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OLD COMRADES

The stage, ablaze with starched white uniforms punctuated with the color of civilian attire, is filled with Bandsmen and their predecessors side by side for yet another Naval Academy Band Alumni Concert. This annual event, a favorite of everyone involved, is a chance for old friends to re-unite, new friends to meet, and music to be made. Those alumni present were:

Performers

CDR Ray Ascione	MUC Tony Kurdila
MU1 Paul Burrucker	MUCM "Mac" McClueb
MUC Bob Cady	MUC Joe Mineri
MUCS Bunny Carfagno	MU2 Tommy Porrello
MU2 Steve DaRe	MUC Bob Simmons
MUCM Ralph Gambone	MU1 Rick Soule
MU1 Max Glatfelter	MUCM Dick Sowell
MUCS Dick Glass	MUCS Gayle Steele
MUC Bill Healy	MUC Roger St. Vincent
MUCS Henning Hoehne	MUC Bill Taylor
MUC Warren Kellerhouse	MU1 Ben Winter

Others Present

MU1 Karl Alexander	MUC Dan Leathers
MUCM Larry Callahan	MUC Tommy Senesi
MUCM Ron Cohen	MU1 Bruce Stewart
MUC Jimmy Dent	MU2 Carl Stewart
MU1 Lanny Doster	MUC John White
MUCM Hugh Ferguson	MU1 Rhodes Whitehill
MUC Vincent Gerrior	MU1 Jerry Zadera
MU1 Tom Goloski	

The band members enjoy the opportunity not only to hear these musicians perform, but to listen to the great stories they all have to tell. These stories are an important part of the Band's heritage and if not for events such as this, they would be lost. We thank the alumni for taking the time to travel, some a great distance, to perform once again with the Navy's Oldest and Finest Band. **SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!!**

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ALUMNI

We are attempting to update our Alumni List. If you know the whereabouts of any Band Alumni who are interested in receiving an Alumni Concert invitation or *Serenade*, please contact our Public Affairs Office at (410) 293-1262. We welcome ALL alumni for our annual



MOVING?

The United States Naval Academy Band has friends all over the world. If you are planning to move and would like to take *Serenade* with you, please mail us your new address along with the old (as it appears on the mailing label now). Because *Serenade* is a tri-annual publication, your forwarding time with the US Post Office may expire before the next issue comes your way.

--MUCS Jim Cunningham

COMMANDER'S COLUMN



It's hard to believe, but summer 1997 is just a memory. But what a memory it is! Sandwiched between our June and August leave periods, the band performed numerous ceremonies, parades and concerts throughout the region. In addition, in order to provide better musical support to our sponsors during this *very* busy season, half the band remained on duty during each leave period.

This year's alumni reunion and concert were extremely successful. What a thrill it was for us to visit with "Old Comrades" and share music together once again. One returning alumnus, Chief Bill Healy, reported to the Academy Band in 1938 and has performed on just about every alumni concert we've had. Now that's dedication to duty!

I must apologize for the late mailing of our summer edition of *Serenade*. It seems the Postal Service lost our initial printing scheduled for mailing in May! As soon as we realized what had happened, we quickly reprinted and sent it out to you. Although I can't promise this won't happen again, we have taken steps I believe will solve the problem. On a positive "note", *Serenade* seems to have been well received by you. I have accepted many favorable comments regarding the new format conceived and designed by MUCS Jim Cunningham. Your kind remarks are most appreciated.

Our fall concert series will present a variety of musical styles for your listening pleasure. As you read through this publication I'm quite sure you will find some performances of interest to you. MU1 Yolanda Pelzer, vocalist with the Navy Band Commodores, will be featured on our September 19th *Americana* concert and on October 3rd we will team-up with the Naval Academy Glee Club for what proves to be a very moving and exciting *Navy Day* concert. Recent Academy graduate, Ensign Tony Holds, Baritone and local Basso-Profundo sensation Mr. Kevin Thompson will also be featured.

Thank you for your interest and continued support of the Naval Academy Band. I hope to see you at a future performance.

Sincerely,

R. M. GAMBONE
Director



Musician Second Class Erik Swanson is a native of Nashua, New Hampshire and a graduate of Danvers High School. He was very active in the school's music and theater programs, participating in concert and marching bands, jazz ensemble, theater, pit bands and in the advanced chorus.

In July of 1983 Swanson enlisted in the Navy Music Program and graduated from the Armed Forces School of Music Basic Course in spring, 1984. His first tour of duty was as a tenor saxophone and flute instrumentalist with Navy Band Guam. After reading an interview with "Journey" vocalist Steve Perry, known for his exceptionally clear, powerful tenor voice, Erik began putting these techniques into practice. Subsequent tours of duty with Navy Band Newport's "Rhode Island Sound," and Navy Band Sixth Fleet's "The Diplomats," gave him the opportunity to hone his craft as an instrumentalist and lead vocalist, as well as gaining valuable leadership and administrative skills.

Petty Officer Swanson reported for duty with the Naval Academy Band's contemporary music ensemble, "Electric Brigade," in 1990. His unique vocal and saxophone style, as well as his dynamic personality have added a new dimension to the group. His background in the theater has contributed to the Naval Academy Band's various children's productions. He has written scripts, directed and acted in the summer and holiday shows. He has also cultivated an interest in video and computer animation techniques that have proven useful to the organization. He produced the cover art and booklet for the "Electric Brigade's" compact disc and produced a multimedia presentation of large screen video synched with live performance of the band for Navy Recruiting. His many contributions to the organization have earned him multiple Sailor of the Quarter recognitions as well as two Navy Achievement Medals. In addition to his duties with "Electric Brigade," he also performs as saxophone instrumentalist in marching and ceremonial bands.

In his spare time, Erik works as a producer of video for Maryland Public Access television, is active in his community association, and in a computer club. He resides in Arnold, Maryland with his brother Paul and his pet ferrets.

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Program Notes

AMERICANA

America First; Concerto for Clarinet, MU1 Diefenderfer; Airmail Special; Stephen Foster Medley; America, MU1 Yolanda Pelzer, US Navy Band vocalist

RECITAL FOR WINDS

Chamber Music Series

Sinfonia für Bläser, Donizetti; Petite Symphonie, Gounod; Three Elizabethan Fancies, Jacob; Serenaden Nr. 11 in E=, Mozart; LCDR Ralph Gambone, conducting

NAVY DAY CONCERT

USNA Glee Club and Women's Chorus; La Corsair; Bride of the Waves, MU2 J. Williams, tuba; Sailors' Hornpipe; The Navy Forever; Lonely Beach; Battle Hymn

EINE KLEINE LIKE CLARINET AND EUPHONIUM MUSIC

Chamber Music Series

Concerto in F Major, Danzi; Arpeggione Sonata, Schubert; MU2 K. Schultz, euphonium Quintet in E= Major for Piano, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, and Horn, Mozart; Concerto for Clarinet, Copland; MU2 M. Diehl, clarinet

AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 MINUTES (or less)

Around the World in 80 Days; Manhattan Beach; Morning, Noon and Night in Vienna; Dance with Swords; Suite Francaise; Irish Suite; Amazonas March

FANTASTIC FANTASIA

Ride of the Valkyries; Festival at Bagdad; Sleeping Beauty Waltz; A Witches Sabbath

AN EVENING OF TRUMPET AND PERCUSSION

Chamber Music Series

Suite for Trumpet and Marimba; Concerto for Trumpet, Percussion and Keyboard; Blue 'n' Boogie; Yearnin'; Prelude to a Kiss; Tower of Inspiration; MU2 McCarthy, percussion, MU2 Orban, trumpet

MUSIC OF THE MASTERS

March Troyenne; Nabucco Overture; Haydn Trumpet Concerto, MU1 J. Bean, trumpet; Thunder and Lightning Polka; Elsa's Procession to the Cathedral; Berceuse and Finale from The Firebird

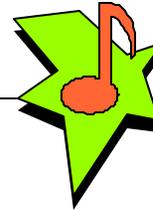
CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Traditional holiday favorites; ENS Dale Yager, conducting

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MATINEE

A light hearted production featuring the "Jolly Old Elf" himself!

noteworthy events



Congratulations to
MUC JIM BEAN

MUC BRUCE McDONALD

GMGC JEFF RADWAY (USNR) - USNA Band '79 - '82

On their recent promotion to Chief Petty Officer



Navy Achievement Medal
MU2 Chris Raifsnider

Armed Forces Service Medal
MU1 Bob Stibbe

Navy Good Conduct Medal
MUCS Jeffrey Diehl; (5th award)

Naval Academy Band Sailor of the Quarter; 2nd quarter 1997

MU2 Erik Swanson

A FOND FAREWELL

MUCS Randy Martell, trumpet, CIC of Concert Band and Next Wave, retirement

MU1 Tracy Ford, vocalist, transfer to NTC Great Lakes

MU2 Chris Raifsnider, clarinet, transfer to US Navy Band

WELCOME ABOARD

MU2 Brian Strawley, trumpet, Concert Band

New to the USNA Band family

Emily Ruth Tillet

Born June 30, 1997

She weighed in at 7 lbs. 7.6 oz. and measured 20 in.

Congratulations to the proud parents

MU2 Adam and Jennifer Tillet



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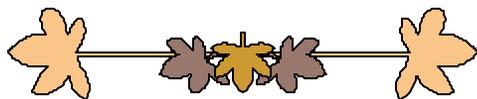


U.S. Naval Academy Band Fall Concert Series

1997

- SEP 19 AMERICANA
- OCT 3 NAVY DAY
Alumni Hall
- OCT 24 AROUND THE WORLD
IN 80 MINUTES (or less)
- NOV 7 FANTASTIC FANTASIA
- NOV 21 MUSIC OF THE MASTERS
- DEC 12 HOLIDAY CONCERT
Mahan Hall
- DEC 13 CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY
MATINEE
1:00 P.M.

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United States Naval Academy Band Chamber Music Series 1997

- SEP 26 RECITAL FOR WINDS
LCDR Ralph Gambone, *conductor*
MU1 R. Ory-Lettie, *flute*
MUCS K. Callahan, MU2 M. Boensel, *oboe*
MU2 R. Vazquez, MU2 A. Jarjoura,
MU1 R. Diefenderfer, MU2 M. Diehl,
MU1 A. Chappell, MU2 R. Ascione, *clarinets*
MU2 A. Tillett, MU2 A. Valerio, *French horn*
MUC D. Hanner, MU2 G. Granata, *bassoon*
- OCT 10 EINE KLEINE LIKE
CLARINET AND EUPHONIUM
MUSIC
MU2 Karl Schultz, *euphonium*
MU2 Marcia Diehl, *clarinet*
- NOV 14 AN EVENING OF
TRUMPET
AND
PERCUSSION
MU2 Joseph McCarthy, *percussion*
MU2 Daniel Orban, *trumpet*

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