

## JANUARY

### SOUSA SEASON OPENER: THE MANY- SIDED SOUSA

**Sunday, Jan. 18 | 2 PM**

Lt. Col. Ryan Nowlin, conducting  
Loras John Schissel,  
guest moderator  
*Marine Band at NOVA*

Kick off the 2026 concert season  
with the 20th Sousa Season  
Opener! Enjoy the many sides of  
John Philip Sousa with a program  
that puts his musical versatility on  
full display. Also featuring guest  
conductor Col. John R. Bourgeois,  
USMC (Ret.) and guest moderator  
Loras Schissel, senior musicolo-  
gist at the Library of Congress!  
*This concert will also livestream at  
youtube.com/usmarineband.*

### CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES

**Sunday, Jan. 25 | 2 PM**

*First Congregational UCC*

## FEBRUARY

### HOME AND HEART

**Sunday, Feb. 1 | 2 PM**

1st Lt. Jose D. Toranzo, conducting  
*Marine Chamber Orchestra at NOVA*

This program of all-American  
composers celebrates the 250th  
anniversary of the United States  
of America with iconic American  
works, including Aaron Copland's  
Fanfare for the Common Man.

### AMERICAN DREAMS

**Sunday, Feb. 8 | 2 PM**

Lt. Col. Ryan Nowlin, conducting  
*Marine Band at NOVA*

This program will feature Peter  
Boyer's *Ellis Island: The Dream  
of America*, nominated for  
Best Classical Contemporary  
Composition at the 48th annual  
Grammy Awards. The work is illus-  
trated by projected images, detail-  
ing the history of those who have  
passed through the island in efforts  
to live the "American Dream."  
Additional works include George  
Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*, John  
Williams' *Liberty Fanfare* and John  
Philip Sousa's *March, "Hands  
Across the Sea."*

### CONCERTO COMPETITION FINALS

**Saturday, Feb. 14 | 2 PM**

*Truman Crawford Hall*

High school students from around  
the nation compete for a \$2,500  
scholarship from the Marine  
Corps Heritage Foundation and a  
solo opportunity with the Marine  
Chamber Orchestra.

### CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES

**Sunday, Feb. 15 | 2 PM**

*Montgomery College*

### AMERICAN MUSICAL TAPESTRY

**Sunday, Feb. 22 | 2 PM**

Capt. Darren Y. Lin, conducting  
*Marine Band at NOVA*

Experience a musical tapestry from  
both contemporary and classic  
American composers, including  
John Philip Sousa's *March, "From  
Maine to Oregon"* alongside modern  
pieces such as Dwayne Milburn's  
*American Hymnsong Suite*, Charles  
Ives' *Variations on "America,"* and  
William Bolcom's *Concerto Grosso  
for Saxophone Quartet and Band.*

## MARCH

### CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES

**Sunday, March 1 | 2 PM**

*St. Mark's Capitol Hill*

### ADAGIO FOR STRINGS

**Sunday, March 22 | 2 PM**

Master Sgt. Karen Johnson,  
coordinator  
*Marine Chamber Orchestra at NOVA*

This concert will feature a lineup  
of American works, including a  
world première by Kenji Bunch, and  
highlight the recognizable second  
movement from Samuel Barber's  
*String Quartet in B minor, Opus 11*,  
frequently performed as "Adagio for  
Strings."

### BE GLAD THEN, AMERICA

**Sunday, March 29 | 2 PM**

1st Lt. Jose D. Toranzo, conducting  
*Marine Band at NOVA*

Featuring a lineup comprised  
completely of 20th-century American  
composers, this program includes  
Aaron Copland's *Old American  
Songs, Set One*, featuring the  
Shaker hymn "Simple Gifts;" John  
Philip Sousa's "George Washington  
Bicentennial" march; and William  
Schuman's iconic *New England  
Triptych* (after the music of William  
Billings).

## APRIL

### CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES

**Sunday, April 12 | 2 PM**

*MLK Library*

### FROM THE CANYONS TO THE STARS

**Sunday, April 19 | 2 PM**

Capt. Darren Y. Lin, conducting  
*Marine Chamber Orchestra at NOVA*

This concert pays homage to America  
and all its natural wonders with  
Olivier Messiaen's monumental  
*Des canyons aux étoiles* (From the  
canyons to the stars), which was  
commissioned and performed for the  
United States bicentennial in 1976.

### MICHAEL FEINSTEIN AND THE UNITED STATES MARINE BAND CELEBRATE THE GREAT AMERICAN SONGBOOK

**Sunday, April 26 | 4 PM**

Lt. Col. Ryan Nowlin, conducting  
*Jazz Orchestra at Strathmore*

In celebration of the 250th anniver-  
sary of the signing of the Declaration  
of Independence, the United States  
Marine Band will collaborate with  
celebrated artist Michael Feinstein,  
the nation's premier expert in the his-  
tory, interpretation and performance  
of the Great American Songbook.  
Feinstein and Marine Band Director  
Lt. Col. Ryan Nowlin have curated a  
program honoring America's history  
with standards that are now part  
of the American soundtrack and  
national identity.

*The gala concert is free but tickets  
are required. Patrons may request up  
to two free tickets at strathmore.org or  
in person at the Strathmore Ticket Office  
on a space-available basis beginning  
March 26. Tickets are valid until 3:45  
p.m., at which time all tickets become  
null and void, and any remaining seats  
will be filled with patrons in the stand-by  
queue.*

## MAY

### SONNETS, JAZZ AND MORSE CODE

**Sunday, May 3 | 2 PM**

Capt. Darren Y. Lin, conducting  
*Marine Band at NOVA*

This unique concert will feature a  
melting pot of musical styles and cul-  
tural influences. Michael Daugherty's  
*Labyrinth of Love* is inspired by the  
love poetry and prose of eight differ-  
ent female poets, each from different  
cultures all over the world, while  
Zhou Tian's *Sinfonia* is a collage of  
musical postcards each highlighting  
a time or place that is close to the  
composer's heart.

### SUMMER BLAST OFF!

**Sunday, May 24 | 8 PM**

Lt. Col. Ryan Nowlin, conducting  
*Marine Band at Wolf Trap*

Join "The President's Own" on  
Memorial Day weekend and mark  
the beginning of summer with the  
annual concert at Wolf Trap. This  
year's program is once again  
packed with great American music,  
from rousing marches and patriotic  
classics to Broadway hits and the  
traditional performance of Piotr Ilyich  
Tchaikovsky's iconic 1812 Overture,  
capped with one of the best fire-  
works displays of the year!

# VENUES

**NOVA:** Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center,  
Northern Virginia Community College, 4915 East Campus  
Drive, Alexandria, VA

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC:** First Congregational  
United Church of Christ, 945 G Street, NW, Washington, DC

**TRUMAN CRAWFORD HALL:** Colonel Truman W. Crawford  
Hall, Marine Barracks, 8th & I Streets, SE, Washington, DC

**MONTGOMERY COLLEGE:** Montgomery College Cultural  
Arts Center, 7995 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD

**ST. MARK'S CAPITOL HILL:** St. Mark's Episcopal Church,  
301 A Street, SE, Washington, DC

**MLK LIBRARY:** Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library,  
901 G Street, NW, Washington, DC

**STRATHMORE:** The Music Center at Strathmore, 5301  
Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda, MD

**WOLF TRAP:** Filene Center, Wolf Trap National Park for the  
Performing Arts, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna, VA

*All concerts are free and no tickets are required  
unless otherwise noted. Schedule is subject to  
change. For complete program information, concert  
updates and additions, as well as full concert  
programs, scan the QR code or visit the Marine  
Band's website at [www.marineband.marines.mil](http://www.marineband.marines.mil).*



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