



John Philip Sousa

John Philip Sousa, also known as "The March King" was born on November 6, 1854 in Washington D.C. When Sousa was 13, he wanted to join a circus band. To prevent this, his father enlisted him in the U.S. Marine Corps as an apprentice musician.

He was a bandmaster and composer of military marches and inventor of the Sousaphone. Sousa wrote 136 marches including: Semper Paratus, Official March of the U.S. Marine Corps; Stars and Stripes Forever, National March of the United States.



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