

Let's learn about
"The President's Own"
United States Marine Band



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The first Marine Band
was created when
John Adams was president.

Do you know which “number” president John Adams was?
Make your guess and then click on this link...

[Click here](#)

John Adams was the second president and

In 1798, through an act of Congress, Adams created the Marine Band.

The band made its first official performance at the capital in 1800, and the next year played at the White House for the president.

Since 1800 The President's Own Marine Band has performed for:

Presidential inaugurations

Ceremonies at the White House (such as holidays and receptions)

State funerals

Full honor funerals at Arlington

Marine Barracks Friday Evening Parades

and Patriotic Openers in various places.

This link shows you a picture of the Marine Band approaching a graveside service in Arlington National Cemetery. [Click here.](#)

The United States Marine Band is the longest running professional music group in the US.

To see an older picture of the Marine Band, [click here.](#)

FUN FACT

Though there are several different music groups that are part of the marines and other parts of the army, the Marine Band is the only one that bears the title “The President’s Own”.

Who makes up the band?

The members come from highly trained backgrounds.

Many of the musicians have a degree in music.

The band full consists of around 130 members, but it is rare for them to all play together in concerts.

Often only 42 members are present for a performance.

This link shows you a picture of a touring Marine Band group: [Click here.](#)

Women were not allowed to enlist in the band until 1973, but there are now many female members.

What music do they play?

A wide variety of ceremonial,
traditional, new and patriotic music



Listen to an example here -
[Pineapple Poll Suite: Poll's Dance](#)

They play LOTS of Marches.
One of the most famous
marches is
“Stars and Stripes Forever.”

Watch this performance of “Stars and Stripes Forever”
and you’ll see why it is known for its piccolo part! [Click here.](#)

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John Phillip Sousa composed several of his finest marches, including “Semper Fidelis”, while serving as director of the Marine Band.

Sousa is known as “The March King”

Watch a performance of “Semper Fidelis” – [click here](#)

How does someone join the Marine Band?

Like many bands, “The President’s Own”
and all other Marine Bands,
require rigorous auditions.

Instrumental auditions usually include a prepared
musical selection of the applicants choosing,
sight-reading various styles of music,
and major & minor scales or rudiments.

The first audition is a blind audition (behind a screen), and then candidates are selected for a final interview.

Though enlistment to “The President’s Own” Marine Band is for 4 year periods, many members stay for over 20.

Who else is involved with the Marine Band besides the performers?

The support staff for the group includes:

Music librarians

Recording technicians

Stage managers and crew

Administration

Public affairs staff

Event coordinators

Concert promoters

How do I watch the Marine Band perform?

The Marine Band tours around the U.S. giving concerts that are free to the public. Check their website.

You can also watch recordings of the Marine band by clicking [here](#).

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