

## 27TH INTERNATIONAL SAXOPHONE SYMPOSIUM

The Navy Band presents the 27th International Saxophone Symposium at George Mason University on Friday, January 9 and Saturday, January 10, 2004. The event features classical saxophonists Eugene Rousseau and Jean-Pierre Baraglioli, and jazz saxophonist Jim Snidero.

All events are **FREE** with no tickets required. The opening concert by the Navy Band (Friday, January 9, 8 p.m.) and the final concert by the "Commodores" jazz ensemble (Saturday, January 10, 8 p.m.) will be held in the Concert Hall at the university's "Center for the Arts." In addition, there will be clinics, recitals and lectures during the day on Saturday. The January/February issue of Fanfare will include the schedule of events.

## "HAPPY HOLIDAYS" NAVY BAND HOLIDAY CONCERTS

Saturday, December 20, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 21, 3 p.m.

The United States Navy Band and its specialty groups present this year's holiday concert, entitled "Happy Holidays," at DAR Constitution Hall, 18th and D Streets, N.W., in Washington, D.C.

The performances are **FREE** and tickets are required. To request up to four **FREE** tickets, please send a self-addressed, stamped business envelope to:

Holiday Tickets (FF)

U.S. Navy Band

PMB #472

2657 G Annapolis Rd.

Hanover, MD 21076

(Designate "A" for Saturday, "B" for Sunday)

Please allow 2-3 weeks for delivery. All ticket requests are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. The Sunday, December 21st performance will be broadcast at a future date on cable television and the Direct to Sailor network. Check your local listings or on screen programming guide for details.

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## CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH THE NAVY BAND

It's that wonderful time of the year when The United States Navy Band presents "Happy Holidays" at DAR Constitution Hall. Be sure to mark your calendar, send for tickets and join us. The joyous sounds, spectacular decorations and sheer energy of our dynamic performing units are sure to enhance your holiday experience.

old and new. In addition to sacred and popular classics, *Christmas in the Islands* will be back by popular demand. Written by our own Chief Musicians W. Scott Ragsdale and Christopher W. Erbe, this calypso features Musician First Class Stacy B. Loggins on steel drum and bass-baritone vocalist Musician First Class Edward Daryl Duff.

*Days of Hanukkah.*

Latest word from the North Pole indicates that we may have a very important guest. So, come and join in the fun. You'll have a chance to participate in our traditional *Sing Along* and to add your voice to our message of support to Service Members around the world. Once again, the Naval Media Center will broadcast the performance via satellite. We expect the performance to be carried by Direct to Sailor network (DTS) and American Forces Television and Radio Service (AFRTS). Various local cable channels may choose to air this special. Check your local listings or on screen cable programming guide for details, or visit [www.navyband.navy.mil](http://www.navyband.navy.mil) for a



"Santa Claus, arriving." U.S. Navy Ceremonial Guard Sideboys welcome Mr. S. Claus to DAR Constitution Hall.

Captain Ralph M. Gambone will lead The United States Navy Band with our specialty groups in music of the season. The "Sea Chanters" chorus, "Country Current" country-bluegrass group, "Cruisers" rock ensemble and members of the "Commodores" jazz ensemble will join the band in presenting a wide variety of selections sure to include one of your favorites. Concert dates are Saturday evening, December 20, 2003 at 7:30 and again on Sunday afternoon, December 21, 2003 at 3:00.

"Happy Holidays" will celebrate with musical favorites

Reunions will continue as Musician First Class Brad Corbin returns to play pedal steel guitar (and other instruments) with the "Country Current."

Our first performance coincides with the first night of Hanukkah and we'll be celebrating with the lovely *Raisins and Almonds* and *Eight*



Santa encourages the audience to sing along with the "Sea Chanters" chorus.

complete list of stations.

The United States Navy Band looks forward to sharing "Happy Holidays" with you! *ff*

## Performance Calendar

The U.S. Navy Band and specialty groups present the following **FREE** concerts. Tickets or reservations are not required unless noted (\*). For more information call (202) 433-2525.

### NOVEMBER NAVY BAND

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 7 PM.**  
Patuxent High School  
12485 Rousby Hall Rd.  
Lusby, Md.

### SEA CHANTERS

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 8 PM.**  
4th Presbyterian Church  
5500 River Rd.  
Bethesda, Md.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1:30 PM.**

White House Visitor Center  
1450 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

"WINDJAMMERS"  
woodwind quintet

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 7 PM.\***

Navy Museum (Bldg. 76)  
Washington Navy Yard  
Washington, D.C.  
\*For FREE reservations call (202) 433-6897.

### DECEMBER NAVY BAND

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 7:30 PM.**  
Robinson Secondary School  
5035 Sideburn Rd.  
Fairfax, Va.

### BRASS QUINTET & VOCALIST

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 6, TBD**

"Holiday Family Day"  
Navy Memorial  
701 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

### "HARBOR WINDS" clarinet quartet

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1:30 PM.**  
White House Visitor Center  
1450 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 7 PM.\***

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### COUNTRY CURRENT 2003 FALL TOUR

The "Country Current" country-bluegrass group departs November 8 on a 15-day tour through Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina. The following is a list of tour performances.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 7 PM.**  
East Davidson High School  
Auditorium  
Thomasville, N.C.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 3 PM.**  
Clover School District Auditorium  
Clover, S.C.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 7 PM.**  
The Classic Center  
Athens, Ga.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 7:30 PM.**  
Municipal Auditorium  
Albany, Ga.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 7:30 PM.**  
Marina Civic Center  
Panama City, Fla.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 7:30 PM.**  
Lake City Community College  
Levy Performing Arts Center  
Lake City, Fla.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 7:30 PM.**  
Lake Eola Park Amphitheater  
Orlando, Fla.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 3 PM.**  
Fort Pierce Historical Museum  
Outdoor Stage  
Fort Pierce, Fla.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2 PM.**  
Lake Trafford Marina  
Lake Trafford Rd.  
Immokalee, Fla.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 7 PM.**  
Charlotte County Memorial  
Auditorium  
Punta Gorda, Fla.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 7 PM.**  
The Daytona Beach Bandshell  
Daytona Beach, Fla.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 7 PM.**  
Glynn Academy Auditorium  
Brunswick, Ga.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 7 PM.**  
Blackville-Hilda High School  
Auditorium  
Blackville, S.C.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 7 PM.**  
Robinson High School  
300 Pitt School Rd.  
Concord, N.C.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 3 PM.**  
Kirby Civic Auditorium  
Roxboro, N.C.

### COMMODORES 2003 FALL TOUR

The "Commodores" jazz ensemble departs November 9 on a 15-day tour through Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. The following is a list of tour performances.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 8 PM.**  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Singleton Center for the  
Performing Arts  
Richmond, Va.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 7:30 PM.**  
Wren High School Auditorium  
Piedmont, S.C.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 7:30 PM.**  
Patriot Hall  
Sumter, S.C.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 7:30 PM.**  
Colquitt County High School  
Withers Auditorium  
Moultrie, Ga.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 7:30 PM.**  
Mathis City Auditorium  
Valdosta, Ga.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 7:30 PM.**  
Lakeland Center  
Youkey Theater  
Lakeland, Fla.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 3 PM.**  
Hemando High School  
Brooksville, Fla.

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Captain Ralph M. Gambone, USN • Officer in Charge/Leader

All concert information is accurate at time of publication, though subject to change due to weather and other conditions. For concert updates call the 24-hour Navy Band Performance Calendar at (202) 433-2525, or visit us on the web at [www.navyband.navy.mil](http://www.navyband.navy.mil).

CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE



It's hard to believe that November is here and another year is almost behind us. As we prepare for the holidays, especially Thanksgiving and Christmas, we are reminded of the many blessings and freedoms we enjoy as Americans. Of course, this wonderful time of year is the busiest season for members of the Navy Band who dash from one holiday celebration to another spreading joy and Navy pride with their music.

When the holiday parties, receptions, dances, concerts and usual ceremonies finally end, members of the Navy Band will depart on leave to spend time with family and friends. Once again our annual "Happy Holidays" concert will be broadcast to the fleet and around the country through Dish Network and local cable TV stations. We all look forward to these concerts and the opportunity to share our music with people all over the world.

Please refer to the article and back page of this issue of Fanfare for more information on this year's holiday concert and how to obtain tickets. I can assure you, as in past years, you will not be disappointed at the incredible talent exhibited by the fine men and women of The United States Navy Band. One piece of good news is that the Washington Opera will no longer be performing at DAR Constitution Hall and we can return to our normal seating capacity of 3750. Please make plans to attend one of these exciting performances and make your requests for tickets early. It's not only a great opportunity to help yourself get in the holiday spirit, but it's also a chance to show your support for our troops and how much you appreciate the daily sacrifices they make for our country. Hope to see you there!

Warm regards and Happy Holidays!

Ralph M. Gambone, Captain, USN  
Officer in Charge/Leader

NOTABLE QUOTES

Dear Captain Gambone,

*"What a splendid concert last Tuesday evening at the Navy Memorial! Please pass on my personal thanks to all the members of the band. The concert was a wonderful mixture of American classics, and it was obvious that the audience enjoyed and appreciated every musical selection.*

*It has been said that being Secretary of the Navy is the best job in Washington. To be front and center when the Navy Band plays and to represent the Department of the Navy at such an enjoyable event is a definite highlight of my tenure.*

*My warmest wishes to you, and I hope I have the pleasure of attending more performances by the great Navy Band."*

With gratitude and admiration,

Hansford T. Johnson  
Secretary of the Navy  
Acting

FEATURES/CONCERT HIGHLIGHTS

SUMMON THE HEROES

On October 16, 2003 at DAR Constitution Hall, Captain Ralph M. Gambone and the Navy Band gave the 2,200 people in attendance a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by our comrades in the Armed Services whose bravery has been recognized by our country. This 228th Navy Birthday Concert paid special tribute to Medal of Honor recipients with guest appearances by Colonel Wesley L. Fox, USMC, (Ret.) who received the Medal of Honor for his actions in the war in Vietnam. Also participating was Commander Chuck Coughlin, (Ret.), USN who

Clark, who was on official travel. Admiral Mullen spoke of America's determination to keep our shores safe and how the men and women of the United States Navy were on watch and guarding our freedom around the world. He also praised the members of the Navy Band as examples of

the kind of dedicated professionals who serve in today's Navy. Following Admiral Mullen's remarks, Senior Chief Musician Wayne Taylor sang the popular tune, *I'm Already There* that speaks to a father's memories of home while away, suggesting in this case, our freedom. The "Sea Chanters" chorus saluted those who defended



Vice Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Michael G. Mullen, welcomes all to the Navy's 228th Birthday celebration.

composition by Navy Band Chief Arranger, Chief Musician Scott Ragsdale with script written by Senior

Chief Musician Karen Leigh Campbell and Chief Musician Christopher Erbe, *Legacy of Valor* included appearances by our special guests and was a "tour de force" complete with multiple images specially selected to compliment the text and music. Master Chief Yates, who also contributed to the script, did a masterful job narrating this memorable work.

After the Sea Chanters honored our fallen comrades by singing the Navy Hymn, *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*, the crowd rose to their feet and silence fell across the hall as *Taps* was played with two buglers echoing one another. The crowd stood after *Hero for Today* and were



MU1 Edward Daryl Duff and the "Sea Chanters" chorus sing *Hero for Today*.

on their feet again as Senior Chief Musician Wayne Taylor and Chief Musician John Fisher sang Lee Greenwood's *God Bless the USA*. It was a great night to be an American and a member of the world's greatest Navy. ff



Captain Ralph M. Gambone conducts a tribute to Bob Hope.

exhibited extraordinary bravery when the Pentagon was attacked on 9/11. Hospital Corpsman Brian Alaniz, USN was the most recent hero and recognized for his heroism in Operation Enduring Freedom. Images of other heroes not able to attend or presented posthumously were portrayed visually by the Naval Media Center who also filmed the concert for later broadcast to the fleet. Acting as narrator for the concert was Master Chief Musician Chuck Yates, the voice of the Navy Band for many years who will be retiring soon.

After the Navy Band gave a stirring rendition of the *National Anthem* and launched into John William's *Summon the Heroes* to set the tone for the evening, Captain Gambone introduced the evening's host, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Michael G. Mullen acting on behalf of the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Vern



Col. Wesley J. Fox, USMC (Ret.) participates in *Legacy of Valor*.

intensity of the battlefield, complete with the sounds of helicopters and booming artillery fire. It is a stirring tribute to one of the Korean War's most famous battles. A personal friend to the military over many years, entertainer Bob Hope brought a "taste of home" to soldiers and sailors all over the world and selflessly spent many Christmas holidays in harm's way with his troupe of showgirls, musicians and stars to entertain troops on the battlefield. In a tribute to this legendary figure, the band played his signature tune, *Thanks for the Memory*. The "Sideboys" and Chief Musician John L. Fisher followed with popular tunes that may have been performed on Bob's tours. Premiering an original

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 7 PM.  
Cambrier Park  
Bandshell  
Naples, Fla.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 8 PM.  
Jackie Gleason Theater  
1700 Washington Ave.  
Miami Beach, Fla.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 7:30 PM.  
Melbourne Municipal Auditorium  
625 E. Hibiscus Rd.  
Melbourne, Fla.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 7:30 PM.  
Forest High School Auditorium  
Ocala, Fla.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 7:30 PM.  
Armstrong Atlantic State University  
Fine Arts Auditorium  
Savannah, Ga.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 7:30 PM.  
Coastal Carolina University  
Wheelwright Auditorium  
Conway, S.C.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 3 PM.  
Lenoir Community College  
Waller Auditorium  
Kinston, N.C.

THE UNITED STATES NAVY BAND HAS OPENINGS FOR HIGHLY QUALIFIED AND EXPERIENCED INSTRUMENTALISTS AND VOCALISTS.

For more information call: Senior Chief Musician Stuart McLean, Audition Supervisor at (202) 433-2840. Or email: navyband.auditions@navy.mil.

WELCOME ABOARD TO...

Musicians First Class Ken R. Fennel, saxophonist with the iCruisersi rock ensemble and Lera R. League, clarinetist with the Navy Band.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Senior Chief Musician Margaret J. Bair on receiving the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and to Chief Musicians Keith M. Arneson, Joseph K. Diamond and Matthew J. Neff; and Musicians First Class Michael S. Curtis, Theodore D. Doubek, Benjamin L. Grant, Luis Hernandez and Patrick J. White on receiving the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

SPOTLIGHT ON...

You won't want to miss an opportunity to hear Musician First Class Kenny Carr perform. After travels from Washington, D.C. to Los Angeles, Santa Cruz to Boston and engagements around the world, he has settled back in the nation's capital with the Navy Band's newest and highly touted group, the iCruisersi rock ensemble. He performs jazz, rock, classical and swing music. He sings. In short, he is a wonderful addition to the Navy Band.

**background...**I am originally from Washington, D.C. When I was three years old, my family moved to Los Angeles and then to Santa Cruz, Calif. I began playing the violin at age nine. At 12, I picked up the guitar and with it won the high school talent show a year later. Santa Cruz had a fertile jazz scene that included the renowned iKuumba Jazz Centeri just a few miles from our home. I began my professional music career when I was 15. My guitar teacher recommended me and I played for tourists at the local jazz cafe, iCooper Housei. I formed a band called the iJazz Animalsi which lasted for four years. We were fortunate enough to open for Carmen McCrae and Freddie Hubbard at the iMount Tamalpais Jazz Festi in 1981.

**education...**While still in high school, I attended the local community college to play in their jazz band. While there, I studied with trumpet player and jazz educator, Ray Brown. Mr. Brown had perfect pitch, so if I happened to hit a wrong note in a solo, he would yell the correct note back to me! I was very lucky to have a teacher like that (at such a young age). I studied with Adam Nussbaum at the Jamey Aebersold summer jazz camp in San Jose. After (high school) graduation, I moved to Boston and attended the Berklee College of Music from 1982 through 1986.

**ray charles...**In 1986, a friend told me that Ray Charles was looking for a guitar player and that I should send him a tape. I sent the tape and a week later, Ray called to inform me that the job was mine and that he was sending me a plane ticket. My first show was a week later! I hopped a cab from the airport and was literally running onto the stage when Ray Charles called out: iplay the bluesi. I did. I guess I passed the audition because for the next eight years I shared in Ray's grueling schedule traveling all over the world. We played an average of eight months straight in those days ó about 100 or more shows a year. The pace slowed down only when he opted to play more symphony iPopsi concerts. The most important things I learned from Ray were to always play from my heart and that the tone is in the fingers, not the guitar.

**cruisers...**Upon the arrival of my second son, I was reading through the National Federation of Musicians monthly newspaper and saw an advertisement for an opening in a newly formed Navy group. I called the Navy Band in Washington, D.C., took the audition and, as they say, ithe rest is historyi. Naval service would carry on a family tradition. My grandfather had served as a ship's doctor during World War II and my aunt was a career Navy nurse. This made the decision to accept the position an easy one. It is a pleasure to work with such a versatile group of musicians. Each member of the group is an accomplished and seasoned professional.

**goals...**I am striving to improve my playing and my ability to listen to the other musicians.

**music...**Currently, I am listening to Pat Metheny's *Water Colors*, Jimmy Smith's *Chicken Shack* and Pat Martino's *Joyous Lake*. All three offer terrific jazz (music).

**hobbies...**I enjoy collecting old records and listening to musical favorites on my drive to work. I'm learning the fine art of home improvement. Most of all, my wife and two boys give me the greatest joy.



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