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1 Brattleboro to host U.S. Navy's Sea Chanters chorus  
2 during its Northeast tour

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5 The United States Navy Band Sea Chanters chorus will  
6 perform a free concert Sunday, March 8, at 3 p.m. at the Latchis  
7 Theatre. All U.S. Navy Band performances are free, though some  
8 concerts may require ticket reservations. For the most up-to-date  
9 ticket information, visit the Navy Band's website at  
10 [navyband.navy.mil](http://navyband.navy.mil).

11           “Touring the nation and performing concerts means  
12 connecting with communities and telling the great stories of our  
13 Sailors working around the globe to keep us safe and free,” said  
14 Capt. Robert “Seph” Coats, commanding officer of the U.S. Navy  
15 Band, in a news release.

16           As part of its 2026 Northeast tour celebrating the 250th  
17 anniversary of the United States, the Sea Chanters will present a  
18 family-friendly concert designed to connect each community  
19 with their Navy. The program features a selection of musical  
20 works including patriotic selections; traditional sea chanties; and  
21 “feel-good classics” by Stevie Wonder, the Andrews Sisters, a  
22 Motown medley; as well as contemporary favorites.

23           The U.S. Navy Band Sea Chanters is the official chorus of  
24 America’s Navy. They are frequently found at the center of high-  
25 profile national events, performing for the president, vice  
26 president, and numerous congressional, military, and foreign  
27 dignitaries.

28           Based at the Washington Navy Yard in Washington, D.C.,  
29 the Navy Band has been touring the country since 1925. All of  
30 the band’s primary performing units embark each year on concert  
31 tours throughout specified regions of the country, allowing the  
32 band to reach audiences in areas of the country that do not have  
33 opportunities to see the Navy’s premier musical ensembles on a  
34 regular basis.

35           The Sea Chanters are one of six performing ensembles in  
36 the Navy Band, which also includes the Concert Band,  
37 Ceremonial Band, Commodores jazz ensemble, Country Current  
38 country/bluegrass ensemble, and the Cruisers popular music  
39 group.

40           Ensembles from the Navy Band tour nationally 12–15  
41 weeks each year. Sailors in the Navy Band are full-time  
42 professional musicians. Almost all of the Sailors in the Navy Band  
43 have undergraduate degrees in music, and most have graduate  
44 degrees.

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