

224th NAVY BIRTHDAY CONCERT AT DAR CONSTITUTION HALL
The 1999 Navy Birthday concert is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 13 at 8 p.m.** at DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. Guest narrator is **Willard Scott**, Weather reporter, NBC News' "Today." To receive up to four FREE tickets, send a self-addressed, stamped #10 envelope beginning September 3* to :

NAVY BIRTHDAY TICKETS (FF)
U.S. NAVY BAND
WASHINGTON NAVY YARD
617 WARRINGTON AVE., S.E.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20374-5054

*Requests will be accepted through September 27. All ticket requests are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

SIXTH ANNUAL "NEWLY PUBLISHED MUSIC WORKSHOP"

The Navy Band and the George Mason University Department of Music present the sixth annual "Newly Published Music Workshop" at the university campus in Fairfax, Va. on Saturday, September 18. The event features an evening concert in the Harris Theater at 7 p.m. by the Navy Band and the Commodores jazz ensemble.

Guest clinicians and conductors include Ray E. Cramer, Anthony J. Maiello and Chris Vadala. Workshops and clinics begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 3:30 p.m. Also featured this year is the Montgomery County (Md.) All Star Jazz Band.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1999

HARRIS THEATER

- 8 a.m. – 9 a.m.** Registration/complimentary coffee and donuts
- 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.** **Ray E. Cramer** clinic: U.S. Navy Band (Grade I-III)
- 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.** **Ray E. Cramer** clinic: U.S. Navy Band (Grade III-VI)
- 11:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.** Lunch
- 1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.** **Chris Vadala** clinic: "Back to the Basics; an easy way to explore improvisation," Montgomery County All Star High School Jazz Band
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.** **Chris Vadala** clinic: "Interpreting Stylistic Concepts," Commodores jazz ensemble
- 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.** **Evening Concert:** U.S. Navy Band and Commodores jazz ensemble with guest conductors

For more information contact Senior Chief Musician Lynn Fryer at (202) 433-3676.



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Navy Band at Forefront of Music Education

As the summer season winds down, the Navy Band turns its attention toward one of our most important missions – taking an active role in promoting education in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. Through its "Music in the Schools" program, band musicians have given over 400 educational presentations to more than 100,000 school students. "Music in the Schools" has addressed a critical educational need within the metropolitan area as school districts are faced with dwindling support for the arts.

During presentations, Navy musicians emphasize the importance of literacy, science, teamwork, creativity, discipline, arts awareness and patriotism. Program success may easily be measured by the hundreds of letters received from students, teachers and administrators.

In addition to the "Music in the Schools" program, the Navy Band has sponsored several highly regarded and



Chief Musician Tia F. Wortham gives tips on how to play the saxophone to students at a "Music in the Schools" program.



Anthony J. Maiello conducts the Navy Band during a clinic at the 1998 "Newly Published Music Workshop."

successful educational symposia – particularly, its annual "International Saxophone Symposium," now in its 22nd year, and the "Newly Published Music Workshop," now in its sixth year. These events convene educators from all levels, professional musicians from throughout the world, and thousands of concert patrons to experience, share and

promises to significantly increase opportunities for band directors and patrons to enjoy and learn about the finest in new band and jazz band literature. Future issues will provide the schedule for upcoming educational events. *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.

SEPTEMBER

NAVY BAND & COMMODORES
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 7 P.M.
Newly Published Music Workshop
George Mason University
Harris Theater
4400 University Dr.
Fairfax, Va.
For more information call (202) 433-3676.
NAVY BAND
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 8 P.M.
Labor Day Concert
Navy Memorial
701 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 7:30 P.M.
George Mason Middle & High School
7124 Leesburg Pike
Falls Church, Va.
SEA CHANTERS
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 6:30 P.M.
Lake Redman
William Kain York County Park
Jacobus, Pa.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 4 P.M.
Downs Park
8311 John Downs Loop
Pasadena, Md.
COMMODORES
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 8 P.M.
McNelis Stage
Broad & Cedar Sts.
Hazelton, Pa.
COUNTRY CURRENT
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 4 P.M.
Deep Creek Lake State Park
Garrett County
McHenry, Md.
COUNTRY CURRENT
bluegrass quartet
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 6:30 P.M.
Grand Caverns Regional Park
5 Grand Caverns Rd.
Grottoes, Va.
HORN QUARTET & WINDJAMMERS woodwind quintet
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 7:30 P.M.
The Lyceum
201 S. Washington St.
Alexandria, Va.

OCTOBER

NAVY BAND
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 7:30 P.M.
Prince Georges Community College
Queen Anne Fine Arts Bldg.
Hallam Theatre
301 Largo Rd.
Largo, Md.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 8 P.M.*
224th Navy Birthday Concert
DAR Constitution Hall
15th & D Sts., N.W.
Washington, D.C.
*See back page for more information
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 8 P.M.*
Charles County Community College
Rte. 301 (Mitchell Rd.)
La Plata, Md.
*For FREE ticket information call (301) 934-7828.
SEA CHANTERS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 7 P.M.
Bellevue Baptist Church
7415 Ft. Hunt Rd.
Alexandria, Va.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 7 P.M.
Colesville Baptist Church
13100 Andrew Dr.
Silver Spring, Md.
COUNTRY CURRENT
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 4 P.M.
Martinak State Park
137 Deep Shore Rd.
Denton, Md.
LOOKING AHEAD TO NOVEMBER
NAVY BAND
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 3 & 8 P.M.
Weinberg Center
20 W. Patrick St.
Frederick, Md.
COMMODORES 1999 FALL TOUR
The Commodores jazz ensemble departs October 4 on a 17-day tour through Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island. The following is a list of tour performances.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 7:30 P.M.
Milton Hershey School
Founders Hall Auditorium
Hershey, Pa.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, TBD
State College High School
State College, Pa.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 7:30 P.M.
Williamsport Area High School
Williamsport, Pa.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 7:30 P.M.
Elmira Free Academy
Elmira, N.Y.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, TBD
Union Endicott High School
Endicott, N.Y.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, TBD
Indian River Theatre
Philadelphia, N.Y.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 7:30 P.M.
East Middle School
Emerson Auditorium
Auburn, N.Y.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, TBD
Capital Theatre
Rome, N.Y.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 8 P.M.
Proctor's Theatre
Schenectady, N.Y.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, TBD
Bethlehem Middle School
Niskayuna-Bethlehem, N.Y.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 7:30 P.M.
Salem High School Auditorium
Salem, N.H.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, TBD
Greenfield High School
Greenfield, Mass.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 7:30 P.M.
Bellamy School
Springfield, Mass.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 7:30 P.M.
The Warner Theatre
Torrington, Conn.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, TBD
Bacon Academy
Colchester, Conn.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 7:30 P.M.
Naval War College
Spruance Auditorium
Newport, R.I.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, TBD
Egg Harbor Township
Egg Harbor Township, N.J.
COUNTRY CURRENT
1999 FALL TOUR
The Country Current country-bluegrass group departs November 3 on a 19-day tour through Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont. The list of tour performances will appear in the November-December issue.

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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.



Another summer has quickly passed us by and what a summer it was! For the first time in recent memory we were forced to cancel numerous concerts due to excessive heat and humidity. To make matters worse, although we were in the middle of the worst drought in years, we had more than our share of concerts rained out. Hopefully the weather will cooperate during our fall schedule which has a variety of concerts planned for your listening pleasure. Please refer to our concert schedule in this issue to find out when one of our Navy Band groups will be performing near you.

Specialty concerts include the "Newly Published Music Workshop" in September, the "Navy Birthday Concert" in October and of course our annual "Holiday Concert" in December. Due to scheduling problems at the Kennedy Center we will be performing the "Navy Birthday Concert" at DAR Constitution Hall this year. We are excited about this year's concert for two reasons: our guest narrator will be NBC's and Washington's own Willard Scott, and DAR offers more of our patrons a chance to see this performance and pay tribute to our Navy and the American Sailor.

In August we said goodbye to Lieutenant Mark R. Cole as he departed for postgraduate school at Florida State University and welcomed aboard our new Assistant Leader, Lt. Melvin P. Kessler. Lt. Kessler recently received a master's degree in conducting from Florida State University. Many of you may remember Lt. Kessler when he was a trumpet instrumentalist with the Navy Band. He brings a wealth of musical knowledge, experience and talent to the job. We are most fortunate to have him on the Navy Band team once again.

Finally, thank you for your terrific support. The members of the Navy Band are very proud to be able to continue to serve you, the Navy and our country as we enter the new millennium and begin the

celebration of our 75th Anniversary.

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

NOTABLE QUOTES

"This workshop has already achieved great impact in the profession. Those attending will most certainly be rewarded with information and inspiration."

—H. Robert Reynolds
(Director of Bands,
University of Michigan)

"The Newly Published Music Workshop continues to be an excellent use of professional and personal time. The opportunity to hear this outstanding band perform recent publications, often under the direction of nationally known composers and educators, should not be missed. It's worth the trip."

—Jim Walters
(former President,
Maryland Band Director's
Association)

—Remarks made after
previous Newly Published
Music Workshops

FEATURES/CONCERT HIGHLIGHTS

History of the Sea Chanters

During its illustrious 43-year history, the Sea Chanters chorus has kept alive the vocal traditions of the Navy's distinguished past and continues to celebrate our nation's musical diversity. An integral part of The United States Navy Band, the chorus has entertained millions worldwide, receiving critical acclaim for its television and radio appearances, recordings and thousands of live performances.

The Sea Chanters were organized in 1956 by the band's assistant leader, Lieutenant Harold Fultz, to perform at the State of the Nation dinner at the Statler Hotel. The unit's original 16 members were actually instrumentalists from the Navy's School of Music, located in nearby Anacostia. An immediate success, this all-male chorus was given the name "Sea Chanters" by then-Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Arleigh Burke, and the ensemble was transferred to the Navy Band to perpetuate the musical tradition of the "sea chantey"—working songs sung by sailors of the "tall ships." The unit remained an all-male chorus until 1980 when it welcomed its first female members and became a mixed chorus.



The Sea Chanters in 1975, under the direction of MUCM Robert L. Sisson.

From the beginning, the Sea Chanters have represented the finest in Navy pride and professionalism to audiences worldwide. During its first years under the baton of Chief Musician Julius E. Whiting, the unit appeared on the "Ed Sullivan Show" and was heard



The Sea Chanters today, under the direction of MUCM Gretchen Ellrod.

on the "Navy Hour" radio broadcast. In 1960, the chorus accompanied President Eisenhower on his South American tour, and traveled to Berlin in 1961 for the international broadcast of "Berlin Christmas" with Ms. Marian Anderson.

As the Navy's premier vocal ensemble, it established a special relationship with The White House which, throughout the years, prompted frequent invitations to perform at presidential and vice presidential functions. In 1968, the chorus appeared on two television programs—Jonathan Winters' "Christmas in the Navy" and the "Mike Douglas Show."

The 1970s brought several "firsts" for the Sea Chanters, as

well as considerable national exposure. In 1971 the unit made its operatic debut with the National Symphony Orchestra and Washington Civic Opera in "The Barber of Baghdad." In 1976, the Sea Chanters performed on their first national tour with the Navy

Concert Band. The same year marked the beginning of sixteen seasons of the annual "Summer Pageant" ceremony, sponsored by the Chief of Naval Operations and highlighting the singing and acting skills of the Sea Chanters.

The 1976 bicentennial year produced many engagements for the Sea Chanters, then under the direction of Master Chief Musician Robert L. Sisson, including performances at New York City's Rockefeller Plaza, on NBC's "Today" show aboard the USS BARRY in New York Harbor, and with the Boston Pops Orchestra on its annual "Navy Night."

Continuing to enjoy national coverage in 1978, the Sea Chanters sang with Kenny Rogers on Perry Como's television special "Easter by the Sea," and performed at "Derby Week" festivities in Louisville, Ky. The following year, the unit appeared on a benefit concert hosted by Bob Hope at the Kennedy Center, and commemorated Memorial Day on the "Today" show.

With the addition of women to the Sea Chanters in 1980, the group, led by Chief Musician James L. Turk, dramatically expanded its repertoire. An increased focus on opera and Broadway musicals produced three full-length productions. In 1987, the unit provided music for the memorial service honoring the astronauts of the Space Shuttle "Challenger" accident. In 1988, the Sea

Chanters, with Master Chief Musician Ronald M. Chiles at the helm, began touring the country each spring. The group was extensively featured throughout 1989 in activities commemorating the American Bicentennial Presidential Inaugural.

The 1990s have proven to be just as memorable as previous decades for the members of the Sea Chanters chorus. In 1991 the unit was featured at the National Victory Celebration Memorial Service, honoring those who died during the Gulf War. The Sea Chanters made their debut with the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra in 1992 at Cleveland's Blossom Music Festival, and in 1993 performed again with the orchestra at Carnegie Hall.

The 1990s also brought international attention to the Sea Chanters as the group sang the nation's farewell during the funerals of former President Nixon and former first lady Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. The chorus also enjoyed several performances with the National Symphony Orchestra, marking Memorial Day and July 4th festivities.

Under the direction of Master Chief Musician Chuck Yates, the Sea Chanters marked their 40th anniversary in May 1996 with a concert and clinic featuring guest conductor Dale Warland and the premiere of a work by Lloyd Pfautsch.

Now under the direction of Master Chief Musician Gretchen Ellrod, these singing ambassadors proudly continue the musical traditions of the sea, and keep alive our country's musical heritage. ff

Openings

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

CONCERT/CEREMONIAL BAND
Clarinet: October 12
Saxophone: October 25

COMMODORES JAZZ ENSEMBLE
Baritone Saxophone: December 1

SEA CHANTERS CHORUS
Soprano:TBD
Tenor:TBD
Baritone:TBD

For more information call:
Master Chief Musician Diana Ogilvie,
Audition Supervisor at
(202) 433-2840.

The U.S. Navy Band is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



Lieutenant Mark R. Cole

CONGRATULATIONS & FAREWELL to... Lieutenant Mark R. Cole, Assistant Officer in Charge/Leader of the Navy Band, who received the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal on the occasion of his transfer to postgraduate school at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Fla.

CONGRATULATIONS to... the Navy Band's new Chief Musicians, Keith M. Arneson, Andrew Carlson, S. Joe Dollard, Lana M. Hinton, Earl E.

Powers, Stephen H. Williams and Tia F. Wortham...and to Musician First Class Mel Kincaid on receiving the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal...and to Chief Musician R. Scott Alexander on receiving the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

WELCOME ABOARD to... Musicians First Class Jerry L. Bryant, trumpet instrumentalist...and to Farah M. Chisham, French horn instrumentalist with the Navy Band.

FAREWELL to... Chief Musicians Hannah Watkins Ink, clarinet instrumentalist with the Navy Band, who retires after 20 years of service...and to Cynthia L. Marr, saxophone instrumentalist with the Navy Band, who leaves the Navy after 12 years of service.

SPOTLIGHT ON...



Senior Chief Musician Lynn A. Fryer is the assistant operations chief for The United States Navy Band.

background...My home town is Richmond, Mo., a small rural agricultural area about 35 miles east of Kansas City, Mo. Music was my life as I grew up, since my parents were both band directors and my brother was a professional tuba player.

My mom started me on the clarinet when I was 10. As I continued my education at Central Methodist College in Fayette, Mo., and at the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor), where I received a bachelor's degree, I knew I had the fever to try to find a job in the music world. It was such a wonderful surprise to win the audition to become a member of the Navy Band in 1985. I played the clarinet in the Concert Band for the first 10 years of my Navy career. I have continued in the Navy Band as the assistant operations chief as well as the coordinator of the Newly Published Music Workshop.

about the workshop...The Newly Published Music Workshop began in 1994 under the leadership of Captain W. Joseph Phillips and is co-sponsored by the George Mason University Department of Music. The purpose is to provide band directors with the opportunity to hear the Navy Band and Commodores play music recently published which assists them in choosing the music they would like to program. We work with national and international publishers and civilian clinicians to make this workshop an event many people look forward to. This function has blossomed into an important community event for band directors who have attended from 14 states, as far away as California, Illinois and Maine.

hobbies...I love to boat with my husband and our dog. There is nothing quite like seeing the Chesapeake Bay Bridge or the Statue of Liberty from your boat. Additionally, I am a Red Cross Volunteer at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. with the Ear, Nose and Throat Department. Facilitating a support group with the ENT Clinic for Meniere's Disease has been a wonderful experience. During my free time, I enjoy reading, cooking and my flower gardens.