

25th INTERNATIONAL SAXOPHONE SYMPOSIUM

The Navy Band presents the 25th International Saxophone Symposium at George Mason University on Friday, January 11 and Saturday, January 12, 2002. The event features recitals and clinics by Dale Underwood, Paul Bro and Nobuya Sugawa. Also featured are Frank Bongiorno and the Ryoanji Duo, Jim Carroll, Ed Fraedrich, Connie Frigo, Gail Levinsky, Marti Nau, Kenneth Tse, Keith Young, the U.S. Marine Corps Band's Saxophone Quartet, the U.S. Air Force Band's Saxophone Quartet and saxophonists from the U.S. Navy Band.

All events are FREE with no tickets required. The opening concert by the Navy Band (Friday, January 11, 8 p.m.) and the final concert by the "Commodores" jazz ensemble (Saturday, January 12, 8 p.m.) will be held in the Concert Hall at the university's "Center for the Arts." The January/February issue of fanfare will include the schedule of events.

"HAPPY HOLIDAYS" NAVY BAND HOLIDAY CONCERTS

Saturday, December 15, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 16, 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

617 Warrington Ave., S.E.

Washington Navy Yard, D.C. 20374-5054

(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 16th performance will be broadcast live at 3 p.m. Eastern Standard Time via cable television and the Direct to Sailor network. Check your local listings or on screen programming guide for details.

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NAVY BAND IS PROUD TO SERVE

No one can forget the images of the tragic events of September 11, 2001 and how they have changed our world. One thing that has not changed however, is the mission of your United States Navy Band. We stand ready to support the President, our Navy and our country, doing what we do best – performing music. It is times like these that music provides a powerfully moving



The United States Navy Band Ceremonial Unit, directed by Lt. Melvin P. Kessler, performs as President George W. Bush inspects the troops during a Presidential Arrival Ceremony in honor of the Honorable John Howard, Prime Minister of Australia, at Admiral Leutze Park on the Washington Navy Yard in Washington, D.C., September 10, 2001.



The United States Navy Band and "Sea Chanters" chorus under the direction of Cmdr. Ralph M. Gambone, provide music for the "United in Memory" memorial service at the Pentagon on October 11, 2001.

message that joins people of all cultures together when words cannot. Music has been used to rally nations in times of distress. During WWII the Navy Band played in support of the War Bond effort. Music can also evoke a multitude of emotions, ranging from sadness and grief to excitement and joy. The "Sea Chanters" chorus' recent performance for the "National

Day of Prayer and Remembrance" at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. certainly proved the power of music. Their performance of *Grace* was hauntingly beautiful and generated many calls and emails from people wishing to express its moving effect.

The Navy Band was honored to provide music for the "United in Memory" memorial service at

the Pentagon on October 11, 2001. In a solemn and dignified program that honored the victims of September 11, President George W. Bush, The Honorable Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense, and a host of other military and civilian dignitaries, family members and friends gathered at the monumental structure overlooking the Potomac River that signifies America's military strength. Chief Musician Keith D. Hinton, musical director for the Sea Chanters, led a 36-piece joint service chorus in the program's anthem, *Battle Hymn of the Republic*.

As in all conflicts, those who have given their lives must be properly honored. In a long-standing Naval tradition, the Navy Band will lead the funeral processions for all of our shipmates who pay the ultimate price for freedom. The somber sound of *Taps* will echo through the hallowed grounds of Arlington National Cemetery as the families gather to pay their last respects. *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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 8 P.M.
Chesapeake Center for the Creative Arts
194 Hammonds Ln.
Brooklyn Park, Md.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 8 P.M.
George Mason Middle School
& High School
7124 Leesburg Pike
Falls Church, Va.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 8 P.M.
Morgan State University
Murphy Fine Arts Center
Gillian Concert Hall
Baltimore, Md.

SEA CHANTERS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 8 P.M.
Town Hall
3712 Mitchell St.
Kensington, Md.

COMMODORES

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 12:15 P.M.
National Bldg. Museum
401 F St., N.W.
Washington, D.C.

CHAMBER GROUPS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2 P.M.
Burke United Methodist Church
6200 Burke Center Pkwy.
Burke, Va.

DECEMBER NAVY BAND

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 7:30 P.M.*
Bishop Ireton High School
Garwood Whaley Auditorium
201 Cambridge Rd.
Alexandria, Va.
*Tickets are not required.

"HARBOR WINDS" clarinet quartet

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1:30 P.M.
White House Visitor Center
1450 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C.

COUNTRY CURRENT 2001 FALL TOUR

The Country Current country-bluegrass group departed October 24 on a 14-day tour through Arizona and California. Following are the remaining tour dates and locations.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 7:30 P.M.
Palm Springs Street Fair
Palm Springs, Calif.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 7 P.M.
Oxnard Performing Arts Center
Oxnard, Calif.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 7 P.M.
Bakersfield High School Auditorium
Bakersfield, Calif.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 3 P.M.
Flamson Middle School Auditorium
Paso Robles, Calif.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 7:30 P.M.
To be determined

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 7:30 P.M.
Pittsburg High School Auditorium
Pittsburg, Calif.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 7:30 P.M.
Paradise Performing Arts Center
Paradise, Calif.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 10 P.M.*
Woodland Veterans Day
Bluegrass Festival
Yolo County Fair Grounds
Woodland, Calif.
*An admission fee will be charged to attend this festival.

COMMODORES 2001 FALL TOUR

The Commodores jazz ensemble departs November 1st on a 17-day tour through Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. The following is a list of tour performances.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 7 P.M.
Hatheway Hall
Alton, Ill.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 7 P.M.
Cutlip Auditorium
Fulton, Mo.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 7:30 P.M.
Washburn University
White Concert Hall
Topeka, Kan.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 3 P.M.
Municipal Auditorium
Manhattan, Kan.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 7 P.M.
Max Jones Field House
Goodland, Kan.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 7:30 P.M.
Niwot High School Auditorium
Longmont, Colo.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 7 P.M.
Rawlins High School Auditorium
Rawlins, Wyo.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 7 P.M.
Evanston High School
Evanston, Wyo.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 7 P.M.
Libby Gardner Concert Hall
Salt Lake City, Utah

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 7:30 P.M.
Twin Falls High School
Roper Auditorium
Twin Falls, Idaho

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 3 P.M.
Caldwell High School
Caldwell, Idaho

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 7:30 P.M.
Pendleton Convention Center
Pendleton, Ore.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 7:30 P.M.
Portland State University
Ballroom Auditorium
Portland, Ore.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 7 P.M.
Shahala Middle School
Camas, Wash.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 7:30 P.M.
McConnell Auditorium
Ellensburg, Wash.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 8 P.M.
Double Tree Hotel
Seattle, Wash.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 7 P.M.
Civic Auditorium
Everett, Wash.

The United States Navy Band ■ Washington, D.C.
Commander 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.

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



It is difficult for me to write this column today, because, like many of you, I am deeply saddened by the events surrounding the September 11, unprovoked attack on our country. Due to this tragedy many of our recent engagements have been funerals and memorials for the Navy personnel lost in the attack on the Pentagon. We are honored to provide the music in support of our fallen shipmates and their families. We only wish that the circumstances surrounding these engagements had been different. Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who lost loved ones in these senseless attacks.

As many of you know, our "Sea Chanters" chorus participated in the "National Day of Prayer and Remembrance" at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. on September 14, 2001. I don't think I have ever been more proud of them, and the outstanding manner in which they represented the Navy Band and our Navy. We received numerous e-mails, phone calls and letters from people all across our country who were so touched by their performance. In addition, our ceremonial band, chamber music groups and vocal quartets from the Sea Chanters performed for funerals and memorials throughout the national capital region.

In an effort to reach out to more of our fellow Americans during these difficult times we recently provided copies of our *American Salute* compact disc to Fleet and Naval commands around the world. The CD contains a collection of patriotic music that we feel may help to sustain the pride, patriotism and morale of our Navy men and women as they deploy around the world in defense of our country. We have also been able to provide copies to many national radio stations and numerous affiliates of the American Forces Radio and Television Service. I want to give special thanks to Master Chief Musician Jon Youngdahl and our Public Affairs Department for the research and distribution of the CDs. *Navy Band recordings are produced in limited quantities and made available on request, free of charge, to public libraries, radio stations and educational institutions. Please have your local library contact us and we'll send them a set.*

Please don't forget this year's Holiday Concert entitled "Happy Holidays," at DAR Constitution Hall on December 15 and 16, 2001. The 90-minute show will once again be broadcast on Sunday's performance to the fleet and around the country so come out and show your support for our

Navy men and women and enjoy some great holiday music.

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

NOTABLE QUOTES

"...and I want to thank the Navy Band. Every time I hear you play I step a little lighter."

President George W. Bush

"America has been through much these past few weeks. For many people, the sadness will linger forever...Now we return to the good things in life, the things that bring us happiness and peace...Music has been called the speech of the angels."

First Lady Laura Bush

"I must confess, I was deeply moved by the performance of the Sea Chanters at the memorial service at the National Cathedral in Washington last week. I have heard thousands of touching performances over the years but none that have ever moved me as they did. The purity of their voices were soothing, comforting and also hauntingly beautiful and peaceful. They bridged a link between our souls and the memories of our forefathers. I have never had an experience like that! I believe the Sea Chanters are a hidden national treasure. They have a unique gift that America needs at this moment."

SGT Timothy Hall, USA
Fort Bragg, N.C.

FEATURES/CONCERT HIGHLIGHTS

Let Freedom Ring

On October 12, 2001 Commander Ralph M. Gambone and the Navy Band delivered a musical dose of patriotism to the 3,000 patrons in attendance at DAR Constitution Hall during the 226th Navy Birthday Concert commemorating the 60th Anniversary of WWII and Pearl Harbor. The concert took us back in time to a terrible attack on America's homeland and reminded us that the price of freedom remains high. Guest narrator Mr. Tony Curtis, actor, painter and a WWII Navy veteran, shared his personal experiences during the program as he recounted the era of big bands and battles at sea.



Cmdr. Ralph M. Gambone presents Mr. Tony Curtis with a Navy Band Drum Head Plaque in appreciation for narrating the 226th Navy Birthday Concert.



Actor Tony Curtis narrates as Cmdr. Ralph M. Gambone and members of the Navy Band look on.

the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Vern Clark and Vice Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral William J. Fallon, gave opening remarks. They both spoke of America's determination to keep our shores safe and of the men and women of the United States Navy who are on watch, guarding our freedom around the world. Admiral Clark praised the members of the Navy Band as examples of the dedicated professionals who serve in today's Navy.

Recognizing the Navy's core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment, the Navy Band, "Sea Chanters" chorus, the "Commodores"



Jazz trumpeter, MUC William L. Moore and the Commodores are featured on Count Basie's 'Jumpin' at the Woodside'.

jazz ensemble, "Country Current" country-bluegrass group and Musician First Class John Fisher from the "Cruisers" rock ensemble took the audience on a musical journey through the 40s. Master Chief Musician Chuck Yates portrayed a radio announcer in Pearl Harbor introducing popular tunes of the day and reading letters sent home

to loved ones from the many sailors at sea.

After the Sea Chanters honored our fallen comrades by singing the Navy Hymn, *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*, the audience rose to their feet in solemn reverence as *Taps* was played by two buglers echoing one another. The crowd was on its feet again as Senior Chief Musician

Wayne C. Taylor and Musician First Class John L. Fisher sang Lee Greenwood's *God Bless the U.S.A.* You could sense the love of country as the audience joined the Navy Band in singing *God Bless America* while reaching out and holding their neighbor's hand. It was a great night to be an American and a member of the world's greatest Navy. *ff*

Openings

The United States Navy Band announces auditions for the following vacancies:

CONCERT/CEREMONIAL BAND	
Clarinet	By Appointment
Trumpet	By Appointment
SEA CHANTERS CHORUS	
Tenor	By Appointment
Bass	By Appointment
COMMODORES JAZZ ENSEMBLE	
Lead Trombone	By Appointment
Piano	By Appointment
CRUISERS ROCK ENSEMBLE	
Tenor or Alto Saxophone	By Appointment
(with background vocals)	
Keyboard	By Appointment
(with background vocals)	
STAFF	
Sound Technician	By Appointment

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

WELCOME ABOARD TO...

Musicians First Class Shawn M. Galvin, percussionist with the Navy Band and **Christopher M. Sala**, trumpeter with the Navy Band.

FAREWELL TO...

Senior Chief Musician Jeffrey J. Ellrod, Facilities Chief of the Navy Band, who received the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal on the occasion of his retirement after 20 years of service...and to **Musician First Class Anthony A. Asero**, percussionist with the Navy Band who transfers to the U.S. Naval Academy Band in Annapolis, Md. after eight years of service with the Navy Band.

SPOTLIGHT ON...

If you've been fortunate enough to see a performance by the Navy Band's newest ensemble, the Cruisers, you probably noticed the superb and solid playing of their bassist, **Musician First Class Benjamin L. Grant**. After only a few songs you become so accustomed to his masterful playing that you begin to take his sound for granted! His warm and confident approach creates the foundation of the group's excellent sound. That's the mark of a true professional!

background ... I am originally from Sanford, Fla. During high school, I auditioned and won a job playing at Sea World in Orlando. After high school while working at the theme park, serving as music minister at a small church in Sanford and also attending classes at Seminole Community College and the University of Central Florida, I was encouraged by two former members of the Navy Band to consider the Navy music program as a career. In August of 1987, I reported to the Atlantic Fleet Band in Norfolk, Va. and did two tours with the U.S. Navy Showband. In 1992, my next tour of duty brought me back home to Florida where I spent the next two years at Navy Band Orlando. In March, of 1994, I auditioned for and won the 3rd tuba seat at the U.S. Naval Academy Band. I spent the next five years playing tuba in the concert band and electric/ string bass in the Commandant's Combo. In 1999, the formation of a new group at the Navy Band was announced. Seeking an opportunity to do something different and the chance to focus on one instrument, I took the audition and am now a member of the Cruisers.

heroes ... I'm blessed that I have had many wonderful people that have given me positive influence over the years. As I think back, my grandmother always pushed me to be a better person, do the right things and treat others well. And she never hesitated to give me a swift kick in the pants when I needed it! Musically, I would like to mention my high school band director, Bob Maguire. He was the first person to pull me aside and take a personal interest in helping to develop my talent when I didn't know I even had any. Thanks Bob.

goals ... Besides continually striving to be a better musician, my other goals in life are heavily dependent upon me making up my mind about what I want to do after retirement from the Navy. At 15 years of service, it's a lot to think about. For years, I've wanted to teach in the public school system in hopes of being a positive influence to someone out there, but lately, I've been a little uncertain. We'll see... On a more immediate level, I am currently collaborating with a local Annapolis singer, Meg Murray, on a Christmas album. My goal is to actually have it finished before Christmas!

presently listening to ... At this very moment, I am listening to Louis Armstrong's *A Kiss to Build a Dream On*. The albums in my CD changer right now are: *InnerVisions*-Stevie Wonder, *Ma Vlast*-Smetana, a very obscure recording by tuba player Ray Draper featuring John Coltrane and *The Best of Earth Wind & Fire*. **would like to visit...** I spent my summer vacation last year in Germany and the Czech Republic. 18 days only served to whet my appetite, so I definitely want to go back and see more of Central Europe. I am also very interested in seeing New Zealand some day. From what I understand, it's an incredibly beautiful place.

off duty ... When I'm not working, practicing or at my computer writing music, you'll probably find me in the kitchen. Aside from music, cooking is my favorite thing to do on the planet, especially baking. To me, getting in the kitchen is the ultimate stress reliever. Believe it or not, my biggest problem is finding a constant supply of people to come over for dinner. On the active side, I enjoy softball, racquetball, biking, tennis and bowling. Also, going out to hear live music is something that I try to do at the very least, once a week.



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