



## 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 musicologist at the Library of Congress! This concert will also livestream at [youtube.com/usmarineband](https://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 illustrated by projected images, detailing 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 anniversary 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 history, 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](http://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 cultural influences. Michael Daugherty's *Labyrinth of Love* is inspired by the love poetry and prose of eight different 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 fireworks 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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