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SUMMER SERENADE '97

This year marks the 21st year of concerts on the city dock! This concert series, dubbed "Summer Serenade '97," runs every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. beginning July 8th and concluding on August 12th in a blaze of cannon fire. **STRIKE UP THE BAND!** features the title tune by Gershwin, marches by Sousa and Fillmore, two classical saxophone features, "Star Wars" and TV theme medleys, and vocal selections. **THE CHILDREN'S CONCERT** will include many fun things for the kid's, including pre-concert activities and a musical skit concerning an unfortunate vocalist, MUI Tracy Ford, who inadvertently swallows a fly only moments before her big number. The show must go on, and the band tries everything imaginable to coax the fly out. Meanwhile, a hysterical cast of soloist-wanna-be's vie for their chance in the spotlight. On July 22nd, **THE ELECTRIC BRIGADE** rocks the dock with their high energy pop/rock/R&B sound. A favorite of the band, **THE ALUMNI CONCERT** unites past and present band members with music from Karl King, Gershwin, Verdi, and Tchaikovsky. As a special treat, two alumni will be featured as soloists. The Naval Academy Band's Jazz Ensemble, **THE NEXT WAVE**, will present their blend of classic and contemporary jazz on August 5th. **THE FINALE CONCERT**, on August 12th, is the exciting conclusion to this series. This performance, which begins at 7 PM, features all six chamber groups, followed by the grand entrance of the Marching Band, selections by The Concert Band, The Next Wave and The Electric Brigade, and culminates with our traditional rendition of "The 1812 Overture" complete with cannon fire. If the concert is canceled due to rain, it will be held on August 14th at 7 PM.

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Guest Series

Each Thursday evening at 7:30 PM from July 10th through August 7th at the Naval Academy's Rip Miller Field, we present the "Guest Series," where you can enjoy the music of some of the Military's finest groups. The first two come to us courtesy of the U.S. Navy Band. First the big band sound of **THE COMMODORES** followed by their fine choral group, **THE SEA CHANTERS**.

THE AIRMEN OF NOTE, from The U.S. Air Force Band, is the direct descendant of The Glenn Miller Army Air Forces Band of World War II. If you are a fan of bluegrass and country music, you won't want to miss the U.S. Navy Band's **COUNTRY CURRENT**. The series closes on Parent's Open House Weekend with **ELECTRIC BRIGADE**. In case of rain, this final concert will be moved into Mitscher Hall on the Academy grounds. This summer promises eleven enjoyable evenings of music for the entire family. Plan to bring your picnic basket, some lawn chairs and a group of your friends as we present "SUMMER SERENADE '97."



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successful that we plan to continue the competition next year.

On July 8, 1997, we will begin our 21st year of concerts on the City Dock. Commander John Bledsoe, the 17th leader of the band, is credited with starting this concert series, which has become one of the most successful in the band's history. Of course, these concerts would be pointless without you; our patrons. On behalf of all of us at the Academy, I thank you for your tremendous support and continued attendance at our performances throughout the year. Please note that dock concerts will begin at 7:30 p.m., a half-hour earlier than in the past, with the final concert on August 12, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

From time to time the band loses some of its very talented musicians. Many retire, some move on to careers in the civilian world, and others transfer to another Navy band or duty within the Navy. Unfortunately for us, we are losing five people this year. Trumpeter MU2 Ken Bell and tubist MU2 Kelly O'Bryant are pursuing careers outside the Navy. Retiring this year are MUCS Randy Martell, a trumpet instrumentalist and the Chief-in-Charge of the Concert Band, with 26 years service and MUC Dan Leathers, from the bassoon section, with 24 years. Also, our very fine vocalist, MU1 Tracy Ford, will be leaving us in August to assume a career enhancing position as Recruit Company Commander at Great Lakes, Illinois. Her last performance with the band will be on August 12, 1997. Please come out to see her and wish her well as she begins a new chapter in her naval career. We wish them all "fair winds and following seas."

Your continued interest in The United States Naval Academy Band is greatly appreciated. I look forward to seeing you at our concerts this summer.

Sincerely,

R. M. GAMBONE
Director

In April, the band held its first Solo Concerto Competition. Eleven outstanding Anne Arundel County high school musicians competed for the opportunity to solo with the Naval Academy Band. Flutist Erin McDowell, from South River High School was our winner and performed beautifully with the band on May 9, 1997, at the Annapolis Music Festival. This event was so



Musician Second Class Blake C. Cramer is a native of Davidsonville, MD and a 1980 graduate of South River High School in Edgewater, MD. During his high school years he served as principal percussionist of the Maryland High School All-State Band and Orchestra.

Petty Officer Cramer attended St. Mary's College in Maryland and the Berklee College of Music in Boston, where he received his B.A. degree in Professional Music, graduating Magna Cum Laude in 1985. His studies included lessons with renowned jazz vibraphonist Gary Burton and with Nora Davenport of the Kennedy Center Opera Orchestra.

In 1992 Petty Officer Cramer auditioned for and was accepted as percussion instrumentalist with the United States Naval Academy Band. He performs on the entire spectrum of percussion instruments and in particular on mallet instruments in the Concert Band. In this capacity, he routinely performs music specially arranged for his abilities that is significantly more difficult than any predating his arrival in the band. Petty Officer Cramer is an active member of the Percussion Ensemble where he composes, arranges and conducts the ensemble. Since joining the United States Naval Academy Band he has performed and been featured in numerous world premier pieces. He is also active in organizing the annual Jazz Recital, a unique part of the Naval Academy Band's Chamber Music Recital program. Since he has assumed responsibility for this annual event, the quality of the performances has shown marked improvement, and the size of the audience has increased dramatically. He was chosen Naval Academy Band and Annapolis Area Complex Sailor of the Year for 1996. MU2 Cramer wears the Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, the Navy Good Conduct Medal, and the Meritorious Unit Commendation.

In addition to his duties with the U.S. Navy, Petty Officer Cramer is involved with the local jazz scene, performing with the Chris Bacas-Phil Cunneff Quartet and has co-produced a stereo LP of the Affinity Jazz Quartet. He also served as a teaching assistant at the Berklee College of Music. MU2 Cramer takes an active role in the community as a member of the Davidsonville Area Civic Association, contributing many hours to community watch patrols and county environmental and development issues. He has devoted time assisting the elderly, disadvantaged, and non-profit organizations through the "Make a Difference" program, and given benefit performances at church services, nursing homes, and the PEER Ministry 12-Step program.

He and his wife, Nancy, reside in Davidsonville, MD with their daughter, Madeline.

If you or a friend would like to receive "Serenade", and have not mailed us your address since **June 1996**, please fill out the enclosed coupon and mail it to us. We will be happy to include you on our patron list.

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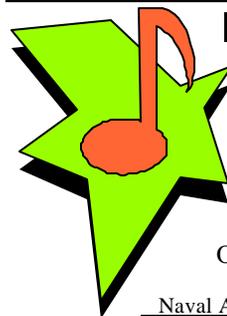


Out and About Town



(ALL CONCERTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)
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JULY 4	CONCERT BAND USNA Farragut Field	8:00 p.m., Annapolis, MD
JULY 19	ELECTRIC BRIGADE Idlewilde Park	7:00 p.m., Easton, MD
JULY 20	ELECTRIC BRIGADE Downs Park	6:00 p.m., Pasadena, MD
JULY 26	THE NEXT WAVE Lula G. Scott Community Center	7:30 p.m., Shadyside, MD
JULY 27	CONCERT BAND Allen Pond Park	7:00 p.m., Bowie, MD
JULY 27	ELECTRIC BRIGADE Ft. Meade	7:00 p.m., Ft. Meade, MD
JULY 29	ELECTRIC BRIGADE Boy Scout National Jamboree	1:30 p.m., Ft. AP Hill, VA
JULY 31	CONCERT BAND Community Center	7:00 p.m., Ocean Pines, MD
AUG 2	ELECTRIC BRIGADE Quiet Waters Park	6:30 p.m., Annapolis, MD
AUG 3	THE NEXT WAVE Florham Park Gazebo	7:00 p.m., Florham Park, NJ
AUG 10	CONCERT BAND Linthicum Park	7:00 p.m., Linthicum Heights MD
AUG 10	ELECTRIC BRIGADE Allen Pond Park	7:00 p.m., Bowie, MD
AUG 17	THE NEXT WAVE Downs Park	6:00 p.m., Pasadena, MD
AUG 17	ELECTRIC BRIGADE Inner Harbor Amphitheatre	7:00 p.m., Baltimore, MD



noteworthy events

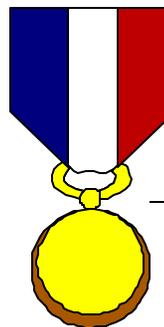


Congratulations to
MUC JEFF DIEHL
On his promotion to Senior Chief (MUCS)

Naval Academy Band Sailor of the Quarter; 1st quarter 1997
MU2 Gerald Granata

Navy Achievement Medal
MUCS Kathy Callahan, MUCS Jeffrey Diehl
MU1 Robert Vuono (4th award), MU2 Kenneth Meeks
MU2 Nick Pastelak (2nd award)

Navy Good Conduct Medal
MU1 Robert Stibbe; 4th Award
MU1 Ronda Ory-Lettie; 2nd Award
MU2 Gerald Granata; 4th Award
MU2 Michael Jarjoura; 3rd Award



Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal
MU2 Bruce Smith

Letter of Commendation
MU2 Stuart Young, MU2 Carl Ohlemeyer

MU2 Blake Cramer

Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal
Naval Academy Band Sailor of the Quarter; 4th quarter 1996
Annapolis Area Complex Sailor of the Quarter; 4th quarter 1996
Naval Academy Band Sailor of the year; 1996
Annapolis Area Complex Sailor of the Year; 1996



New to the USNA Band Family
Katherine Lewis McCarthy
Born March 22, 1997 at 6:00 a.m.
She weighed in at 6 lbs. 14 oz. and measured 19 ½ in.
Congratulations to the proud parents.
MU2 Joe and Paula McCarthy.

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-- FREE ADMISSION -- BRING YOUR OWN SEATING --

"Pleasant evenings of music for the entire family!"

- JULY 8** Strike Up The Band!
- JULY 15** Children's Concert
- JULY 22** Electric Brigade
- JULY 29** Alumni Concert
- AUGUST 5** The Next Wave
- AUGUST 12** Finale Concert 7:00pm

AUGUST 14  **RAIN DATE:**
Finale Concert 7:00pm
ONLY if August 12 is rained out.

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THE NATION'S PREMIER MILITARY BANDS

July 10

The U.S. Navy Band

THE COMMODORES

July 17

The U.S. Navy Band

THE SEA CHANTERS

July 24

The U.S. Air Force Band

THE AIRMEN OF NOTE

July 31

The U.S. Navy Band

COUNTRY CURRENT

August 7

The U.S. Naval Academy Band

THE ELECTRIC BRIGADE

Parents Open House Weekend

MITSCHER HALL rain site

Every Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m.
from July 10 through August 7 at the
Naval Academy's Rip Miller Astroturf Field

-- FREE ADMISSION --

sit in the stands or bring your own seating

