the Performing Arts 7:30 p.m.**  
 Jackie Gleason Theater of the Performing Arts  
 1700 Washington Avenue  
 Miami Beach, FL 33139  
 305-673-7300

### Tuesday, October 29

**Homestead, FL**  
**South Dade High School Auditorium 7:30 p.m.**  
 Homestead Center for the Arts  
 Post Office Box 901492  
 Homestead, FL 33090-1492  
 305-253-6620

### Wednesday, October 30

**Ft. Lauderdale, FL**  
**War Memorial Auditorium 7:30 p.m.**  
 War Memorial Auditorium  
 800 NE 8th Street  
 Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33304  
 954-761-5380

## November

### Friday, November 1

**Stuart, FL**  
**South Fork High School Gymnasium 7:30 p.m.**  
 Martin County Council for the Arts  
 80 East Ocean Boulevard  
 Stuart, FL 34994  
 561-287-6676

### Saturday, November 2

**Melbourne, FL**  
**Brevard Community College, Melbourne Campus Gymnasium 8 p.m.**  
 Honor America, Inc.  
 Post Office Box 1776  
 Melbourne, FL 32902-1776  
 407-727-1776

### Sunday, November 3

**West Palm Beach, FL**  
**Kravis Center for the Performing Arts 2 p.m.**  
 Kravis Center Box Office  
 701 Okeechobee Boulevard  
 West Palm Beach, FL 33401  
 407-833-8300

### Monday, November 4 and

### Tuesday, November 5

**Daytona Beach, FL**  
**Peabody Auditorium 7:30 p.m.**  
 City of Daytona Beach Leisure Services  
 Post Office Box 2451  
 Daytona Beach, FL 32115  
 904-258-3169

### Wednesday, November 6

**Albany, GA**  
**Albany High School Auditorium 8 p.m.**  
 Office of Public Affairs  
 Albany State College  
 Albany, GA 31705  
 912-430-4600

### Thursday, November 7

**Columbus, GA**  
**Columbus College, Fine Arts Hall 8 p.m.**  
 Schwob Department of Music  
 Columbus College  
 4225 University Avenue  
 Columbus, GA 31907-5645  
 706-568-2049

### Friday, November 8

**Huntsville, AL**  
**Alabama A&M University, T.M. Elmore Building 7:30 p.m.**  
 Alabama A&M University  
 Attn: Music Department  
 Post Office Box 295  
 Normal, AL 35762  
 205-851-5514

### Saturday, November 9

**Rome, GA**  
**The Forum 7:30 p.m.**  
*Rome News-Tribune*  
 Post Office Box 1633  
 Rome, GA 30162  
 706-290-5220

### Sunday, November 10

**Cleveland, TN**  
**Lee College, Conn Center 2:30 p.m.**  
 Lee College  
 Department of Music & Fine Arts  
 Post Office Box 3450  
 Cleveland, TN 37320-3450  
 423-478-7384

### Monday, November 11

**Macon, GA**  
**The Grand Opera House 7:30 p.m.**  
 Box Office  
 The Grand Opera House  
 651 Mulberry Street  
 Macon, GA 31201  
 912-752-4177

### Tuesday, November 12

**Savannah, GA**  
**Savannah Civic Center, Johnny Mercer Theatre 7:30 p.m.**  
 Savannah State College  
 Department of Fine Arts  
 Savannah, GA 31404  
 912-356-2248

### Thursday, November 14

**Charleston, SC**  
**Charleston Southern University, Lightsey Chapel Auditorium 7:30 p.m.**  
 Mr. Jay Watkins, Director of Bands  
 Charleston Southern University  
 9200 University Boulevard  
 Charleston, SC 29423  
 803-863-7967

### Friday, November 15

**Myrtle Beach, SC**  
**Myrtle Beach High School Auditorium 8 p.m.**  
 Coastal Concert Association  
 Post Office Box 7038  
 Myrtle Beach, SC 29577  
 910-579-1747

### Saturday, November 16

**Supply, NC**  
**Brunswick Community College, Odell Williamson Auditorium 8 p.m.**  
 Odell Williamson Auditorium  
 Brunswick Community College  
 Post Office Box 30  
 Supply, NC 28462-0030  
 910-754-6900

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# BAND MEMBER NEWS

## New Members

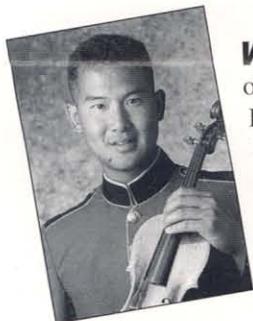


### **Cornetist SSgt Scott M. Gearhart**

of Beaumont, TX, graduated in 1987 from Westbrook High School in Beaumont. He earned a BM in performance from Lamar University in Beaumont. Prior to joining the band, he was a freelance musician and trumpet teacher in the Houston, TX, area.

### **Trombonist SSgt L. Brent Phillips**

of Houston, TX, graduated in 1987 from Westfield High School in Spring, TX. He earned BM and MM degrees in performance from Rice University in Houston. Prior to joining the band, he was professor of trombone at Lee College in Baytown, TX.



### **Violist SSgt F. Christopher Shieh**

of Upper Marlboro, MD, graduated in 1985 from Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt, MD. He earned a BA in performance and has pursued graduate studies at the University of Maryland-College Park. Prior to joining the band, he was principal violist with the Maryland and Annapolis symphony orchestras.

### **Clarinetist SSgt John J. Mula**

of Monticello, IL, graduated in 1981 from Monticello High School. He earned a BS in Music Education from the University of Illinois at Urbana, a MM in performance from San Diego (CA) State University, and is completing a DM in performance at Florida State University in Tallahassee. SSgt Mula has performed with the San Diego and Tallahassee symphonies and was winner or finalist in several national and international competitions.



### **Cornetist SSgt Mitchell P. Gabel**

of Plainview, NY, graduated in 1990 from Massapequa (NY) High School. He earned a BM in performance and music education from Ithaca (NY) College and is completing a MM in performance from Pennsylvania State University in State College.

## Promotions

To Master Sergeant:

clarinetist **Ruth A. Schlenker** of Kenilworth, NJ

To Gunnery Sergeant:

clarinetist **Elizabeth A. Gish** of Bettendorf, IA

## Retirement

Saxophonist Gunnery Sergeant

**David L. Baesel**, of Colton, CA, retired in August after serving 20 years with "The President's Own."

## In Memorium

MGySgt **Thomas Gautreaux**, clarinetist, served with "The President's Own" from 1961 to 1985. He was solo clarinetist and section leader from 1976 until his retirement. A native of Gonzales, LA, MGySgt Gautreaux passed away recently in New Orleans after an extended hospitalization.

## Vacancies

The Marine Band announces auditions for the following vacancies:

**Violin:** September 6

**Percussion:** September 9

For information, write to:

Operations Officer  
U.S. Marine Band  
8th & I Streets, SE  
Washington, DC 20390-5000  
or call (202) 433-5714

**For tour information on the internet, go to the Marine Corps Home Page: [www.usmc.mil](http://www.usmc.mil)**

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## Sunday, November 17

**Columbia, SC**  
**University of South Carolina,**  
**Koger Center for the Arts 3 p.m.**

Box Office  
Carolina Coliseum  
University of South Carolina  
Columbia, SC 29208  
803-777-7500

## Monday, November 18

**Charlotte, NC**  
**Ovens Auditorium 7:30 p.m.**

UNC-Charlotte  
Department of Music  
Charlotte, NC 28223  
704-547-2848

## Tuesday, November 19

**Salisbury, NC**  
**Catawba College, Keppel Auditorium 8 p.m.**

*The Salisbury Post*  
Post Office Box 4639  
Salisbury, NC 28144  
704-633-8950

## Wednesday, November 20

**Raleigh, NC**  
**Memorial Auditorium 7:30 p.m.**

*The News & Observer*  
Post Office Box 191  
Raleigh, NC 27602-0191  
919-829-4844

## Thursday, November 21

**Greenville, NC**  
**East Carolina University,**  
**Wright Auditorium 8 p.m.**

*Daily Reflector*  
Post Office Box 1967  
Greenville, NC 27835  
919-752-6166

## Friday, November 22

**Richmond, VA**  
**John F. Kennedy H.S. Auditorium 7:30 p.m.**

Virginia Union University  
Department of Fine Arts  
1500 North Lombardy Street  
Richmond, VA 23220  
804-257-5600

## Saturday, November 23

**Norfolk, VA**  
**Douglas Wilder Perf. Arts Center 7:30 p.m.**  
Norfolk State University Dept. of Music  
2401 Corprew Avenue  
Norfolk, VA 23504  
804-683-8544

## Sunday, November 24

**Princess Anne, MD**  
**UMES, Ella Fitzgerald Perf. Arts Ctr. 2:30 p.m.**

University of Maryland-Eastern Shore  
Department of Fine Arts: Music  
Princess Anne, MD 21853  
410-651-6571

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