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1 Northeast Men's Summer Chorus celebrates America's
2 250th at local concerts

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5 The Northeast Men's Summer Chorus, carrying on the
6 tradition of the Yankee Male Chorus, announces its seventh
7 annual Performance Tour at local churches in Newfane, Chester,
8 and Acworth, New Hampshire, during the August 6–8 weekend.

9 On Thursday, August 6, the first performance will be at
10 The First Congregational Church of Newfane, 11 Church St.
11 Friday night will be at the United Church of Acworth, 16 Town

12 Hall Rd., and Saturday night at the Chester Baptist Church, 162
13 Main St. All concerts begin at 7 p.m.

14 This year's selections will honor the 250th anniversary of
15 our nation. Patriotic pieces include "Our National Anthem,"
16 "Battle Hymn of the Republic," and "Armed Services Medley,"
17 among others. Also included are selections from musical theater,
18 vintage pop, rock, country, and spirituals, including "My Special
19 Angel" and "Sweet Caroline" (with audience participation).

20 "Music has served as the heartbeat of our shared history,
21 but few sounds command the majesty and emotional depth of a
22 men's chorus," wrote organizers in a news release. "Uniting rich
23 tenors and resonant basses, these singers do far more than
24 perform, they carry forward a sacred tradition and capture the
25 enduring spirit of our journey from past to present. In full voice,
26 they remind us of the timeless power of song and honor the 250
27 years our country has stood in unity."

28 The chorus eagerly accepts local singers to join their
29 group. They offer a program for youth (high school/college)
30 singers to earn a stipend/scholarship for their participation. Youth
31 are accepted right up to and including the first concert day.
32 Practice occurs at 1 p.m. on the first day, Aug. 6.

33 The Northeast Men's Summer Chorus is conducted and
34 accompanied by Kate Butterfield, a retired middle school choral
35 director from Keene, New Hampshire, and Paul Scatenato,
36 conductor of the Mendelssohn Club of Kingston, New York. Also
37 conducting this year is Bruce Wagner, a retired conductor of the
38 Yankee Male Chorus. Singers hail from Vermont, New
39 Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey,
40 and Florida.

41 There is no admission charge. A free-will offering is taken
42 to support local projects and charities and to defray costs. For
43 further information, visit singingvacation.org, Facebook page:
44 @ttbbnortheast, email lambert323@gmail.com, or call 802-233-
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