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U.S. Naval Academy Orchestra and Mariachi Band

Under the Baton of Monte Maxwell

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Highland Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania
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The **U.S. Naval Academy Orchestra** is a group of talented instrumentalists drawn from the Brigade of Midshipmen, the Academy's student body. These performers have honed their skills appearing at events from recitals to the concert stage.

The orchestra provides the students with a variety of performance opportunities through solos and ensembles including the Midshipmen String Quartet, Orchestra, and Mariachi Band. The orchestra's soloists and ensembles perform at events both on and off the Yard, ranging from chapel services and the winter musical to full concerts.

The Academy's **Mariachi Band** plays a genre of Latin-style music that originated in Mexico. For years, the Academy's Director of Musical Activities had explored the idea of creating such an ensemble, but it took two midshipmen from El Paso, Texas to bring it to life. What started as a four-person ensemble quickly grew to 15 performers.

Since then, the marineros (sailors) have performed at sold-out Halloween/All-Saints concerts, toured with the Academy's gospel choir in Detroit, and joined the orchestra for formal concerts. In just two years, they have achieved something special and magical.

Free Will Offering

We kindly suggest a donation of \$15. You may place your donation in the offering plates or give online at www.highlandpc.org/give (click "Give Online").

Monte Maxwell is Director of Chapel Music and Chapel Organist at the U.S. Naval Academy. He holds degrees from Texas Christian University and the Juilliard School in New York. Additionally, he studied at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia where he earned the Artist Diploma, the conservatory's most distinguished degree in Organ Performance. He has performed in concert halls, churches, and cathedrals in Europe, South America, and Canada. He served as Staff Organist, performing weekly concerts on Philadelphia's Wanamaker organ, and has performed with Broadway artists, members of the Metropolitan Opera, New York City Opera, the New York Philharmonic, and the Philadelphia Orchestra.

Mr. Maxwell's annual All Saints' Day Organ Concert has become a staple of the Naval Academy and greater Annapolis community. Due to the popularity of this event, the Academy now offers two ticketed performances of this concert each year. In his free time, Mr. Maxwell is an avid roller coaster enthusiast.

The Highland Dorothy Rose Smith Concerts Committee expresses its heartfelt gratitude to all our patrons and supporters. Your love of music, expressed through your financial help, makes it possible for Highland Presbyterian Church to offer our community this wonderful ministry of nurture and renewal through the gift of music.

Committee members include Linda Shugarts, Chair; Margaret Cook; Elizabeth Hess, John Holtzapple; Jonathan Lefever; Bill Rhoads; Dr. Paul Thorlakson; and Kip Van Blarcom.

Upcoming

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Highland Chancel Choir & Orchestra in Vivaldi's *Gloria*
Sunday, December 15, 2024 at 4:00 pm

The Kid: Silent Film with Don Kinnier, Organist
Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 7:00 pm

Dr. Eric Fung, Pianist • Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 7:00 pm

The King's Brass • Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at 7:00 pm