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Joan Tower (b. 1938)

transcribed by MGySgt Donald Patterson*

Made in America (2004)

Kent Kennan (1913–2003)

transcribed by the composer

Trumpet Sonata

With strength and vigor

Rather slowly and with freedom

Moderately fast, with energy

GySgt Amy McCabe, soloist

Leonard Bernstein (1918–90)

transcribed by Jay Bocook

Symphonic Suite from On the Waterfront

INTERMISSION

Samuel Barber (1910–81)

transcribed by Guy M. Duker

Symphony No. 1, Opus 9, Symphony in One Movement

Percy Grainger (1882–1961)

transcribed by Joseph Kreines

Danish Folk-Music Settings

The Power of Love

Lord Peter's Stable-Boy

The Nightingale and the Two Sisters

Jutish Medley

*Member, "The President's Own" United States Marine Band

PLEASE NOTE: The use of recording devices and flash photography is prohibited during the concert.

MAJOR MICHELLE A. RAKERS

Assistant Director Major Michelle A. Rakers joined “The President’s Own” United States Marine Band in May 1998 as a trumpeter/cornetist. She was appointed Assistant Director and commissioned a first lieutenant in July 2004 and promoted to captain by Commandant of the Marine Corps General Michael W. Hagee on Jan. 1, 2006. She was promoted to major and appointed Executive Officer and Senior Assistant Director in July 2014. She is both the first female Assistant Director and first female commissioned officer in the history of “The President’s Own.”

With the Marine Band, Maj. Rakers has performed at the White House, in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area, and across the country during the band’s annual concert tour. As an advocate for education outreach, she led the band’s Music in the Schools, Music in the High Schools, and Concerto Competition programs from 2007-14. Additionally, she served as a conductor and supervisor for the acclaimed fall and winter Chamber Music Series, which feature the virtuoso musicians of “The President’s Own.”

Maj. Rakers, a 1986 graduate of the Marian Heights Academy in Ferdinand, Ind., received a bachelor’s degree in music management from the University of Evansville in Indiana in 1990. She continued her studies at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., where she earned a master’s degree in trumpet performance in 1991. She received a doctorate from the Peabody Conservatory of the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md., in 2015 where she studied with Harlan Parker. She also studied conducting with Mallory Thompson of Northwestern University and Kate Tamarkin of The Catholic University in Washington, D.C. Her trumpet instructors included James Bursen of the University of Evansville, Vincent Cichowicz of Northwestern University, and Chris Gekker of the Aspen Music Festival in Colorado. Prior to joining “The President’s Own,” Maj. Rakers enjoyed an active career as an orchestral trumpeter, having performed with many orchestras nationally to include the Evansville Philharmonic in Indiana, the Owensboro Symphony in Kentucky, and the Kalamazoo Symphony in Michigan.

She was nominated as an Assistant Director in 2003, and on June 13, 2004, she conducted her first band concert at the U.S. Capitol. During her tenure as an Assistant Director with “The President’s Own,” Maj. Rakers has been very active as a guest conductor, clinician, and public speaker, having worked with all-state and honor festivals and offered workshops at the Sibelius Academy of Helsinki, Finland, and universities throughout the United States. Maj. Rakers has also appeared as a guest conductor with bands and orchestras throughout the nation, and internationally with the Slesvigske Musikkorps of Haderslev, Denmark, the Helsinki Guards Band, Finland, and the National Youth Brass Band of Great Britain. In 2009 she received the University of Evansville’s Distinguished Alumni Award and was granted an honorary induction into Tau Beta Sigma, a national music sorority.



U.S. MARINE BAND PERSONNEL

COLONEL JASON K. FETTIG, *Director*

MAJOR MICHELLE A. RAKERS, *Assistant Director*

CAPTAIN RYAN J. NOWLIN, *Assistant Director*

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MASTER GUNNERY SERGEANT DUANE F. KING, *Drum Major*

GUNNERY SERGEANT STACIE CROWTHER, *Assistant Drum Major*

PICCOLO

SSgt Courtney Morton

FLUTE

GySgt Ellen Dooley

MGySgt Betsy Hill*

GySgt Elisabeth Plunk

SSgt Kara Santos

SSgt Heather Zenobia

OBOE/ENGLISH HORN

MGySgt Leslye Barrett*

GySgt Joseph DeLuccio

SSgt Trevor Mowry*

SSgt Tessa Vinson

E-FLAT CLARINET

MSgt Michelle Urzynicok

B-FLAT CLARINET

GySgt William Bernier

SSgt Kristin Bowers

SSgt Alexander Bullard

SSgt Lucia Disano

SSgt Parker Gaimes

SSgt Zachary Gauvain

SSgt Lewis Gilmore

MSgt Vicki Gotcher

GySgt Christopher Grant

MGySgt Deborah Hanson-Gerber

SSgt Andrew Jacobi

SSgt Meaghan Kawaller

GySgt Joseph LeBlanc

GySgt Patrick Morgan*

MGySgt John Mula

GySgt Harry Ong

MSgt Tracey Paddock

MGySgt Jeffrey Strouf*

SSgt Jonathon Troy

MSgt Frederick Vare

BASS CLARINET

SSgt Andrew Dees

SSgt Shannon Kiewitt

BASSOON

MSgt Bernard Kolle

MSgt Christopher McFarlane*

SSgt David Young

SAXOPHONE

SSgt Jacob Chmara

MSgt Otis Goodlett

GySgt David Jenkins

MGySgt Steve Longoria*

SSgt Rachel Perry

MSgt Gregory Ridlington

MSgt Miles Smith

GySgt Steven Temme

CORNET/TRUMPET

MGySgt John Abbracciamento

SSgt Benjamin Albright

SSgt Anthony Bellino

SSgt Robert Bonner

MGySgt Kurt Dupuis*

SSgt Brandon Eubank

MGySgt Christian Ferrari

MSgt Scott Gearhart

MSgt David Haglund

MGySgt Matthew Harding*

SSgt Chris Larios

GySgt Amy McCabe

SSgt James McClarty

MSgt Michael Mergen

MSgt Daniel Orban

MGySgt Susan Rider

GySgt Robert Singer

GySgt Brian Turnmire

GySgt Michael Warnick

GySgt Brad Weil

FRENCH HORN

SSgt Cecilia Buettgen

MGySgt Max Cripe*

GySgt Hilary Harding

SSgt Timothy Huizenga

SSgt Brigitte Knox

SSgt Rebecca McLaughlin

GySgt Jennifer Paul

GySgt Douglas Quinzi

GySgt Greta Richard

EUPHONIUM

SSgt Hiram Diaz
MSgt Mark Jenkins*
GySgt Ryan McGeorge
MSgt Matthew Summers

TROMBONE

GySgt Darren Bange
GySgt Samuel Barlow*
MGySgt Chris Clark
GySgt Timothy Dugan
GySgt Preston Hardage
SSgt Christopher Reaves
SSgt Russell Sharp

BASS TROMBONE

SSgt Daniel Brady
MSgt Karl Johnson

TUBA

SSgt Landres Bryant
MGySgt John Cradler*
GySgt Franklin Crawford
SSgt William Samson
MSgt Mark Thiele
GySgt Christopher Tiedeman
SSgt Simon Wildman

PERCUSSION

GySgt Jonathan Bisesi
SSgt David Constantine
MGySgt Mark Latimer*
GySgt Thomas Maloy
GySgt Michael Metzger
MSgt David Murray
SSgt Gerald Novak
GySgt Steven Owen
MSgt Glenn Paulson
MGySgt Christopher Rose
MSgt Kenneth Wolin

VIOLIN

MSgt Janet Bailey
SSgt Christopher Franke
SSgt Karen Johnson*
MSgt Regino Madrid
GySgt Erika Sato
SSgt Chaerim Smith
SSgt Foster Wang

SSgt Sheng-Tsung Wang
MGySgt Peter Wilson*

VIOLA

SSgt Sara Hart
MSgt Christopher Shieh*
GySgt Tam Tran

CELLO

SSgt Charlaine Prescott*
SSgt Caroline Bean Stute

DOUBLE BASS

MGySgt Aaron Clay*
MSgt Glenn Dewey
GySgt Eric Sabo

KEYBOARD

GySgt AnnaMaria Mottola*
SSgt Christopher Schmitt
GySgt Russell Wilson

GUITAR

MSgt Alan Prather

HARP

MGySgt Karen Grimsey

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GySgt Sara Dell'Omo

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MSgt Donald Patterson

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LCpl Ronald Workman
LCpl Daniel Wurzer
LCpl Jieyou Yin

*Principal

Concert Personnel (bold)

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After 20 years of inspired service with “The President’s Own” U. S. Marine Band we wish Maj. Michelle A. Rakers “fair winds and following seas” as she concludes her career with the Marine Band.





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