

PROGRAM NOTES



Lieutenant Commander Bruce A. McDonald reported for duty as Director of the United States Naval Academy Band in October of 2012. Previously, he had served as Director, U.S. Fleet Forces Band in Norfolk, VA, Fleet Bandmaster of both the Pacific Fleet Band in Pearl Harbor, HI and SIXTH Fleet Band in Naples, Italy, Associate Conductor of the United States Navy Band in Washington, DC, and as Music Program Liaison Officer to the Chief of Information, also in Washington, DC.

LCDR McDonald enlisted in the Navy in 1989 as a trombonist with the U.S. Naval Academy Band in Annapolis, Maryland. There, he performed with the "Electric Brigade" Top 40 Ensemble, the Brass Quintet, and as principal trombonist with the Wind Ensemble. After promotion to Chief Petty Officer in 1997, he transferred to the U.S. Navy School of Music in Little Creek, Virginia, where he graduated first in his class from both the Ceremonial Conductor/Drum Major and the Enlisted Bandleader/Assistant Director courses. He then transferred to the Atlantic Fleet Band in Norfolk, Virginia, where he was the ceremonial band director and assistant concert band conductor prior to his commissioning in October 2000 and subsequent assignment to the U.S. Navy Band.

LCDR McDonald holds a master's degree in instrumental conducting from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

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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CHAMBER WINDS

FLUTE

MU1 Courtney Morton – San Jose, California

OBOE

MU1 Emily Madsen – Reston, Virginia

MU1 Sarah Blecker – Fairbanks, Alaska

CLARINET

MUC Lynda Dembowski - Waynesboro, Virginia

MUC Dawn Henry, Quarryville, Pennsylvania

MU1 Sam Chin - Ann Arbor, Michigan

MU1 Sheila Cullen, Marietta, Georgia

BASSOON

MUC Sergio DaCol - Dallas, Texas

TRUMPET

MUC John Babcock - Baltimore, Maryland

MU1 Carl Lindquist - Sandusky, Ohio

FRENCH HORN

MU1 Jessica Privler - Sterling, Virginia

MU1 Nathaniel Willson - Lake Ann, Michigan

TENOR TROMBONE

MU1 Russell Sharp - Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

TUBA

MUC Jarrod Williams - Republic, Missouri

STRING BASS

MUC James Fowler - Ponca City, Oklahoma

BIOGRAPHY

The Chamber Winds is the most versatile ensemble of the United States Naval Academy Band. Originally formed in 2000, the Chamber Winds performs music from the classical to modern eras, ranging from W. A. Mozart's *Gran Partita* to Igor Stravinsky's *Octet*, and Beethoven's *Sextet*, Op. 71 to the *Wind Sonatinas* of Richard Strauss.

Led by oboist, Musician First Class Emily Madsen, the Chamber Winds often features guest conductors for its concerts, including, in recent years, Rodney Winther, William Drury, and Gene Young.

In 2010, the Chamber Winds was chosen to represent the Naval Academy Band at its first appearance at the Midwest Clinic - Band and Orchestra Conference in Chicago. The ensemble has earned high praise for its performances, and has appeared at the Kennedy Center Millennium Stage in Washington, DC and at colleges and universities throughout the mid-Atlantic region, including Towson University, Mount St. Mary's College, and Dickenson College.