

THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD BAND

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Jeffrey A. Spenner joined the United States Coast Guard in June 2019 as the Assistant Director of the United States Coast Guard Band. As one of the two leaders in charge of U.S. Coast Guard Band, Mr. Spenner helps manage all aspects of the 55-member ensemble's multifaceted mission - including concerts, ceremonies, recordings, and the band's annual national tour.

A veteran of the 399th Army Band at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, Mr. Spenner is the first conductor in the Coast Guard Band's history to have been hired from outside the organization. While a member of the 399th Army Band, he took part in hundreds of performances throughout the Midwest as both a conductor and trumpeter, and his efforts were instrumental in developing an ongoing relationship between the 399th Band and the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra. His final performance in the Army was conducting on a concert at Powell Hall in St. Louis that combined the symphony's winds, brass, and percussion with the 399th Army Band and the Air Force Band of Mid-America.

Previously, Mr. Spenner has been the Assistant Conductor and Operations Manager with the Battle Creek Symphony in Michigan and Artistic and Education Coordinator for the Lexington Philharmonic in Kentucky. An advocate for music making at all levels, he held music directorships with numerous community ensembles including the Borgess Hospital Resounding Spirit Choir. Mr. Spenner brings his passion for music education to the Coast Guard Band where he oversees all of the band's education and outreach programs.

Originally from Essexville, Michigan, Mr. Spenner's Bachelor of Music degree is from the University of Illinois, and he holds a Master of Music degree in Orchestral Conducting from Western Michigan University. In concert and selective workshops he conducted such ensembles as the Baltimore Symphony, Battle Creek Symphony, Berlin Sinfonietta, Cabrillo Festival Orchestra, Cincinnati Symphony, Filharmonica "Mihail Jora" Bacau, Fort Worth Symphony, Sinfonia da Camera, and members of the Berlin Philharmonic and Philharmonia Orchestra of London. His primary teachers include Donald Schleicher, James F. Keene, Eduardo Diazmunoz, Bruce Uchimura, and Bob Yoon with additional study with Marin Alsop, Miguel Harth-Bedoya, Raymond Harvey, Mark Heron, Mihail Jurowski, Kenneth Kiesler, Timothy Reynish, Gerard Schwarz, Mark Stringer, Diane Wittry, and Benjamin Zander.

Mr. Spenner is married to Mira Shifrin Spenner, a professional flutist, and they enjoy geeking out over science fiction and playing board games together. They live in Norwich, Connecticut with their five cats - Voltaire, Gershwin, Brahms, Rousseau, and Apollo - who enjoy chasing laser pointers and stealing board game pieces.

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