

"THE PRESIDENT'S OWN" UNITED STATES MARINE BAND

# NOTES

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2017-2018 New York Emmy® Awards  
SPECIAL EVENT COVERAGE (OTHER THAN NEWS AND SPORTS)  
United States Marine Band "New England Spirit"  
July 1, 2018  
All-Star Orchestra/WNET  
COMMEMORATIVE

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Marine Band EMMY Win!

Complete Marches of John Philip Sousa: Vol. 5

Get to know SSgt Charles Paul in Staff Lines

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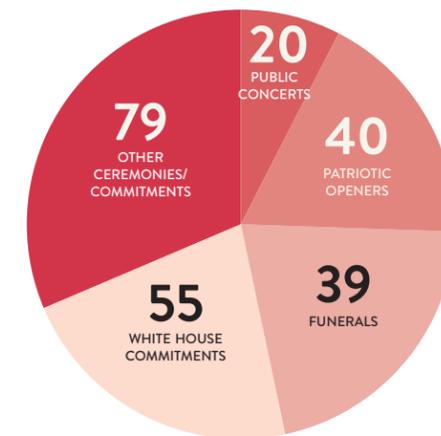
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# making MUSIC

**233** Total number of musical performances presented by members of “The President’s Own” from April-June 2019. From solo playing to small ensembles and the full band or orchestra, members perform several times each week through multiple musical commitments, including **public concerts, White House musical support, full honors funerals, patriotic openers, educational initiatives, and other ceremonial duties.**



Conductorless orchestra concert featuring guest piano soloist Roman Rabinovich, May 12, 2019

Young People’s Concert April 7, 2019

National World War II Memorial Remembrance Ceremony, June 5, 2019

Joint concert with the Swiss Army Central Band April 29, 2019

Summer concert at the U.S. Capitol, June 2019

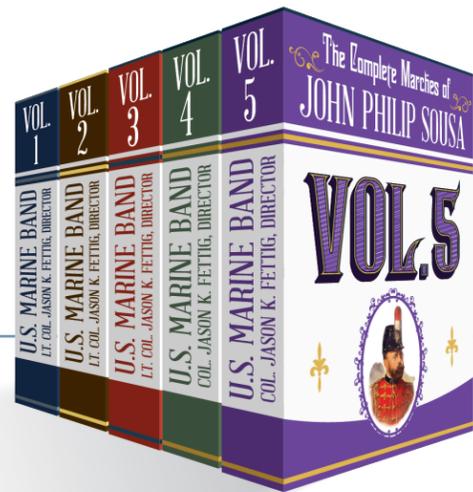
# EDUCATIONAL

## engagement

### COMPLETE MARCHES OF JOHN PHILIP SOUSA

**216,179**

# of page visits to all resources for The Complete Marches of John Philip Sousa between April and June 2019. Resources include free MP3 downloads, along with full scores and parts.



### DOWNLOAD BREAKDOWN

**10,134** # of Volume 5 MP3 and full score downloads April-June 2019

**38,393** # of MP3 and full score downloads for all available volumes (Volumes 1-5) April-June 2019

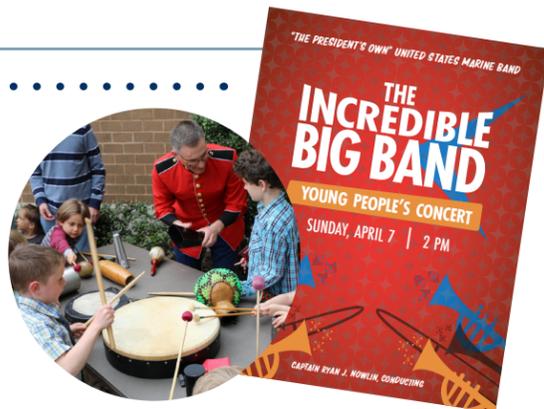
### DID YOU KNOW?

John Philip Sousa composed a total of 132 marches during his lifetime! The Marine Band is recording all available marches as part of its Complete Marches of John Philip Sousa Project. With the completion of Volume 5 in April 2019, the band has now recorded 95 of the 132 Sousa marches.

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERT

The 2019 Young People's Concert on April 7, 2019, featured the Marine Big Band with a variety of music catered to teaching a young audience about the incredible versatility of the Big Band!

**1,031** # of people that watched the concert live in person or via the YouTube live stream



# DIGITAL

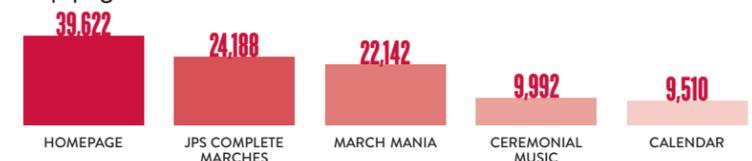
## FOOTPRINT



**685,509**

Total website hits April-June 2019.

Top page hits below:



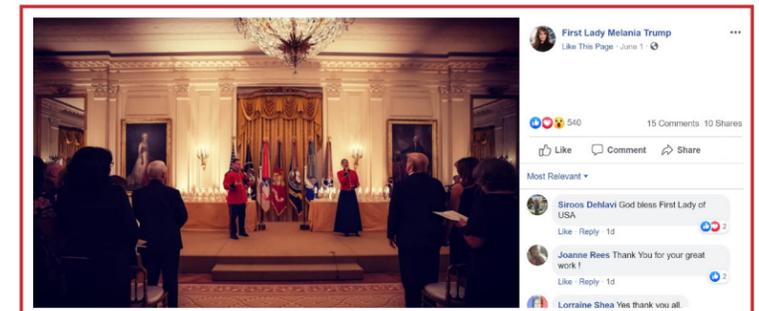
Congratulations to our new Assistant Drum Major Guntery Sgt. Monica Preston. Guntery Sgt. Preston currently serves as the Drum Major for the 2d Marine Aircraft Wing Band and will report to Marine Barracks Washington 8th & 1st summer 2019.

Top Facebook posts and their reach:



**1.6M**

Total Marine Band YouTube views

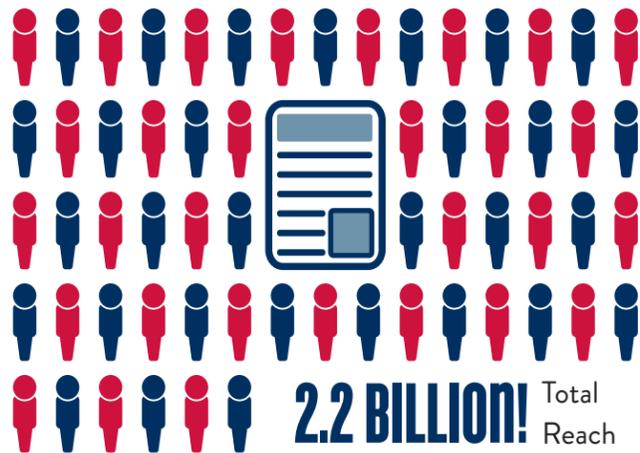


# IN THE NEWS

1,411



Number of articles or mentions in media sources such as **The New York Times, The Washington Post, Boston Globe, Chicago Tribune, The Houston Chronicle, Discovery Channel, Travel Channel, FOX & Friends, 11th Hour with Brian Williams, MSNBC Live with Craig Melvin, and Good Morning Washington-WJLA.**



## FEATURED STORIES & MENTIONS



“...and that’s how it started. [The] Marine Band was added--and they will be setting up behind us on the balcony, a few of them are arriving. You might be able to see them behind me play some lively tunes to keep the children entertained.” - FOX & Friends at the White House Easter Egg Roll

“...party on the White House lawn, complete with a Marine Band playing the national anthem.” - The New York Times, “Women’s Championship Team at the White House”

“The White House celebrated the team in proper fashion with the Marine Corps Band playing ‘Sweet Caroline’ following the president’s remarks.” - The 11th Hour with Brian Williams, President Trump Welcomed the 2018 World Series Champion Boston Red Sox to the White House



“Hosted by the First Lady, her office has been planning the last six months. The day long event has favorites like the Marine Band, Reading Nook and Easter Bunny.” - FOX 25 News / WFXT-TV at the White House Easter Egg Roll

Official White House photos by Shealah Craighead (top) and Andrea Hanks (bottom).

# MEET THE BAND



## STAFF LINES

**SSgt Charles Paul**

**POSITION IN BAND**  
Assistant Chief Music Librarian

## EDUCATION

Bachelor’s degree from University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music (CCM), Master’s degree from Temple University in Philadelphia

## PETS

A few small fish and a snail

## JOINED THE BAND

February 2012

## SELF-PORTRAIT

Good-natured, funny, inquisitive, occasionally sarcastic

## FAVORITE SAYING OR MOTTO

“Theoretically...”

## WALTER MITTY FANTASY

Owning the Philadelphia Eagles

## MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT IN BAND

Unexpectedly escorting First Lady Michelle Obama at the First Lady’s Luncheon during my second year in the band

## BAD HABITS

Staying up too late, binging on candy, spending too much time on my phone

## INSPIRATION

My family. I learn from them everyday.

## WHO WOULD PLAY YOU IN A MOVIE

Daniel Craig

## PET PEEVE

Copiers that constantly jam and get toner all over my music

## HOBBIES

Cooking, baking, playing piano, watching sports, backyard wiffle ball, video games

## FAVORITE FOODS

Good pizza, Indian food, donuts

## GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT

Making a living as a professional musician

## BEST-KEPT SECRET

I used to paint houses as a summer job

## THREE THINGS ALWAYS IN YOUR REFRIGERATOR

Stone ground mustard, buttermilk, real maple syrup

## MOST INFLUENTIAL TEACHER

Randy Gardner, my horn teacher at CCM and former 2nd horn of the Philadelphia Orchestra

## LUXURY DEFINED

No traffic on the highway and a mug of delicious coffee

## FAVORITE MOVIE

I just introduced my kids to the Lord of the Rings films

## BOOKS AT BEDSIDE

Right now I’m working on The Prize by Daniel Yergin and I’m reading The Hobbit with my son.

## FAVORITE PIECE OF MUSIC

Robert Schumann’s Konzertstück for Four Horns and Orchestra

## PLACE YOU’D MOST LIKE TO BE STRANDED

Somewhere cold and cloudy with my family and a nice bottle of scotch

## LAST WORDS:

Maybe that all-you-can-eat donut buffet wasn’t such a good idea after all...



## RETIREMENTS



**Communication Strategist Master Sergeant Kristin duBois** joined “The President’s Own” United States Marine Band in April 1999. Master Sgt. duBois began her musical training on piano at age 9 and French horn at age 15. After graduating from Westfield High School in Massachusetts in 1993, she attended Syracuse University’s Newhouse School of Public Communications in New York where she earned a bachelor’s degree in public relations in 1997. Master Sgt. duBois retired in June after 20 years of service with “The President’s Own.”



**Trumpeter/Cornetist Master Gunnery Sergeant John Abbracciamento** joined “The President’s Own” United States Marine Band in November 1992. He was named high brass section leader and commander in 2016. He began his musical instruction at age 8, and after graduating from Valley Stream South High School in Valley Stream, N.Y., in 1978, he attended the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston. He completed his bachelor’s degree in music at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor in 1983 and also earned a master’s degree from Mannes College of Music in New York in 1985. Master Gunnery Sgt. Abbracciamento retired in June after nearly 27 years of service with “The President’s Own.”



**Tuba player Master Gunnery Sergeant John Cradler** joined “The President’s Own” United States Marine Band in July 1989. He was named section leader in 2000, low brass section commander in 2003, and principal in November 2013. Master Gunnery Sgt. Cradler began his musical instruction at age 11 and graduated in 1983 from Lake Mills High School in Wisconsin. He earned a bachelor’s degree in tuba performance from the University of Wisconsin in Madison in 1987 and a master’s degree in tuba performance from the University of Akron in Ohio in 1989. Master Gunnery Sgt. Cradler retired in June after 30 years of service with “The President’s Own.”



**Tuba player Master Sergeant Mark Thiele** joined “The President’s Own” United States Marine Band in June 1998 and was named assistant section leader in November 2013. Master Sgt. Thiele began his musical instruction at age 10. He graduated in 1991 from James Madison High School in Vienna, Va., and received a bachelor’s degree in music education from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va., in 1995. In 2001, he received a master’s in music performance from the University of Michigan (U-M) in Ann Arbor. Thiele retired in June after 21 years of service with “The President’s Own.”

## NEW MEMBERS



**Saxophonist Staff Sergeant Connor Mikula** joined “The President’s Own” United States Marine Band in May 2019. Staff Sgt. Mikula began his musical training on piano at age 5 and saxophone at age 11. After graduating from West Ottawa High School in Holland, Mich., in 2010, he attended Michigan State University in East Lansing where he earned a bachelor’s (2015) and master’s (2017) of music in saxophone performance. His instructors include Joe Luloff and Timothy McAllister of Michigan State University. Prior to joining “The President’s Own,” Staff Sgt. Mikula was a featured soloist with the Lima Symphony Orchestra in Ohio and the University of Michigan Symphony Band.



**Trumpeter/Cornetist Staff Sergeant Tyler Lindsay** joined “The President’s Own” United States Marine Band in May 2019. Staff Sergeant Lindsay began his musical instruction on trumpet at age 3. After graduating high school in 2013, he earned a bachelor’s degree in trumpet performance and composition from Loyola University in New Orleans in 2017 and a master’s degree in music performance from Temple University in Philadelphia in 2019. His instructors included Dr. Nick Volz and Vance Woolf of Loyola University and Anthony Prisk of Temple University. Prior to joining the Marine Band, Staff Sgt. Lindsay performed with the Disney All-American College Band, Orchestre de la Francophonie in Montreal and was a substitute for the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra, Baton Rouge Symphony, and Symphony in C in New Jersey.

## emmy win

“The President’s Own” United States Marine Band in Partnership with the All-Star Orchestra took home an Emmy Award Saturday at the 62nd Annual New York Emmy Awards, which took place at the Marriott Marquis Broadway Ballroom in New York City. “New England Spirit,” a program featuring William Schuman’s iconic work, New England Triptych, won in the category: Special Event Coverage (Other than News and Sports) with Gerard Schwarz, Guest Conductor, Habib Azar, Video Producer and Director, Marine Band Director Col. Jason K. Fettig as Audio Director, Andrew Mayatskiy as Video Editor and Paul Schwendener as Executive Director. In collaboration with the United States Marine Band, “New England Spirit,” is part of the multi-program All-Star Orchestra series featuring top musicians from across the country performing major symphonic masterpieces and works from leading contemporary American composers. Broadcast nationwide on public television since 2013, the acclaimed series is currently in its fourth season.



This is the first Emmy Award for the Marine Band and the seventh Emmy Award for the All-Star Orchestra. All-Star Orchestra Music Director Gerard Schwarz said, “Receiving these awards from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences is a confirmation of the importance of what we are all striving for: to make accessible for free the joy and understanding of great music to the widest possible audience through public television and the world’s largest educational website: the Khan Academy. We are so grateful to the United States Marine Band and our co-production team, to our generous sponsors, and to the dedicated public television stations in our vast country for believing in classical music.”

- Broadway World, “US Marine Band With The All-Star Orchestra Wins Emmy”

## OVERHEARD ON THE WEB

Thank you very much for your performance in Hamamatsu of Japan. ... Please also keep playing wonderfully now. Thank you very much. *I never forget your wonderful performance.*

• You’re singing of the National Anthem today at the White House was spot on fantastic! I have sung the Anthem around my town at sporting events and I love to do it. I also want to thank you for pronouncing “perilous” correctly. That is my pet peeve of other singers. I don’t know how they get “O’ out of “I”????? *You have a fabulous voice.* Thank you for your service and thank your fellow musicians as well. • Spent the final night in DC sitting in front of the Capitol building watching the sunset as @marineband serenaded us all.