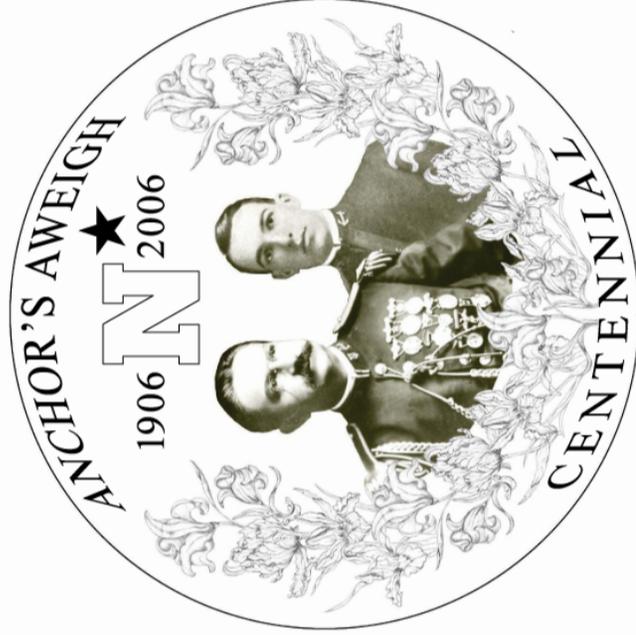


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Logo commemorating the 100th anniversary of the creation of "Anchor's Aweigh," the Navy Song. Pictured are LT Charles A. Zimmermann, composer of "Anchor's Aweigh" and sixth leader of the U.S. Naval Academy Band and lyricist Midshipman Alfred Miles. IF YOUR ZIP CODE HAS CHANGED TO 21409, PLEASE CONTACT US!

Fall 2006

The U.S. Naval Academy

Band



NAVAL ACADEMY BAND USHERS IN NEW FALL PERFORMANCES

By MU1 Lynda Dembowski

The United States Naval Academy Band gears up for an exciting array of fall performances! There is something for everyone as the "Navy's Oldest and Finest" presents performances by the Concert Band and jazz ensemble, Next Wave, as well as individual performers featured on our fall Chamber Music Series.

The Concert Band presents a riveting program on September 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Naval Academy's Mitscher Hall. Lieutenant Commander Melvin P. Kessler, 26th leader of the Naval Academy Band, will conduct Ingolf Dahl's *Sinfonietta*. An American composer of Swedish-German heritage, Dahl (1912-1970) made his mark in the musical world as a composer, conductor, pianist, and teacher. In *Sinfonietta*, Dahl has created a technically demanding work for performers in a complex web of compelling twelve-tone harmonies and melodic development. The musical centerpiece of this program is an ardently patriotic work, *Eternal Vigilance: The Long Brave Line*, by acclaimed composer Robert Jager. As a member of the United States Navy for four years, Jager served as Staff Arranger for the Armed Forces School of Music. Jager was commissioned by the musical directors of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard service academies to write a composition honoring all Midshipmen and Cadets who have diligently trained to serve our country. Each academy's premiere wind ensemble will present this work as a part of their respective concert series, and as of this printing, the Naval Academy Band will be the first to perform this engaging piece. Be sure to join us for this world premiere! The commencement of the fall series for the Concert Band also marks a fond farewell to LCDR Kessler, as he retires after 30 years of faithful service to the Navy. We wish the traditional "fair winds and following seas" to LCDR Kessler and his family.

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COMMANDER'S COLUMN

As you read this column I will be making final plans for my retirement from the Navy. It has been a wonderful 30 years and like a lot of Sailors, I wish I could continue, and if given a chance would do it all over again. During my Naval career I have had the opportunity to work alongside and lead some of the most talented musicians in the world, and to participate in many historical events.

The privilege of leading the Naval Academy Band has truly been an honor. These men and women are "world-class" musicians. Each one of them is dedicated to upholding the high standards expected of a member of this band. Leading these great musicians is a humbling experience.

It has been a pleasure to meet so many of you, and I thank all of you for your support and kind words during my tour here.

Sincerely,



Melvin P. Kessler



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The Concert Band will give its annual "Holiday by the Bay" performance on December 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Naval Academy's Mitscher Hall. The Electric Brigade joins the concert with traditional holiday carols and rockin' versions of the season's favorites!

Next Wave, one of the Navy's finest jazz ensembles today, kicks off the fall season with a concert on November 17 at 7:30 p.m. in Mitscher Hall. Their music includes time-tested arrangements by the likes of Goodman, Ellington, Basie, and Miller, as well as the more contemporary names of Maynard Ferguson, Dave Samuels, Rob McConnell, and Bob Florence. As leader, staff arranger and trombonist, Senior Chief Musician Dan Drew continually designs new and exciting musical arrangements displaying the technical prowess of this ensemble, including its featured soloists, saxophonists Petty Officers Cathy Stiles and Cameron Collins, and trumpeter Petty Officer Matthew Shea.

The Chamber Music Series begins on September 15 with a performance by Petty Officer David DeArmond in works for trumpet and organ at 7:30 p.m. at St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Annapolis. Several of our talented musicians will display their technical mastery throughout the fall season in recitals. Please refer to our schedule for specific dates and times.

The fall concert season boasts wonderful musical experiences for enthusiasts of all ages. We hope to see you soon!

Spotlight on the Inter-Service Clarinet Quartet

by MU1 Jessica Privler

In January of 2006, two Naval Academy Band clarinetists teamed up with two clarinetists from the Air Force Band in Washington, DC. The result: the Inter-Service Clarinet Quartet. A clarinet quartet is a versatile chamber music ensemble with a wide-ranging repertoire. The timbre and range of the group can be altered by the addition of the bass clarinet, the E-flat clarinet, and on occasion, the lesser-known basset horn.

The Inter-Service Clarinet Quartet members include our own Chief Musician Marcia Diehl and Musician First Class Dawn Henry. Their Air Force Band colleagues are Senior Master Sergeant Carl Long (who is married to MU1 Henry) and Technical Sergeant Julianna Arnold. In the six months since its inception, the Inter-Service Clarinet Quartet has made a name for itself in the world of chamber music.

The group recently returned from San Antonio, TX, where they performed a recital at the prestigious Texas Bandmasters Association Convention on July 22. The concert included *Histoire de Tango* by Astor Piazzolla and Jean-Michel Defaye's *Six Pieces D'Audition*.

The Inter-Service Quartet is expanding its repertoire, and looks forward to performing local and regional recitals in the coming months.

PROMOTIONS AND AWARDS

Congratulations to David Hanner for his promotion to Master Chief Musician and to our recent Chief Musician selectees. We got three! Sergio Dacol, James Fowler, and Todd Nix will be promoted to Chief Petty Officer on September 15, 2006. Congratulations also to Petty Officer Joel Borrelli-Boudreau for his selection as USNA Band's Sailor for the 2nd Quarter, 2006.



David Hanner



Sergio Dacol



James Fowler



Todd Nix



Joel Borrelli-
Boudreau

VIVA LATINO!

by MU1 Ben Redwine

The Naval Academy Band's 26th leader, Lieutenant Commander Melvin Kessler, took advantage of some international connections for a program of Latin-American inspired music. The concert in the Naval Academy's historic Mahan Hall on June 2, 2006 featured Brazilian native, Dr. Luis Engelke, and professor of trumpet at Towson University, and his colleague, Mr. Anor Luciano, professor of trumpet at the Universidade Federal de Belo Horizonte, Brazil. Both musicians were invited to perform at the International Trumpet Guild (ITG) Conference at Rowan University in Glassboro, NJ, and since they were in the area, LCDR Kessler (a long-time ITG member) invited them to perform with the Naval Academy Band.

Mr. Luciano was the first soloist of the evening, performing Edmundo Villani-Cortes' *Concerto #1 para trompeta e banda sinfonica*, a work commissioned and premiered by him in Brazil. Speaking to the entire band in rehearsal, Mr. Luciano said, "This is the first time I've played this concerto outside of Brazil. It is very special to perform this piece with your band." Dr. Engelke was next on the program with a tour-de-force performance of the venerable trumpet standard, *La Virgen de la Macarena*, "The Bullfighter's Song," by Bernardo Monterde. Dr. Engelke stated that, "it is such an honor to perform with an ensemble of this caliber."

Both artists joined Naval Academy Band's principal trumpeter, Senior Chief Musician James Bean, in *Fantasia Carnavalesca* by Jose Ursicino da Silva "Duda," one of Brazil's foremost composers. This rousing work showcased all three trumpeters. The composition pays homage to the mountain range of the same name in Mr. Luciano's hometown, and was premiered by Mr. Luciano in 1996. Mr. Duda is currently battling cancer and Mr. Luciano and Dr. Engelke dedicated this and their ITG performances to him.

At the ITG conference, both trumpeters performed recitals of exclusively Brazilian music and Dr. Engelke led the Towson University trumpet ensemble.

Audience response to the Naval Academy Band's concert was very enthusiastic. One dedicated patron remarked, "this was one of the best concerts I've heard the Academy Band perform." Such a successful concert was the perfect ending to the 2006 Spring Concert Series at the Naval Academy.



Dr. Luis Engelke (left) and Mr. Anor Luciano (right) with LCDR Kessler after successful performance.

FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS

In addition to LCDR Kessler's pending retirement, MUC Mike Jarjoura (keyboardist in Electric Brigade) retired on July 1st. MU1 Jonathan Reycraft (trombonist in Concert Band) ends his eight years of service on September 27th to join the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra! Congratulations to all departing comrades--their presence will be greatly missed.



MUC Mike Jarjoura



MU1 Jonathan Reycraft

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September 15

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November 5

Flute Recital

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2181 Green Holly Drive, Annapolis
3:30 P.M.

September 29

Fall Festival

Concert Band
Mitscher Hall

November 12

Salute to Veterans

Concert Band
Mitscher Hall
3:00 P.M.

October 6

Navy Birthday

Concert Band
Alumni Hall

November 17

Next Wave Jazz Ensemble

Mitscher Hall

October 20

Concert Band

Mitscher Hall

December 8

Holiday by the Bay

Concert Band and Electric Brigade
Mitscher Hall

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