

A unique collaboration: the All-Star Orchestra's Music Director Gerard Schwarz guest conducts the United States Marine Band. Founded by an Act of Congress in 1798, it is America's oldest continually active musical ensemble. Three programs feature masterpieces for symphonic band and the history of the famed ensemble.



### PROGRAM 1: ABOVE AND BEYOND

The beloved folk melodies and lively dances of Percy Grainger's *Lincolnshire Posy* are followed by Maestro Schwarz's own *Above and Beyond* and Pulitzer Prize-winner Jennifer Higdon's *Fanfare Ritmico*. John Philip Sousa's march, *Semper Fidelis*, is led by the Director of the United States Marine Band, Col. Jason K. Fettig.

### PROGRAM 2: NEW ENGLAND SPIRIT

Revolutionary War melodies inspire William Schuman's *New England Triptych* including "When Jesus Wept" and the thrilling "Chester" (as heard at several Presidential inaugurations). Vincent Persichetti's colorful *Masquerade* shows off the Marine Band's amazing virtuosity. The program concludes with Sousa's *The Stars and Stripes Forever*.

### PROGRAM 3: CLASSIC BAND MASTERPIECES

The masterful *First Suite for Military Band* by composer of *The Planets*, Gustav Holst, is paired with the landmark *Symphony for Band in B flat* by the great Paul Hindemith. The splendor of Chinese percussion adds a festive note to Bright Sheng's exhilarating *Shanghai Overture*.

Executive Producers: Gerard Schwarz and Paul Schwendener · Director: Habib Azar · Video Editors: Habib Azar and Andrew Mayatskiy · Audio Producers: Col. Jason K. Fettig, Maj. Michelle A. Rakers, Capt. Ryan J. Nowlin · Audio Recording, Editing, and Mastering: Staff Sgt. Christian Amonson, Staff Sgt. Michael Ducassoux, Gunner Sgt. Jeffrey Higgs

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