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NOTES

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Tour soloists from left: SSgt Kevin Benneer, SSgt Gregory Ridlington, SSgt Thomas Hooten, MGySgt Lisa Kadala

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The President's Own" United States Marine Band will return to America's heartland this year for its annual concert tour, October 5 – November 23. The band will perform in 44 cities over the course of 51 days, continuing a tradition initiated by 17th Director John Philip Sousa in 1891.

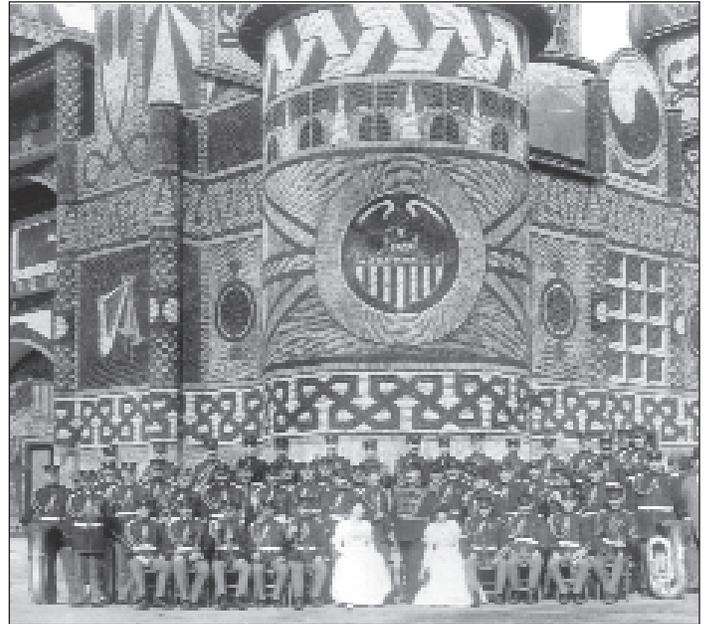
Though Sousa grew up with the Marine Band—his father, also a band member, enlisted Sousa as an apprentice musician with the band at age 13—"The President's Own" was Sousa's first opportunity to conduct a military band. Sousa, already an experienced orchestra conductor when he assumed the position as Marine Band director, approached musical matters unlike many of his predecessors. He replaced much of the band's repertoire with symphonic transcriptions and tailored the instrumentation to meet his needs. Rehearsals became exceptionally strict and efficient, which helped shape the Marine Band into the nation's premier group of wind musicians. As a result, Marine Band concerts began to attract a devoted audience, and the band's reputation spread quickly across the nation.

Sousa immediately moved to capitalize on the escalating popularity of the Marine Band and appealed directly to the President to take the band on a national tour. In 1891, President Benjamin Harrison officially sanctioned the first Marine Band tour, a tradition that continues today.

The current national tour is similar to Sousa's original creation. Today, the band travels annually to one of five separate Department of Defense-designated geographic regions. This year, "The President's Own" will perform concerts throughout the Midwest, visiting southwestern Pennsylvania, northern West Virginia, Ohio, northern Indiana, Michigan, northern Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, and Montana. The Marine Band is dedicating this year's tour to the military personnel, civilians, and families who supported the Global War on Terrorism.

The Marine Band's annual concert tour is sponsored by local organizations that plan, promote, and present Marine Band concerts free of charge to their communities as a public service. Tour sponsors range from newspapers and community groups to music educators and professional musical organizations and play a crucial role in the success of each tour concert. Sponsors' responsibilities include securing a concert venue, ticketing and promoting the performance, printing and distributing programs, and providing ushers and other assistance on the day of the concert.

"The importance of our tour sponsors, cosponsors, and



"The President's Own" United States Marine Band is pictured in 1909 at the Corn Palace in Mitchell, SD. The Marine Band has conducted national tours since 1891, and visits the Midwest once every five years.

assisting organizations cannot be overstated," said Marine Band National Tour Director Dennis Burian. "While the Marine Corps pays for all costs associated with the Marine Band's transportation, food, and lodging, the tour sponsor is responsible for all other aspects of the concert. In preparing for the upcoming 2003 tour, we have had the pleasure to work with many enthusiastic supporters from the Midwest. Without our sponsors and their hard work, there would be no tour."

To honor Sousa's original vision for the tour, concert programs selected by Marine Band Director Colonel Timothy W. Foley feature selections ranging from traditional marches and historic band repertoire to modern works and instrumental solos. The tour concert program is specifically designed to showcase the different components of the Marine Band, and will feature works by Sousa, Michael Gandolfi, and John Williams.

"The President's Own" also will perform selections by 19th century composer Hector Berlioz, to commemorate the bicentenary of his birth.

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Quotable Quotes

“My father, who was a professional musician, always imparted the idea that the maximum quality of wind and brass playing in our country was the U.S. Marine Band—so it was then, and so it is today.”

—John Williams,
composer and guest conductor
of the Marine Band’s 205th
anniversary concert July 12, 2003

White House Highlights

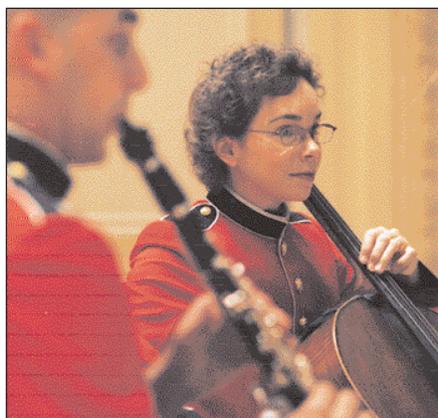
Recent Marine Band appearances at the White House include:

- White House Ceremony and Reception for “In Tune with History”
- Senate Spouses Luncheon
- Dinner Following the Opening of the Anne Frank Exhibit
- Photo Opportunity with NCAA Champions
- Congressional Barbecue
- Celebration of Black Music Month
- Reception for the Family Literacy Initiative
- Independence Day Celebration
- President Ford’s 90th Birthday
- DoD Reenlistment Ceremony Coinciding with the 30th Anniversary of the All-Volunteer Force
- Presidential Medal of Freedom Ceremony
- White House Tee Ball Game

Chamber Ensembles, Free Country Close Concert Season

The Marine Band’s ninth annual Autumn Chamber Music Recital Series will take place at 2 p.m., October 12, 19, and 26, at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Auditorium in Alexandria, VA.

The series offers audience members the opportunity to experience a variety of classical and contemporary chamber repertoire. The intimacy and unique architecture of the venue also affords a chance for patrons to take a closer look



at the virtuosity and workmanship essential to a performance. For venue information, call (703) 683-2007.

Free Country, the Marine Band’s country music ensemble, will return to Harpers Ferry, WV, at 6 p.m., Saturday, September 6, for its annual free performance in the “Music in the Mountains” series at Harpers Ferry National Historic Park.

One of the Marine Band’s most popular ensembles, Free Country consists of Marine Band musicians on keyboard, guitar, bass, vocals, fiddle, and drums. Its repertoire includes music by Travis Tritt, Alabama, Garth Brooks, and Mary Chapin Carpenter, among others.

The concert will take place near the Cavalier Heights Visitor Center, located one mile west of the Shenandoah River Bridge just off U.S. Route 340. For information, call (304) 535-6298.

For program information, call the Marine Band Concert Information Line at (202) 433-4011 or visit the website, www.marineband.usmc.mil.

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For this tour, Colonel Foley has chosen four soloists to showcase the virtuosity of “The President’s Own.” These musicians include clarinetist Master Gunnery Sergeant Lisa Kadala, saxophonist Staff Sergeant Gregory Ridlington, cornetist Staff Sergeant Thomas Hooten, and concert moderator and baritone vocalist Staff Sergeant Kevin Benbear.

“This year’s tour soloists represent a wide range of our personnel, featuring seasoned members and some of the newest musicians in the organization,” Colonel Foley said. “For example, tour audiences will have the opportunity to hear SSgt Ridlington, who has been with the band since 1999 and recently was a featured soloist during the Marine Band’s 205th anniversary concert, guest conducted by John Williams.”

In late October, at the midpoint of the trip, the band will prepare new concert programs for the second leg of the tour during three rehearsal days at Northwestern University’s Pick-Staiger Concert Hall in Evanston, IL. In an ongoing effort to reach out to band directors and young musicians, the band will open rehearsals on October 29 and 30 to students and music educators in the Chicago area.

Music educators interested in attending with their students may call (202) 433-5809 for information and reservations.

The Marine Band’s concert tour takes place Oct. 5 – Nov. 23, 2003. For ticketing information and the complete itinerary, please see pages 3 – 4. Please continue to visit www.marineband.usmc.mil for tour updates and program information.

2003 TOUR ITINERARY

The 2003 concert tour itinerary follows. Dates, locations, and times are subject to change. For ticket information, call the number listed or mail a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the address below, "ATTN: Marine Band Tickets." For detailed program information, visit the Marine Band website at www.marineband.usmc.mil.

Sunday, October 5

Lincoln, NE
University of Nebraska - Lincoln
Lied Center for Performing Arts 2:00 p.m.
Lied Center for Performing Arts
Post Office Box 880151
Lincoln, NE 68588-0151
(402) 472-4747

Monday, October 6

Grand Island, NE
Grand Island High School
Auditorium 7:30 p.m.
The Grand Island Independent
Post Office Box 1208
Grand Island, NE 68802
(308) 382-1000

Tuesday, October 7

North Platte, NE
St. Patrick High School
Gymnasium 7:30 p.m.
The North Platte Telegraph
Post Office Box 370
North Platte, NE 69103
(308) 532-6000

Wednesday, October 8

Scottsbluff, NE
Western Nebraska Community College
The Cougar Palace 7:30 p.m.
Western Nebraska Community College
1601 East 27th Street
Scottsbluff, NE 69361
(308) 635-6060

Thursday, October 9

Casper, WY
Natrona High School Auditorium 7:00 p.m.
Star-Tribune
170 Star Lane
Casper, WY 82604-2883
(307) 266-0504

Friday, October 10

Sheridan, WY
Sheridan College
Bruce Hoffman Golden Dome 7:30 p.m.
Sheridan Media Group
Post Office Box 5086
Sheridan, WY 82801
(307) 672-7421

Saturday, October 11

Powell, WY
Powell High School Gymnasium 7:30 p.m.
Powell Tribune
Post Office Box 70
Powell, WY 82435
(307) 754-4873

Sunday, October 12

Livingston, MT
Park High School Gymnasium 2:30 p.m.
The Livingston Enterprise
Post Office Box 2000
Livingston, MT 59047-0665
(406) 222-2000

Monday, October 13

Billings, MT
Billings West High School
Auditorium 7:30 p.m.
The Thrifty Nickel
1928 Grand Avenue
Billings, MT 59102
(406) 652-4740

Tuesday, October 14

Glendive, MT
Dawson County High School
Auditorium 7:30 p.m.
The Glendive Ranger-Review
Post Office Box 61
Glendive, MT 59330
(406) 365-3303

Wednesday, October 15

Bismarck, ND
Century High School Gymnasium 7:30 p.m.
Century High School Patriot Band
1000 East Century Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58503
(701) 221-3484 ext. 125

Friday, October 17

Aberdeen, SD
Northern State University
Johnson Fine Arts Center 7:30 p.m.
Aberdeen American News
Post Office Box 4430
Aberdeen, SD 57402
(605) 225-4100

Saturday, October 18

Watertown, SD
Watertown Civic Arena 8:00 p.m.
Watertown Public Opinion
Post Office Box 10
Watertown, SD 57201
(605) 886-6901 ext. 107

Sunday, October 19

Fargo, ND
North Dakota State University
Reinke Fine Arts Center
Festival Concert Hall 2:00 p.m.
North Dakota State University
Gold Star Band
Post Office Box 5691
Fargo, ND 58105
(701) 231-7969

Monday, October 20

Brainerd, MN
Brainerd High School Gymnasium 7:30 p.m.
The Brainerd Daily Dispatch
Post Office Box 974
Brainerd, MN 56401
(218) 829-4705

Tuesday, October 21

Minneapolis, MN
University of Minnesota
Ted Mann Concert Hall 7:30 p.m.
School of Music
University of Minnesota
100 Ferguson Hall
2106 Fourth Street, South
Minneapolis, MN 55455
(612) 624-5056
marinetx@umn.edu

Wednesday, October 22

Weston, WI
D.C. Everest High School
Field House 7:30 p.m.
Rothschild Elementary School
810 First Street
Rothschild, WI 54474
(715) 359-3186 ext. 5429

Thursday, October 23

Wisconsin Rapids, WI
East Junior High School
Field House 7:30 p.m.
Arts Council of South Wood County
Post Office Box 818
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495
(715) 421-4552

Friday, October 24

Fond du Lac, WI
Fond du Lac High School
Field House 7:30 p.m.
Fond du Lac Symphonic Band, Ltd.
Post Office Box 1483
Fond du Lac, WI 54936-1483
(920) 907-7678

Saturday, October 25

Racine, WI
J.I. Case High School Field House 7:30 p.m.
The Racine Concert Band
315 Wilnetta Spring Drive
Racine, WI 53405
(262) 636-9109

Sunday, October 26

Milwaukee, WI
The Varsity Theatre 2:30 p.m.
Marquette University
Office of Student Development
Alumni Memorial Union, Room 121
1442 West Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53233
(414) 288-7476

Friday, October 31

Evanston, IL
Northwestern University
Pick-Staiger Concert Hall 7:30 p.m.
 Pick-Staiger Box Office
 Northwestern University
 50 Arts Circle Drive
 Evanston, IL 60208-2420
 (847) 467-4000

Saturday, November 1

Frankfort, IL
Lincoln-Way East Fine Arts Center 7:30 p.m.
 Auditorium Coordinator
 Lincoln-Way East Fine Arts Center
 201 Colorado Avenue
 Frankfort, IL 60423
 (815) 462-2307

Sunday, November 2

Dubuque, IA
Dubuque Senior High School
Gymnasium 3:00 p.m.
Telegraph Herald
 Post Office Box 688
 Dubuque, IA 52004-0688
 (563) 588-3820

Monday, November 3

Mason City, IA
Mason City High School
Gymnasium 7:30 p.m.
Globe-Gazette
 Post Office Box 271
 Mason City, IA 50402-0271
 (641) 421-0577

Tuesday, November 4

Cedar Falls, IA
University of Northern Iowa
Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts
Center 7:30 p.m.
 Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center
 University of Northern Iowa
 Cedar Falls, IA 50614
 (877) 549-7469

Wednesday, November 5

Davenport, IA
Adler Theatre 7:30 p.m.
Quad-City Times
 500 East Third Street
 Davenport, IA 52801-1708
 (563) 383-2211

Thursday, November 6

Normal, IL
Illinois State University
Braden Auditorium 8:00 p.m.
The Pantagraph
 301 West Washington Street
 Bloomington, IL 61702
 (309) 820-3354

Friday, November 7

West Lafayette, IN
Purdue University
Elliott Hall of Music 7:30 p.m.
Lafayette Journal and Courier
 217 North Sixth Street
 Lafayette, IN 47901-1420
 (765) 423-5511

Saturday, November 8

Muncie, IN
Ball State University
Emens Auditorium 7:30 p.m.
 Emens Auditorium
 Ball State University
 Muncie, IN 47306
 (765) 285-1539

Sunday, November 9

Warsaw, IN
Warsaw Community High School
Gymnasium 2:30 p.m.
 Warsaw Community High School
 One Tiger Lane
 Warsaw, IN 46580
 (574) 267-5174

Monday, November 10

Sturgis, MI
Sturgis High School Gymnasium 7:30 p.m.
 Sturgis Wind Symphony
 1213 Eastland Drive
 Sturgis, MI 49091
 (269) 651-8984

Tuesday, November 11

East Lansing, MI
Michigan State University
The Great Hall at Wharton Center 7:30 p.m.
 Great Hall at Wharton Center
 Michigan State University
 East Lansing, MI 48824
 (517) 432-2000

Wednesday, November 12

Bay City, MI
Central High School Gymnasium 7:30 p.m.
The Bay City Times
 311 Fifth Street
 Bay City, MI 48708-5853
 (989) 894-9628

Thursday, November 13

Ann Arbor, MI
Pioneer High School
Schreiber Auditorium 7:30 p.m.
 Schreiber Auditorium
 Pioneer High School
 601 West Stadium Boulevard
 Ann Arbor, MI 48103
 (734) 996-3210

Saturday, November 15

Lima, OH
Veterans' Memorial Civic and Convention
Center 7:30 p.m.
The Lima News
 3515 Elida Road
 Post Office Box 690
 Lima, OH 45802-0690
 (419) 993-2075

Sunday, November 16

Pickerington, OH
Pickerington High School Central
Gymnasium 2:30 p.m.
 Pickerington High School Central
 Band Department
 300 Opportunity Way
 Pickerington, OH 43147
 (614) 833-2128 ext. 132

Monday, November 17

Cleveland, OH
Severance Hall 7:30 p.m.
 Gung Ho Detachment #650
 Marine Corps League
 27099 Miles Road
 Orange Village, OH 44022-2130

Tuesday, November 18

Youngstown, OH
Stambaugh Auditorium 7:30 p.m.
 Stambaugh Auditorium
 1000 Fifth Avenue
 Youngstown, OH 44504-1603
 (330) 747-5175

Wednesday, November 19

Canton, OH
Canton Palace Theatre 7:30 p.m.
 Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce
 222 Market Avenue North
 Canton, OH 44702
 (330) 458-2072

Thursday, November 20

Weirton, WV
Carl Hamill Field House 7:30 p.m.
 Weir Senior High School Music Department
 100 Red Rider Road
 Weirton, WV 26062
 (304) 748-4973

Friday, November 21

Washington, PA
Trinity High School Auditorium 7:30 p.m.
Observer-Reporter
 122 South Main Street
 Washington, PA 15301
 (724) 222-2200 ext. 2745

Saturday, November 22

Beaver, PA
Beaver Area School District
Auditorium 7:30 p.m.
The Times
 Beaver Newspapers, Inc.
 400 Fair Avenue
 Beaver, PA 15009
 (724) 775-3200 ext. 133

Sunday, November 23

McKeesport, PA
McKeesport Area High School
Auditorium 2:30 p.m.
 City of McKeesport
 201 Lysle Boulevard
 McKeesport, PA 15132
 (412) 675-5020 ext. 610

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 about Marine Band
 tour, season, and special
 concerts, visit
www.marineband.usmc.mil
 and select "What's New,"
 then "Activities Update" to
 submit your e-mail address.

STAFF LINES



GySgt Aaron Clay String Bassist

Birthday: September 18, 1967
Hometown: Fairmont, WV
Family: Married to Cindy
Pet: Alex, a standard schnauzer
Education: BA in performance from West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon, WV
Joined the band: July 1994
Self-portrait: Quiet, easy-going
Favorite saying: "If it isn't on the page, play it anyway."
Greatest accomplishment: Playing in a professional musical organization

Most memorable moment in band: When the Marine Band performed my original composition, *e-volution*, which I wrote for the band

Professional experience before the band: United States Navy Band and a top 40 band in college

Favorite movie: *The Perfect Storm*

Who would play you in a movie: Chris Rock

Inspiration: My family, friends, teachers, and all those I have heard and with whom I have played

Favorite foods: Seafood, whatever my mother puts in front of me

Bad habits: Putting my clothes on the floor, forgetting to replace the toilet paper

Three things always found in your refrigerator: Eggs, dog food, beer

Place you'd most like to be stranded: Santa Monica, CA

Favorite piece of music: *Ein Heldenleben* by Richard Strauss

Last words: "What a ride!"

New Members



Pianist Staff Sergeant AnnaMaria Mottola

of Anchorage, AK, attended Arizona State University in Tempe, AZ, where she studied with Chuck Marohnic. Prior to joining the band, Mottola participated in several competitions, including the Arizona State University Concerto Competition.

French hornist Staff Sergeant Hilary Hart

of Princeton, KY, earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in Urbana, IL, and a master's degree from the Peabody Institute of The Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. She is pursuing a doctorate at the University of Maryland in College Park, MD. Prior to joining the band, Hart performed with the New World Symphony in Miami, and the Richmond Symphony in Richmond, VA.



Promotions

To Master Sergeant: Piccolo player Cynthia K. Rugolo of Lewisville, TX

To Gunnery Sergeant: Clarinetist Vicki L. Gotcher of Tyler, TX

To Corporal: Administrative clerk Nicholas R. Hanson of Augusta, ME

Retirement

French hornist **Master Gunnery Sergeant William J. Zsembery** of Holbrook, NY, retired in August after 23 years with the Marine Band. He served as principal French horn for 17 years.

In Memoriam

Master Gunnery Sergeant Louis Saverino, retired Marine Band tubist, string bassist, bass clarinetist, composer, and arranger from 1939-1964, passed away in June. He composed 26 marches, including the March of the Women Marines.

Vacancies

"The President's Own" announces audition/interview dates for the following vacancies:

Percussion: September 8-9

Music Librarian: September 17-26

Clarinet: December 8-9

For more information, please write to:

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U.S. Marine Band
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Washington, DC 20390-5000
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Audition repertoire may be found at www.marineband.usmc.mil.

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