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San Francisco Conservatory of Music Graduate Joins “The President’s Own”

San Francisco Conservatory of Music Alumnus **Jeffrey Strong** became the newest member of “The President’s Own” United States Marine Band in February 2009 as a trumpeter/cornetist. As a Marine Band musician, Strong performs with the Marine Band, Marine Chamber Orchestra, and Marine Chamber Ensembles at the White House, in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area, and across the country during the band’s annual concert tour.

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The newest member of America’s oldest professional musical organization – the United States Marine Band – is trumpeter Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Strong, an alumnus of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music.

Since graduating from the Conservatory in 2006 with his Bachelor of Music degree in trumpet performance, Sgt. Strong has performed with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the National Repertory Orchestra, and the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra in Minnesota. As a member of “The President’s Own,” Strong will also perform with the Marine Chamber Orchestra and with Marine Chamber Ensembles at the White House, in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area, and across the country during the band’s annual concert tour.

Named by Thomas Jefferson as “The President’s Own,” the Marine Band’s primary mission, since it was founded in 1798 by an act of Congress, is to provide music for the President of the United States. This most elite ensemble has performed for every U.S. President since John Adams.

ABOUT JEFFREY STRONG

Jeffrey Strong began his musical instruction on trumpet at age 12. After graduating in 2002 from Buchanan High School in Fresno, CA, he earned his bachelor of music degree in trumpet performance in 2006 from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, where he studied with Professor David Burkhart. He earned a master’s degree in music performance from Northwestern University in Evanston, IL, where he studied with Barbara Butler and Charles Geyer. He also studied with Chris Martin, principal trumpet of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

Prior to joining “The President’s Own,” Staff Sgt. Strong performed with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Civic Orchestra of Chicago, the San Francisco Chamber Orchestra, the National Repertory Orchestra in Breckenridge, Colo., and the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra in Minnesota.

Staff Sgt. Strong is the son of Richard and Pamela Strong of Fresno, CA.

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Jeffrey Strong,
SFCM alumnus

ABOUT THE UNITED STATES MARINE BAND

For more than two centuries, the United States Marine Band has been part of events that have shaped our nation. Since the inaugural ceremony of President Thomas Jefferson in March of 1801, the Marine Band has performed for every presidential inauguration this nation has seen. Established by an Act of Congress in 1798, the Marine Band is America’s oldest continuously active professional musical organization. Our primary mission is unique—to provide music for the President of the United States and the Commandant of the United States Marine Corps.

The Marine Band is America’s oldest professional musical organization. Founded in 1798, the band has performed for every U.S. President since John Adams. Given the title “The President’s Own” by Thomas Jefferson, the Marine Band’s primary mission is to provide music for the President of the United States. For more information, please visit www.marineband.usmc.mil.

ABOUT THE CONSERVATORY

The San Francisco Conservatory of Music is one of the world’s most distinguished schools of Western musical culture. It is the oldest college of music in the American West and has earned an international reputation for producing musicians of the very highest caliber. Its better known graduates include Yehudi Menuhin, Isaac Stern, Jeffrey Kahane, Aaron Jay Kernis, among others.

The Conservatory offers its nearly 400 collegiate and graduate students fully accredited Bachelor’s and Master’s degree programs in all areas of study related to the creation and performance of music. Its Preparatory Division provides over 550 younger students the finest pre-collegiate music education available in the United States. The Conservatory’s faculty and students give more than 400 public performances each year, most of which are offered free to the public.

Formerly located at 19th Avenue and Ortega Street in San Francisco’s Sunset District, the Conservatory moved to its new home in the very heart of San Francisco’s Civic Center in 2006. The new school is an architectural and acoustical masterwork for the Conservatory’s second century. For more information or to view a schedule of concerts, please visit www.sfcm.edu.

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