

PICTURE COVERS – REAL CAVES

GIBRALTAR

Saint Michael's Cave

Upper Rock

PC-RE52 United Kingdom 1974

LP: THE ORCHESTRA OF THE CORPS OF ROYAL ENGINEERS

Perf: The Orchestra of the Corps of Royal Engineers
(Popular)

Label: Gold Star 1 500 011

Photo: (Color)

Notes: In the mid-19th century soldiers from the Garrison organized illuminations with music in the cave (Carter, ca 1846) and during the 20th century concerts and ballet were held there on several occasions.

The cover shows a military orchestra posing with their instruments on stage in the Upper Hall (or Cathedral Cave). All are wearing navy blue uniforms with red strips running down their pant legs. The conductor stands facing the camera. The majority of the musicians have string instruments except two (upstage behind some plant decorations) that play kettledrums and drum. Colored lights, predominately blue, shine on the massive columns and stalagmites in the background upstage.

This is a studio recording of a military band and not a performance recorded in the cave, but these same compositions would have been performed live in the cave on different occasions by these same military musicians.

For further information about musical performances in this cave see under Recorded in Natural Caves – Gibraltar.

Ref: Anon. n.d., St. Michael's Cave – Gibraltar, Description & History, [Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._Michael's_Cave)

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The Orchestra of the Royal Engineers LP, [Discogs](https://www.discogs.com/)

