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The United States Navy Band Sea Chanters to Perform for Everhart Museum's Centennial Celebration Friday, May 30, 2008 at 7:30 pm

Scranton – April 30, 2008: May 30th marks the Everhart Museum's 100th Anniversary! As part of the Everhart's special Centennial activities, the Museum is honored to present The United States Navy Band Sea Chanters in concert at the Mellow Theater, Lackawanna College (Scranton) on Friday, May 30, 2008 at 7:30 pm. The Sea Chanters chorus is the official chorus of the United States Navy. This ensemble performs a variety of music ranging from traditional choral music, including the sea chantey, to Broadway musicals. The Sea Chanters appear throughout the United States and often perform at the White House, the Vice President's home, and for other Washington dignitaries.

In 1956, Lt. Harold Fultz, the band's assistant leader at the time, organized a group from the Navy School of Music in Anacostia (Washington, DC) to sing chanteys and patriotic songs for the State of the Nation dinner. The performance was such a success that the Chief of Naval Operations transferred the group to the Navy Band and named them the "Sea Chanters." The all-male chorus was tasked with perpetuating the musical tradition of singing songs of the sea. The group added women in 1980, allowing them to expand their repertoire to include everything from Brahms to Broadway.

The Sea Chanters have become one of the preeminent professional choral ensembles in the country today. They have performed at national events, such as Presidential Inauguration Ceremonies, and have played a vital role in comforting the nation in times of mourning, including appearances at memorials for the astronauts of the space shuttle Columbia and the Presidential wreath laying ceremony at the United Airlines Flight 93 crash site in Shanksville, Pa. Their performance of "Amazing Grace" at the National Day of Prayer and Remembrance at the National Cathedral in Washington after the events of 9/11 inspired all in attendance as well as a national television audience. The chorus has provided music at the funerals of former Presidents and first ladies. They have appeared at the Kennedy Center Honors and with the National Symphony Orchestra for the nationally telecast "National Memorial Day Concerts" at the U.S. Capitol. Other notable orchestral appearances include the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, the Baltimore Symphony and the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra. Noted choral directors have guest conducted the ensemble, and renowned composers have written works especially for them. In addition, the group has made many television appearances on shows such as "Larry King Live" and "CBS This Morning." Throughout their history, this premier ensemble of "singing sailors" has remained true to the Navy's watchwords of pride and professionalism and has promoted the proud heritage and tradition of the United States Navy.

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The free concert is sponsored by Wachovia Securities, The Mellow Theater at Lackawanna College and the Everhart Museum of Natural History, Science & Art. Tickets are limited to four per household and are available for pick-up on a first-come, first-serve basis during business hours at the Museum. For more information or to obtain tickets, contact the Everhart Museum at 570-346-7186 or email general.information@everhart-museum.org.

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About the Everhart Museum: Founded in 1908, the Everhart Museum of Natural History, Science & Art is the largest general museum in Northeastern Pennsylvania. The Everhart Museum, located in Nay Aug Park in Scranton, is a not-for-profit institution dedicated to the collection, care and display of a diverse array of artifacts, including natural history, science and fine arts. Through our exhibits and programs, the Everhart Museum has become an invaluable regional resource for educational and cultural opportunities. General support for the museum is received from the Lackawanna County Office of Education & Culture, the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, and the City of Scranton. For more information on the museum visit our website at www.everhart-museum.org or contact us at 570-346-7186.