

PROGRAM NOTES



Lieutenant Commander Steve Trzcinski was born in Melbourn, England while his father was serving in the U.S. Air Force. A 1977 graduate of Robinson H.S. in Robinson, Texas, LCDR Trzcinski earned a Bachelor of Music degree in trombone performance from The University of Texas at Arlington and a Master of Music degree in trombone performance from Southern Methodist University. In 1986 he enlisted in the Navy, and was assigned to Navy Band Memphis as a bass trombonist. From Memphis, he transferred to Navy Band Guam, then to Navy Band Charleston, South Carolina where he was selected for a commission as a Navy Bandmaster.

Prior to his appointment as Director, U.S. Naval Academy Band in 2010, LCDR Trzcinski served as Assistant Director of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet Band in Norfolk, Virginia; Director, Navy Band Northwest in Seattle; Director, Navy Band Southwest in San Diego; Director of the joint, multi-national Allied Forces Band in Naples, Italy; and Band Support Officer at the Navy Office of Community Outreach in Millington, Tennessee.

The United States Naval Academy Band, “The Navy’s Oldest and Finest,” has been providing music for the Brigade of Midshipmen and surrounding community since 1852. Located at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, the band is comprised of 68 professional, Navy musicians, who have studied at some of the best music schools and conservatories in the country, and who have extensive résumés in performance and teaching.

At the Naval Academy, the USNA Band performs for dress parades, athletic events, pep rallies and other traditional events. In the community, the band presents concerts, provides music for civic events, and presents instructional clinics and performances for K-12 and university students. The band also plays for military ceremonies and funerals throughout the mid-Atlantic region.

In recent years, the band has supported the Naval Academy Admissions Department, touring throughout the country and performing at admissions forums and high schools. These events have greatly contributed to diversity initiatives and an overall increase in the number of applications to the Naval Academy.

The Naval Academy Band takes pride in representing the Naval Academy’s deep heritage of excellence. Performing at the highest professional standard for the Navy, the Naval Academy, and the citizens of this great country remains our ultimate goal.

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BRASS ENSEMBLE

MUC John Babcock, unit leader

TRUMPET

MUC John Babcock - Baltimore, Maryland
MUC Pasquale Sarracco - Bethel, Connecticut
MU1 Christopher Buchanan - Fairfax, Virginia
MU1 Davy DeArmond - Lenoir City, Tennessee
MU1 Matt Harriman – Bexley, Ohio
MU1 Carl Lindquist - Sandusky, Ohio

FRENCH HORN

MUCS Adam Tillett - Norfolk, Virginia
MUC Anthony Valerio - Annapolis, Maryland
MU1 Jessica Privler - Sterling, Virginia
MU1 Nathaniel Willson - Lake Ann, Michigan

TENOR TROMBONE

MU1 Russell Sharp - Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
MU1 Steve Tomlinson - Dayton, Ohio
MU1 Clint Woltering - Richmond, Kentucky

BASS TROMBONE

MU1 Zachary Hollister - Palm Springs, California

EUPHONIUM

MUCS Karl Schultz - Wellsboro, Pennsylvania
MU1 Gregory Battista – Plano, Texas

TUBA

MUC Jarrod Williams - Republic, Missouri
MU1 Travis Siehndel - Topeka, Kansas

BIOGRAPHY

The Brass Ensemble is made up of personnel from the concert band. The ensemble performs on a regular basis throughout the year and has appeared at the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage, the Naval Academy Chapel, Towson University, Gordon Center for the Performing Arts, and the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen in Baltimore.

In recent years, the ensemble has performed under the batons of Murray Sidlin, David Hickman, Ernie Green, Gene Young, and the late Milt Stevens, and has collaborated with world-renowned organist Monte Maxwell.

The Brass Ensemble performs original works for brass, orchestral transcriptions, and arrangements by ensemble members. Under the direction of Chief Musician John Babcock and Musician First Class Davy DeArmond, the Naval Academy Band Brass Ensemble takes pride in preserving the rich heritage of brass music while embracing and promoting new music in a meaningful and entertaining manner suitable for all audiences.