



Dartmouth Aires Press Release for October 5, 2011

Wolfeboro Friends of Music's 76<sup>th</sup> season continues to unfold with their second program featuring The Dartmouth Aires, Dartmouth College's oldest a cappella group. The performance will be held at Anderson Hall, Brewster Academy, 205 S. Main Street, Wolfeboro, on Saturday, October 15, 2011, at 7:30 PM and is sponsored by Meredith Village Savings Bank.

The ensemble is known for its musical excellence, outstanding high energy performance and outrageous comedy. Visiting the Aires' website gives a glimpse of this high energy and humor. A hallmark of the Dartmouth Aires musical excellence is the arranging of all of their own music. These arrangements have created a diverse repertoire and led to numerous awards: in 2003 and 2005 the Aires won the Contemporary A Cappella Recording Artists for Best All-Male Collegiate Album, and were selected for compilation CDs in 2003, 2005, 2006, 2008 and 2011.

When the Wolfeboro audience hears the Aires October 15 at Anderson Hall, they will be fresh off a unique performance experience. During the spring term 2011, the group was invited to audition for the third season of NBC's "The Sing-Off," and was subsequently accepted. Preparation for their September television appearance included 10-12 hour rehearsal days, individualized vocal coaching, and developing new choreography. In September, the Aires advanced to The Sing-Off's second round and are poised to be one of the finalists in November.

Dartmouth Aires member, Ethan Weinberg, is also the group's Business Manager. In the midst of the rigorous rehearsal schedule for The Sing-Off he took time to share his thoughts for this article. "Personally, I'm very proud to be part of a group that dedicates so much energy to entertaining the audience while also making strong musical choices with engaging leads and choral blends. Our members hail from New England and all over, the furthest ends being Salt Lake City, Atlanta, and Toronto. We have a really diverse set of singers from all parts of campus who do so many different things (varsity rowers and lacrosse players, admissions office workers, dancers, writers for campus publications, outdoorsmen, etc.) who can still come together to make beautiful music."

This is the second of eight programs presented by Wolfeboro Friends of Music during its season, which runs from September through May. Season tickets for the remaining seven concerts are available for \$120. Tickets for the Aires are available for \$20 at the door, at Black's Paper Store and Avery Insurance in Wolfeboro or at the Innisfree Bookshop in Meredith. Call (603) 569-2151, or visit: [www.wfriendsofmusic.org](http://www.wfriendsofmusic.org).