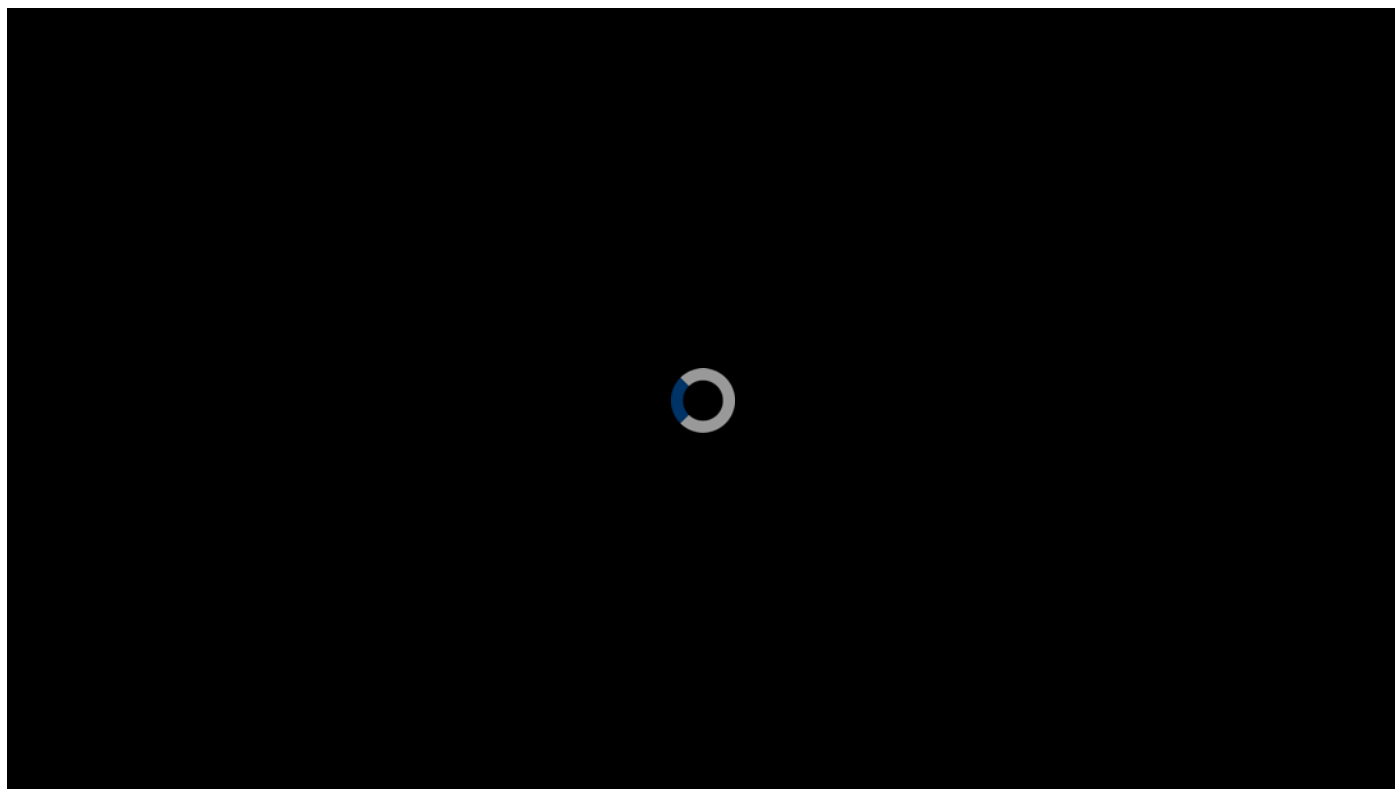


# NC student choir ordered to stop singing national anthem at 9/11 memorial

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A North Carolina middle school choir was ordered to stop singing the national anthem outside the 9/11 memorial.

Video of the Waynesville choir's New York City performance was posted to [Facebook](#).

According to the memorial website, groups wanting to perform must first get a permit.

The students didn't have a permit but did have a verbal OK from one security guard.



"I think it's terrible, being a veteran and such. Trying to instill on our youth the history of our country and the importance of our country; what we have here. So why stop them from singing our national anthem?" Bill Bright said.

The video of the students singing has been shared on Facebook over 1,000 times.

The group will arrive back in Waynesville Sunday.

Waynesville is 30 miles west of Asheville.

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