



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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#### **Strike up me hearties, Yo ho!**

*Bay Chamber Concerts presents Ancient Mariners*

Bay Chamber Concerts will present the Ancient Mariners Fife & Drum Corps on Saturday, March 28, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rockport Opera House. The Mariners' passionate renditions of traditional maritime music vividly portray the sights, sounds and sweat of the colonial seaman. Haunting sea chanteys will be performed along with up-tempo popular jigs and work songs used aboard ship.

The Ancient Mariners will perform such nautical favorites as "Chicken on a Raft," "Herzogin Cecile," "Bully in the Ally," "The War of Jenkin's Ear" and more! Built around the wood fife and the rope tension drum, these enchanting songs of the sea will take you back to the days of the square rigger and boatswain. The concert is co-sponsored by The Edge Oceanfront Dining.

"These songs speak of our own nautical past, of the maritime history of Midcoast Maine," said artistic director Thomas Wolf, "it was not too long ago that much of the Maine economy depended upon the trade brought aboard the windjammers and schooners anchored in our harbors."

Founded on July 4, 1959 by Roy Watrous, this Connecticut based Mariners' Corps carries the unique distinction of being the world's first and only international fife & drum corps. As a singing historical presentation of seafaring life, the Ancient Mariners shine while performing this specialized style of folk music.

The Ancient Mariners will also hold a Pub Sing at Gilbert's Publick House on Sunday, March 29, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. Come raise your voice, and your glass, with the Ancient Mariners chanteymen as they lead the room with such work and fo'c'sle songs as "Haul Away Joe" and "The Lakes of Sligo." An event sure to bring out the singing sea dog in everyone! The Pub Sing is free and open to the public.

Bay Chamber Concerts also invites the public to come and learn about sea chanteys, and join in on the choruses with assistant director of education Allison Lakin. She will conduct one hour lectures and sing-along performances about maritime music at the Camden and Rockport Libraries.

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Wednesday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m., Lakin will appear in the Marine Room of the Rockport Public Library. Thursday, March 26 at 2:00 p.m., she will appear in the Picker Room at the Camden Public Library. Lakin was first introduced to sea chanteys while working at Mystic Seaport Museum in Connecticut and subsequently founded the Music of the Sea Festival in Rockport, Texas.

Most tickets to the concert are \$20. Prime seating is \$40. Youth ages 18 and under are \$8 (limited availability). Bay Chamber Concerts is a 501(c)(3) registered non-profit organization. The \$20 Ticket Underwriter is Brewster Point. The media sponsor is VillageSoup.com. For more information, or to purchase tickets, contact Bay Chamber Concerts at (207) 236-2823, toll free at (888) 707-2770 or online at [www.baychamberconcerts.org](http://www.baychamberconcerts.org).

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**Date:** Wednesday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m.

**Location:** Marine Room of the Rockport Public Library

**Title:** Sea Chantey Lecture & Sing Along

**Description:** Bay Chamber Concerts also invites you to come and learn about sea chanteys, and join in on the choruses with assistant director of education Allison Lakin.

**Price:** Free and open to the public, no ticket necessary.

Thursday, March 26 at 2:00 p.m.

**Location:** Picker Room at the Camden Public Library

**Title:** Sea Chantey Lecture & Sing Along

**Description:** Bay Chamber Concerts also invites you to come and learn about sea chanteys, and join in on the choruses with assistant director of education Allison Lakin.

**Price:** Free and open to the public, no ticket necessary.

**Date:** Saturday, March 28, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** Rockport Opera House, 6 Central Street, Rockport, ME 04856

**Title:** Ancient Mariners

**Sponsors:** \$20 Ticket Underwriter: Brewster Point. Co-sponsor: The Edge Oceanfront Dining.

**Program:** Haunting sea chanties will be performed along with up-tempo popular jigs and work songs used aboard ship.

**Description:** Built around the wood fife and the rope tension drum, the Mariners' traditional music brings to life a vivid display of the colonial seaman.

**Price:** Most tickets \$20. Prime seating \$40, discounted up to 50% with subscription. \$8 for Youth ages 18 and under, limited availability.

**Date:** Sunday, March 29, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.

**Location:** Gilbert's Publick House, Camden

**Title:** Ancient Mariners Pub Sing

**Description:** Raise your voice, and your glass, with the Ancient Mariners chanteymen. From "Haul Away Joe" to "The Lakes of Sligo," these work and fo'c'sle songs will bring out the sea dog in everyone!

**Price:** Free and open to the public, no ticket necessary.

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