

The John Philip Sousa Foundation presents...

John Philip Sousa National High School Honors Band

An Honors Band for Selected Students in Grades 9-12



June 20-23, 2018
Boston, Massachusetts
with performance at historic Faneuil Hall

Announcing...

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Boston, Massachusetts



June 2017

Dear Music Educators and Interested Persons,

Exciting news: the return of the **John Philip Sousa National High School Honors Band!**

The conductor of the 2018 John Philip Sousa National High School Honors Band will be Col. Jason Fettig, Director of “The President’s Own” United States Marine Band of Washington, D.C.

Members of the University of Massachusetts-Amherst Marching Band and its staff under the direction of Dr. Timothy Todd Anderson and Mr. Thom Hannum will serve respectively as clinicians, staff and coaches for the event.

Instructions for completing auditions for the John Philip Sousa National Honors Band may be found online along with a **student application form** at the following address <http://www.JPSousaNHSBand.com>. Please take the time to complete the application thoroughly and thoughtfully, as students will be selected and seated based upon their submitted video audition as well as with the information that is provided.

The John Philip Sousa Foundation is a non-profit foundation dedicated to the promotion of international understanding through the medium of band music. Through the administration of band related projects, the foundation seeks to uphold the standards and ideals of that icon of the American spirit, John Philip Sousa.

Thank you for considering your student(s) participation in the John Philip Sousa National High School Honors Band. We look forward to receiving your student’s application(s).

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Reynolds, Administrator

Robert L. Rucinski, Administrator

Just as the name Sousa is synonymous with bands, so bands are bridges that connect the music and culture of all strata of our society. And no type of music better typifies the spirit of America throughout the world than do the stirring strains of a Sousa march. The John Philip Sousa National High School Honors Band was formed in 1981 and met biannually for over twenty years under the direction of Col. John R. Bourgeois, former conductor of “The President’s Own” United States Marine Band of Washington, D.C. The group met for many years in Washington, D.C. and also in New Orleans, Louisiana. The members of the Board of Directors of the John Philip Sousa Foundation are pleased to be able to offer the event once again. Students who will be in grades 9 through 12 in September, 2017 from all fifty states and territories of the United States of America are invited to audition for this honors band.

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Festival Schedule and Conductor Information

John Philip Sousa National High School Honors Band

Festival Dates: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, June 20-23, 2018

In Cooperation With: The University of Massachusetts-Amherst Marching Band, Amherst, MA 01003

Festival Hotel: Boxboro Regency, 242 Adams Place, Boxborough, MA 01719 - (978) 263-8701

Concert Venue: Historic Faneuil Hall, Boston, MA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2018

• Arrival

- 11:30AM – 2:00PM: Student and Director/Arrival
- 11:30AM – 2:00PM: Registration
- 2:00PM - 2:30PM: General Meeting

• Rehearsals

2:45PM - 5:00PM

• Dinner in Cafeteria

5:00PM - 6:00PM

• Evening Rehearsals

- 6:00PM - 9:15PM
- 9:15PM - 9:30PM: Depart for housing
- 11:00PM: Student Curfew

THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2018

• Morning Rehearsals

8:30AM-12:00Noon

• Lunch - In Cafeteria

12:00Noon-1:00PM

• Afternoon Rehearsals

1:00PM - 4:30PM

• Dinner - In Cafeteria

4:30PM - 5:30PM

• Master Classes

TBA

• Evening Activity

- 5:30PM - 10:00PM: Boston visit
- 9:30PM: Return to housing
- 10:30PM: Student Curfew

FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 2018

• Morning Rehearsals

8:30AM-12:00Noon

• Lunch - In Cafeteria

12:00Noon-1:00PM

• Afternoon Rehearsals

1:00PM - 5:30PM

• Dinner - In Cafeteria

5:30PM - 6:30PM

• Master Classes

TBA

• Evening Activity

- 6:30PM - 9:00PM: Tanglewood visit
- 9:30PM: Return to housing
- 10:30PM: Student Curfew

SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2018

• Morning Rehearsals

8:30AM-10:45AM

• Lunch - In Cafeteria

11:00AM-11:30AM

• Travel to – Faneuil Hall, Boston

11:45AM-12:45PM

• Onstage Dress Rehearsal

1:00PM – 2:00PM

• Concert

- 3:00PM - 4:30PM: Faneuil Hall, Boston
- 4:30PM: Concert over; Festival concludes

Revised – 15 June 2017 (subject to change)



Colonel Jason K. Fettig

Colonel Jason K. Fettig is the 28th Director of "The President's Own" United States Marine Band.

As Director, Col. Fettig is the music adviser to the White House and regularly conducts the Marine Band and Marine Chamber Orchestra at the Executive Mansion and at all Presidential Inaugurations. He also serves as music director of Washington, D.C.'s historic Gridiron Club, a position held by every Marine Band Director since John Philip Sousa.

Throughout his career with the Marine Band, Col. Fettig has been deeply committed to music education and has taken an active role in the evolution and expansion of the many educational initiatives of "The President's Own." In addition to helping refine the Music in the Schools and Music in the High Schools programs, he has made it a priority to maintain a significant presence in schools throughout the nation during the band's national concert tours. In 2014, shortly after assuming command of the Marine Band, Col. Fettig launched an ambitious project to re-record all of the marches of John Philip Sousa and provide free performance and educational materials online to schools throughout the world.

Col. Fettig is a 1993 graduate of Manchester Central High School in New Hampshire and holds two bachelor's degrees from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst (UMass) in both clarinet performance (1997) and music education with an emphasis in conducting (1998). In 2005, he earned a master's degree in orchestral conducting at the University of Maryland, College Park (UMD).



Faneuil Hall, Boston, Massachusetts

Often referred to as "the home of free speech" and the "Cradle of Liberty," historic **Faneuil Hall** hosted America's first Town Meeting. The Hall's vital role in revolutionary politics had not been part of its original plans, but it became home to an intricate collection of events that shaped the nation's history. Built by wealthy merchant Peter Faneuil as a center of commerce in 1741, this is where the Sons of Liberty proclaimed their dissent against Royal oppression. Faneuil Hall has served as an open forum meeting hall and marketplace for more than 270 years and has continued to provide a forum for debate on the most consequential issues of the day. It was at Faneuil Hall in 1764 that Americans first protested against the Sugar Act and the Stamp Act, setting the doctrine that would come to be known as "no taxation without representation."

About The John Philip Sousa Foundation...

Questions?

If you have questions about the John Philip Sousa National High School Honors Band, please contact:

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A link to the Honors Band may be found on the following website:

<http://www.sousanhband.com> . Also, please "like" our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SousaNHSBand/> .

The first project of the John Philip Sousa Foundation was the dedication of the stage of the John F. Kennedy National Cultural Center in the name of John Philip Sousa on October 7, 1971. The dedication was the culmination of the Sousa Foundations efforts that raised \$100,000.00, primarily from schools and students throughout the country under the guidance of Colonel George S. Howard. The stage was formally dedicated at a gala concert by the premier bands of the U.S. Armed Services attended by President Nixon and the host of dignitaries.

Since that beginning in 1971, the Sousa Foundation has developed a great number of projects of benefit to band music, students, and directors. Through the generosity of Louis and Virginia Sudler, a number of Louis Sudler Awards of Merit have been developed to recognize outstanding musicians both in the community and throughout the world.

- * The Sousa National High School Honors Band is held biennially and was first organized in 1981.
- * The Sudler Trophy is awarded annually to one of America's outstanding university bands for its major influence in the establishment and maintenance of high standards of musical and marching performance.
- * The Sudler International Composition Competition is a biennial competition which recognizes outstanding wind band composers.
- * The Sudler Flag recognizes outstanding achievement of high school concert bands.
- * The Sudler Cup similarly recognizes bands at the junior high school level.
- * The Sudler Shield recognizes high school marching bands
- * The Sudler Scroll recognizes outstanding community bands.
- * The Legion of Honor recognizes outstanding high school band directors with a long history of dedicated service to bands.
- * The George Solti International Young Conductors Competition is held biennially and recognizes young wind band conductors.
- * The Historic Roll of Honor endowed by Al G. Wright, recognizes outstanding high school bands from 1920 to 1980, selected by committees representing each era.
- * The Historical Marker Project recognizes and identifies sites where the original Sousa Band performed.



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