

The John Philip Sousa Foundation



National Community Band

******* July 13-15, 2012 *******

New Orleans, Louisiana

Join us in “The Big Easy” for the annual Sousa National Community Band.

New Orleans is one of the world's most fascinating cities. Steeped in a history of influences from Europe, the Caribbean, Africa and beyond, it's brilliant mosaic of culture, food and music. You'll find brimming bowls of gumbo, late nights in jazz clubs and strolls through historic neighborhoods. Come join a world-class conductor and talented musicians from around the country for a great weekend of great food and music making.

We will convene July 13-15, 2012. Loyola University will host the rehearsals and associated activities with easy access from local hotels via the historic Garden District Street Cars. The concert is scheduled for mid-afternoon on Sunday, July 15.

The Sousa National Community Band will be organized by Gerald Guilbeaux, a Past President of the Association of Concert Bands and Board Member of the John Philip Sousa Foundation. The band will be conducted by Colonel John R. Bourgeois, USMC (Ret.), former director of the United States Marine Band, "The President's Own."

The Sousa National Community Band registration fee is \$75.00.

There is no audition required to perform with the band, however if you wish to be considered for any solos, a recording of your playing must be submitted with your application. There are a limited number of seats available, so register early.

Members of the Sousa National Community Band are responsible for their own transportation, lodging and meals. A list of convenient hotels in New Orleans will sent upon receipt of the application form.

Further inquiries may be directed to:

Gerald Guilbeaux
windband@gmail.com
3600 West Congress Street
Lafayette, LA 70506



Col. John R. Bourgeois Conductor

Col. John R. Bourgeois is the permanent conductor of the Sousa National Community Band. A native of Louisiana, Col. Bourgeois is a graduate of Loyola University in New Orleans. He joined the Marine Corps in 1956 and entered "The President's Own" in 1958; named director in 1979, his career spanned nine presidential administrations. He retired on July 11, 1996.

Under his leadership, the Marine Band presented its first overseas performances, traveling to the Netherlands in 1958 and an historic 18-day concert tour of the former Soviet Union as a part of the first US-USSR Armed Forces Band Exchange.

Col. Bourgeois is past president of the American Bandmasters Association, the National Band Association, president and CEO of the John Philip Sousa Foundation, and the American vice president of the International Military Music Society. He has served on the board of directors of the World Association for Symphonic Band and Ensembles and the Association of Concert Bands. In 1996, Col. Bourgeois began an endowed visiting professorship at Loyola University in New Orleans, where he conducts classes and ensembles for two weeks each semester.

Among the many honors and awards Col. Bourgeois has received are the 1986 Phil Beta Mu Outstanding Bandmaster Award and the 1987 Kappa Kappa Psi distinguished Service to Music Award. In 1993, he was presented with the Grainger Medallion of the Percy Grainger Society and was awarded the Mid-West International Band and Orchestra Clinic Medal of Honor. In 1996, Col. Bourgeois was recognized by the American School Band Directors Association with its prestigious A.A. Harding Award. He was elected to the Academy of Wind and Percussion Arts of the National Band Association in 1988, and inducted into the NBA Hall of Fame in 2001. He received the 1991 Phil Mu Alpha National Citation and was named the fraternity's "American Man of Music" for 2002-2003.

Col. Bourgeois conducted his final concert as director of "The President's Own" on July 11, 1996 (the band's 198th birthday), at DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. More than 3,500 people attended this gala event. During the concert, letters of gratitude and praise by Presidents Clinton, Bush, Carter, Ford and Mrs. Reagan were read. Secretary of the Navy John H. Dalton hailed Bourgeois as "a national treasure" and presented the Distinguished Service Medal from President Clinton. The concert was covered by media giants CNN, ABC, CBS, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, and The Washington Post. ABC's Peter Jennings selected Col. Bourgeois as the Evening News "Person of the Week."

The 2012 National Community Band Application


AN ENDOWED PROJECT OF THE JOHN PHILIP SOUSA FOUNDATION

Conducted by
Colonel John R. Bourgeois,
USMC (Ret.), former director of the United States Marine Band
July 13, 14 & 15, 2012 – New Orleans, Louisiana

SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION ALONG WITH A CHECK FOR REGISTRATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75.00 TO:

THE SOUSA FOUNDATION
ATTN: Gerald Guilbeaux,
3600 West Congress Street
Lafayette, Louisiana 70506

NAME _____ INSTRUMENT _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE () _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL _____ T-Shirt Size _____

NAME OF COMMUNITY BAND YOU PLAY IN _____

PART YOU PLAY _____ CHAIR _____

HOW OFTEN DO YOU REHEARSE? _____ ANNUAL APPEARANCES _____

LIST THREE MAJOR WORKS PERFORMED BY YOUR BAND IN THE LAST YEAR

Title

Composer/Arranger

*****NOTE:** If you wish to be considered for solos, please submit a recording demonstrative of your playing ability with this application. Please **DO NOT** send a recording of your band.

PLEASE LIST ON BACK OR ON SEPARATE SHEET ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE THAT WILL HELP IN THE SELECTION OF MEMBERSHIP.