



Colonel Michael J. Colburn, Director

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## “The President’s Own” Announces 2008 Concert Tour

WASHINGTON— “The President’s Own” United States Marine Band will depart Washington, D.C., Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2008, for its annual fall concert tour, performing 29 concerts in 31 days throughout southwestern Pennsylvania, northern West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Michigan. The band will perform its first concert at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 1 at Bedford High School Auditorium in Bedford, Pa., and will conclude its national tour at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 31 at Trinity High School Auditorium in Washington, Pa. Concerts are free, but tickets are required. The complete itinerary and ticket information is posted at [www.marineband.usmc.mil/NATIONAL\\_TOUR/index.htm](http://www.marineband.usmc.mil/NATIONAL_TOUR/index.htm).

Director Colonel Michael J. Colburn has adapted several concert programs to entertain the diverse audiences across the Midwest. Tour concerts will include music by John Philip Sousa, John Williams, Igor Stravinsky, Claude Debussy, Gustav Holst, and Dmitri Shostakovich. Each tour concert ends with a Salute to the Armed Forces of America, featuring all the military service songs in the Armed Forces Medley.

Concerts will highlight a variety of soloists including principal trombone Master Gunnery Sergeant Bryan Bourne playing William Goldstein’s *Colloquy*, principal clarinetist Master Gunnery Sergeant Lisa Kadala and co-principal flute Master Gunnery Sergeant Betsy Hill performing Franz Danzi’s *Concertante in B-flat*, and French horn player Gunnery Sergeant Hilary Hart playing Camille Saint-Saëns’ “Morceau de concert,” Opus 94. The concerts will also feature mezzo-soprano vocalist Staff Sergeant Sara Dell’Omo singing *Bolero* from *The Sicilian Vespers*, selections by Cole Porter, and “There Won’t Be Trumpets,” from the musical *Anyone Can Whistle*.

Upcoming tour regions include the West Coast in 2009, Southwest in 2010, and Southeast in 2011. For the states specific to each region, please visit [www.marineband.usmc.mil/NATIONAL\\_TOUR/index.htm](http://www.marineband.usmc.mil/NATIONAL_TOUR/index.htm).

Anyone interested in pursuing sponsorship of a Marine Band tour concert may contact the Marine Band National Tour Director at (703) 614-1405.

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*The Marine Band is America's oldest professional musical organization. Founded in 1798, the band has performed for every U.S. President since John Adams. Given the title "The President's Own" by Thomas Jefferson, the Marine Band's primary mission is to provide music for the President of the United States and the Commandant of the Marine Corps.*

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