

Educational Resources from "The President's Own" U.S. Marine Band

When the musicians of "The President's Own" U.S. Marine Band aren't hailing the chief at the White House, honoring fallen heroes at Arlington National Cemetery, performing concerts in the DC metro area and across the country on tour, or in a practice room honing their craft, they can be found in schools, both live and virtually. **The following educational resources are available for FREE from the Marine Band:**

*** Marine Band Concerto Competition for High School Students**

"The President's Own" U.S. Marine Band, in conjunction with the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation, hosts an annual Concerto Competition for high school students. The winner will appear as a guest soloist with the U.S. Marine Band and receive a \$2,500 cash prize from the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation. The runner up will receive a \$500 cash prize. The deadline for applications is Nov. 16, 2015. Please visit <http://bit.ly/ConcertoCompetition2016> for more information.

*** Complete Marches of John Philip Sousa**

This year, "The President's Own" United States Marine Band released its first volume of "The Complete Marches of John Philip Sousa." This multi-year recording project, initiated by Director Lt. Col. Jason K. Fettig, is the Marine Band's first comprehensive collection of Sousa's marches since the 1970s. The collection is in chronological order, and Volume 1 contains his first 17 marches, covering the years 1873 to 1882. Volume 1 is available for free download exclusively on the Marine Band website, along with FREE PDFs of all the band parts and full scores that include historical and editorial notes about each piece. Each march has been carefully edited and corrected by Lt. Col. Fettig and Music Production Chief Master Sgt. Donald Patterson using some of the earliest known publications and incorporate performance practices employed by the Marine Band that are modeled on those of "The March King" himself. Download Volume 1 here: <http://bit.ly/CompleteMarchesSousa1>. Volume 2 will be available in April 2016.

*** Sousa's March Mania**

When it comes to the historical knowledge and performance of marches, especially for those written by John Philip Sousa, the United States Marine Band is considered a prime resource. That's why during the month of March, "The President's Own" will be hosting "Sousa's March Mania," a tournament pitting 32 marches against each other for the Marine Band online community to determine which one is the favorite. Each day, marches will compete head to head while fans vote which ones advance in the tournament. Participants can listen to the competing marches, download and print a tournament bracket, and vote for favorites on the Marine Band Facebook page. The winners of "Sousa's March Mania" will be named "The March King" for a day! Please visit www.marineband.marines.mil in December for more information.

*** Educational Discography**

The Marine Band produces an annual CD recording, which is made available to schools, radio stations, and libraries. The recordings are distributed free of charge to educational institutions, public libraries, and radio stations. This year's CD is "Elements," a recording that Director Lt. Col. Jason K. Fettig built around the four classical elements: fire, water, earth, and air. Music is often the representation and inspiration of the world both around and within us and this concert explores the classical elements in classical music, from fire in Igor Stravinsky's Fireworks to water in Leonard Bernstein's Symphonic Suite

from On the Waterfront, and earth with Darius Milhaud's depiction of the genesis of the planet itself in La Création du monde. These elements are all tied together by the very wind that powers this grand acoustic ensemble called the concert band. While the ancient Greeks first presented the concept of the four elements, the Eastern Asian cultures transformed the idea into a belief in the transmission of energy between elements, to include wood and metal. These elements are represented in grand fashion in Jennifer Higdon's virtuosic Percussion Concerto. To be added to the list to receive CDs, please email us at marineband.publicaffairs@usmc.mil. Once your request is processed, your organization will receive all Marine Band recordings in stock. Your organization will continue to receive new recordings as they are released. Many of the selections are available to download for free. For more information, please visit: <http://bit.ly/EducationalRecordings>.

* **Young People's Concert**

Each spring, the Marine Band or Marine Chamber Orchestra presents the Young People's Concert. Director Lt. Col. Jason K. Fettig initiated this interactive and theatrical series in 2006 and has authored, hosted, and conducted the popular annual event since its inception. The band's 2016 performance will take place on Sunday, April 24 and the band will be conducted by Assistant Director 1st Lt. Ryan J. Nowlin. More information about the program will be available in mid-December at www.marineband.marines.mil.

* **YouTube**

Each #MusicMonday the Marine Band releases streaming albums and recordings of live performances on its YouTube channel, as well as interviews with band members and historical vignettes. The online collection includes many out-of-print educational recordings, which have previously only been available to schools and libraries. Future releases include The Bicentennial Collection, a 10-disc set which traces the recorded history of "The President's Own" from rare wax cylinders and early radio broadcasts to recent performances captured with the latest digital technology. None of the recordings on the set were previously released on compact disc and many are live recordings never previously released in any form. Please visit <http://bit.ly/USMBYouTube>.

* **Live Stream Performances**

The Marine Band live streams all performances from the Chamber Music Series at www.marineband.marines.mil and www.youtube.com/usmarineband. Upcoming dates include each Sunday in October at 2 p.m., EDT. Programs will be posted on our online calendar usually two weeks before the performance: <http://www.marineband.marines.mil/Calendar.aspx>.

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