

The Director

Commander Vijay C D'Cruz was born in 1979 to a family with a lineage of music. He began his musical career in the year 1988 at the age of nine years singing for the Choral Society of Nagpur representing St. Francis de Sales High School then as a Soprano. He subsequently learned the violin as a student of Pilar Music School, Goa and the Trinity College of Music London and was the violinist for the choir at St Francis de Sales Cathedral, Nagpur.



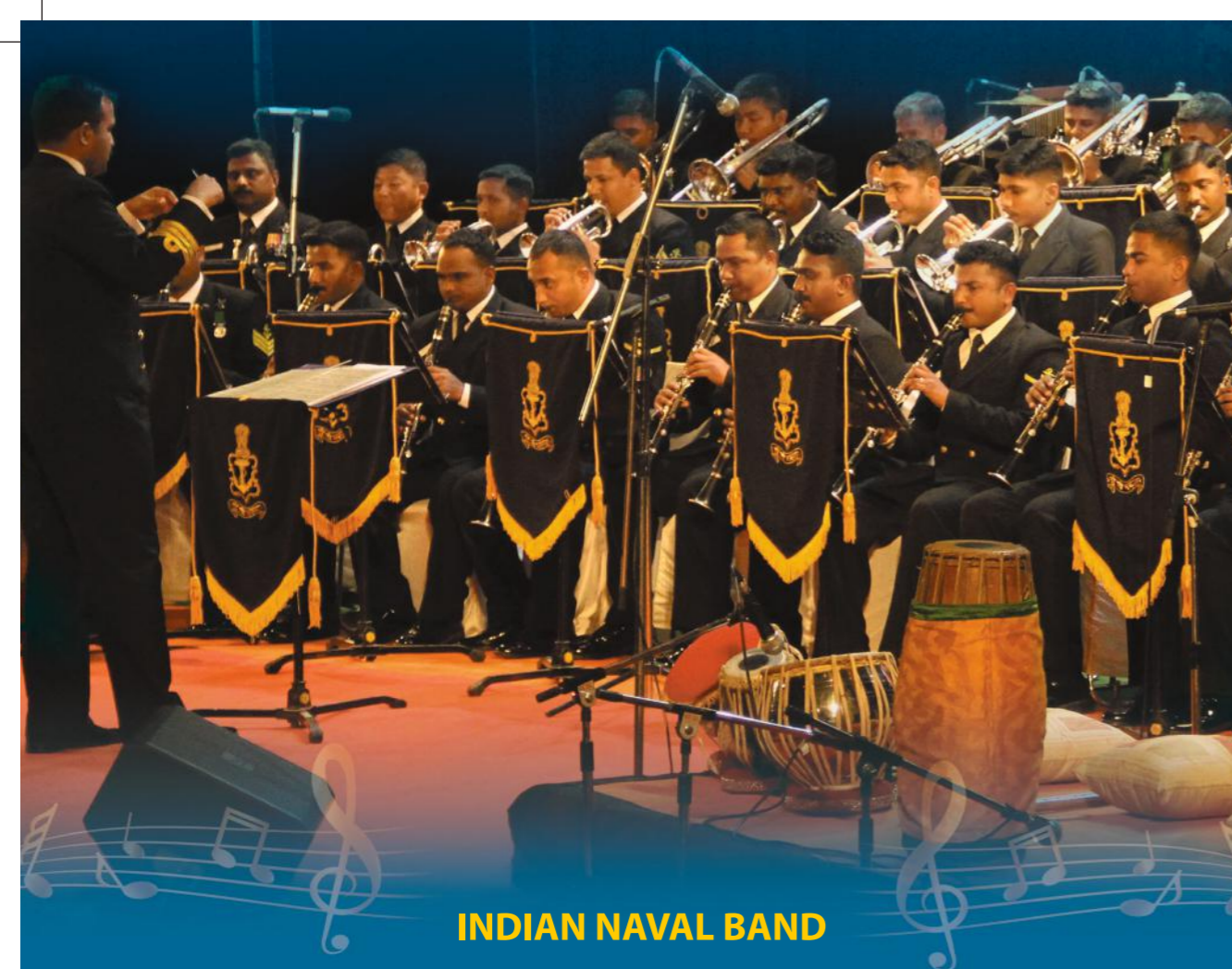
As a Goan, his passion for wind instruments and military music developed naturally. His dream finally came true when he was commissioned in the Indian Navy in 2001 and his hobby turned into a profession with the training at the Army School of Music, Pachmarhi where he successfully completed his Licentiate in Military Music Examinations.

Presently appointed as the Director of Music for the Indian Navy, the Officer continues to play Clarinet and the Violin and also sings as a powerful Tenor at many Choirs. He also has a number of compositions to his credit and is well known for his arrangements of popular pieces. Under his baton the Indian Naval band comprising of 65 musician sailors participated in the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo at Scotland, UK in Aug 17.



Indian Naval Symphonic Orchestra





INDIAN NAVAL BAND

The origin of the Indian Naval Band goes back to 1945 when it was formed with a handful of Naval musicians. It has come a long way since then and today the Navy has many trained musicians in its ranks at various bands across the country.

The Indian Naval Band has regaled and enthralled audiences across the country and around the globe. The musicians accompany Naval ships during goodwill visits to many foreign shores, to play in ensemble with the Bands of these foreign nations. The musicians of the Navy have therefore proved their mettle as goodwill ambassadors of the country.

Of special distinction for the Naval Band have been the International performances during the Queen's Coronation in the UK, Expo-70 in Japan, the International Music Festival in France, Bicentenary celebrations of the Statue of Liberty, the Australian Bicentennial celebration, the President's Fleet Review in the USA and the International Fleet Review in Australia. The Indian Naval Band recently participated in the prestigious month long Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo at Scotland, UK in Aug 17.

Its wide ranging repertoire includes stirring Martial Music, arrangements of Western Classical, Indian Classical and other forms of contemporary Popular and Folk music.

Under the baton of Commander VC D'Cruz, LMME, Director of Music (Navy), the Band continues to relate closely to its audience, incorporating varied choices, while maintaining its high standard of professionalism in music.

MUSICAL SCORES INDIAN NAVAL SYMPHONIC ORCHESTRA 2018

Sl.	Title	Description	Composer	Arranger
01	20 th Century Fox	Fanfare	Alfred Newman	Pradeep Kumar A
02	Symphony No. 5 in C Minor (first movement)	Symphony	Ludwig Van Beethoven	Dan Godfrey
03	Helter Skelter	Xylophonics	WG Lemon	WG Lemon
04	Waves of Danube	Waltz	Ion Ivanovici	J Olivadoti
05	The Typewriter	Instrumental	Leroy Anderson	Manoj Sebastain
06	Santorini	New Age	Yiannis Chryssomallis	Manoj Sebastain
07	Tribute to Vinod Khanna	Popular Hindi	Various Artists	S Alex
08	Mama Mia	Popular English	Benny Anderson	Mohan Chetry
09	The Good, the Bad and the Ugly	Movie Theme	Ennio Morricone	Vijay D'Cruz
10	Nautical Glory of Admiral Kunjali Marakkar	World Music	KPN Nath	KPN Nath
11	Havana	Smooth Jazz	Kenny G	Somenath Dey
12	Namaste India	Fusion	Various Artists	S Alex
13	Tri Service Song	Patriotic	Various Artists	PG George

