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BARBERSHOP NEWS

Society, Foundation announce agreement for barbershop fundraising efforts

The following joint statement is issued by John Santora, President of the Barbershop Harmony Society Board of Directors, and Kendall Williams, Chair of the Harmony Foundation International Board of Trustees.

The Boards of the Barbershop Harmony Society and Harmony Foundation International are pleased to announce the end of litigation between the organizations and will partner again to support the preservation, expansion and future of barbershop singing.

All philanthropic giving to the Society and its programs will flow through the Foundation, in a re-envisioned fundraising relationship outlined in an agreement completed last week. We, our boards and our staff members look forward to working together to enrich lives through singing.

We announce this agreement with a commitment to all barbershop singers and singing communities and with the intent of ensuring a strong, vibrant barbershop future.

[CLICK HERE TO READ THE AGREEMENT](#)

Email societyboard@barbershop.org with any questions. We look forward to hearing from you.



NEXT GENERATION BARBERSHOP

ROAD TO LOUISVILLE: NEXT GEN

Varsity quartet finalists named

With applause to the three dozen young quartets who competed, we're pleased to announce the top 20 quartets advancing to the finals of the Next Generation Barbershop Varsity Quartet Contest.

Video qualification was open from August 1, 2022 - February 1, 2023, and quartets were scored by BHS certified judges under standard contest rules. The 20 highest scoring quartets have been invited to compete in the finals at the BHS International Convention in Louisville, July 2-9, 2023. *If any finalists are not able to compete, additional quartets may be invited by qualifying score to round out a field of 20 finalists.*

Finalist quartets with two or more members new to barbershop may be eligible for the \$10,000 139th Street Legacy Prize.

[SEE THE QUALIFIERS](#)

MARCH MUSICAL MADNESS

Midwinter videos dropping every week!

Leading up to the Barbershop Harmony Society's birthday on April 11, we're releasing dozens of performances from the 2023 Midwinter convention. Featured this week: the Next Generation Barbershop Youth Chorus Festival.

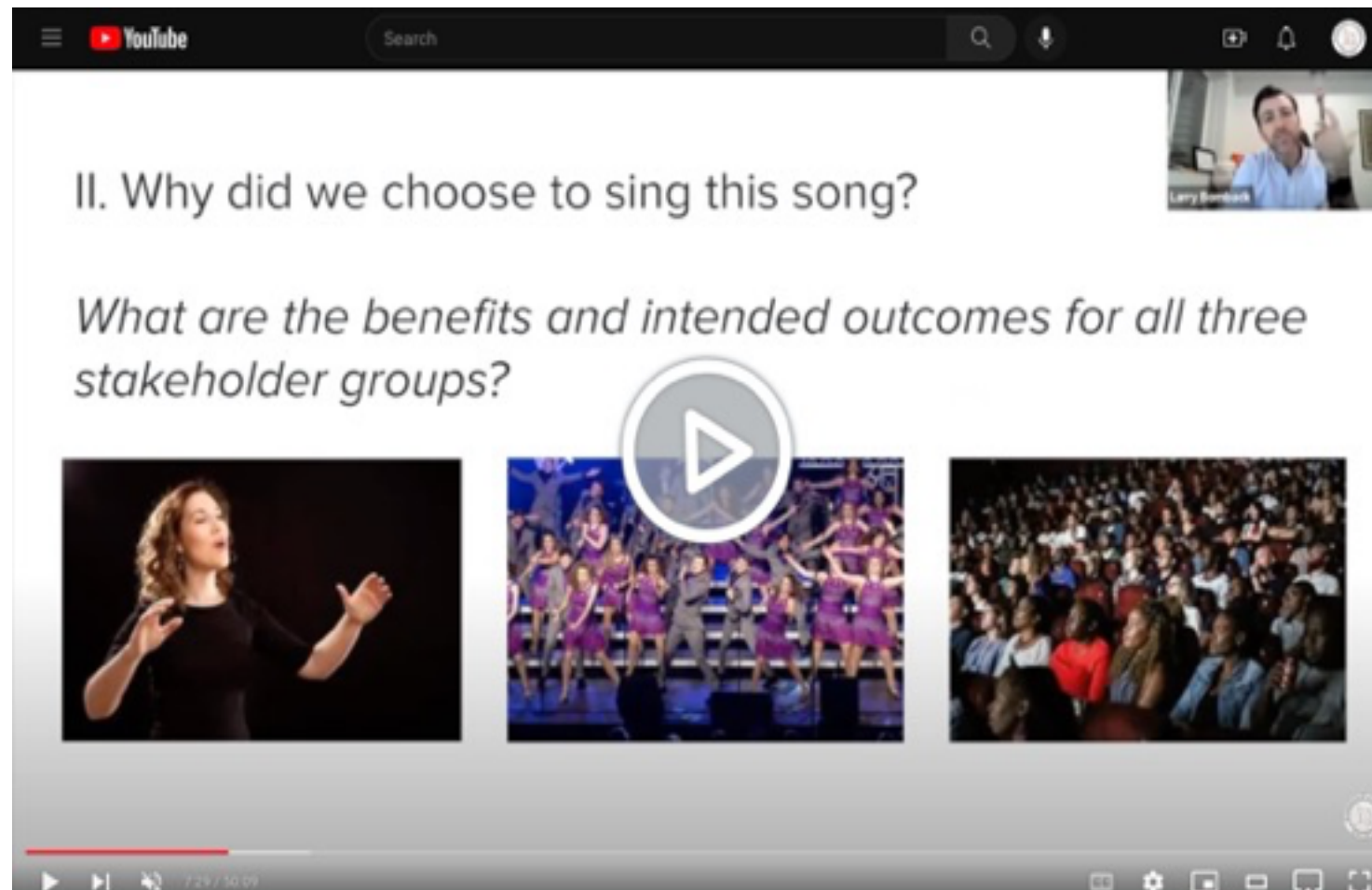


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Score Study and Analysis with Larry Bomback

Before you sing, think: why this song, why this arrangement? How can we honor the intentions of its creators — composer, lyricist, and arranger?

Larry Bomback—director, quartetter, and Society Board Member — leads you through a process of studying a piece of music to deeply understand the music, and chart a path to creating meaningful performances. ([Member Center Login](#) required.)



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APRIL 11 • NATIONAL BARBERSHOP QUARTET DAY

Dress up for our birthday!



Is 2023 the year everyone returns to wearing straw hats, twirlable mustaches, and snappy bow ties? Jump ahead of the crowd of retro hipsters with this understated tee that barely whispers National Barbershop Quartet Day. Affordable, sized for most body types!

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HARMONIZER HIGHLIGHT

Your practice habits can determine your progress

With luck and preparation, you can make your best day on stage match your best day in rehearsal — so what defines a great practice? Adam Scott advises you look to performers at the next level for the habits that help them bring their best to audiences in the March/April Harmonizer, now in mailboxes and online.



SONG OF THE WEEK

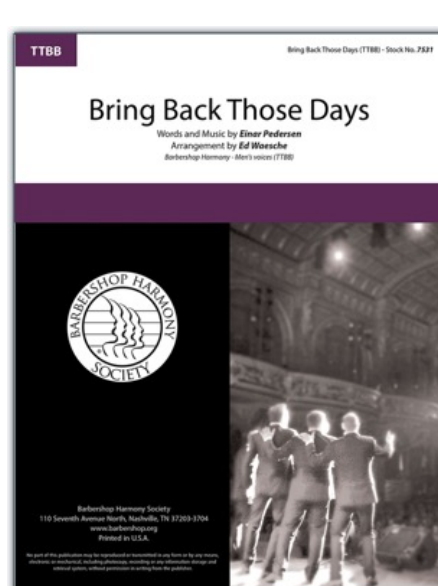
BARBERSHOP!

[Bring Back Those Days](#)
(Of The Song And Dance Man)
arr. Ed Waesche

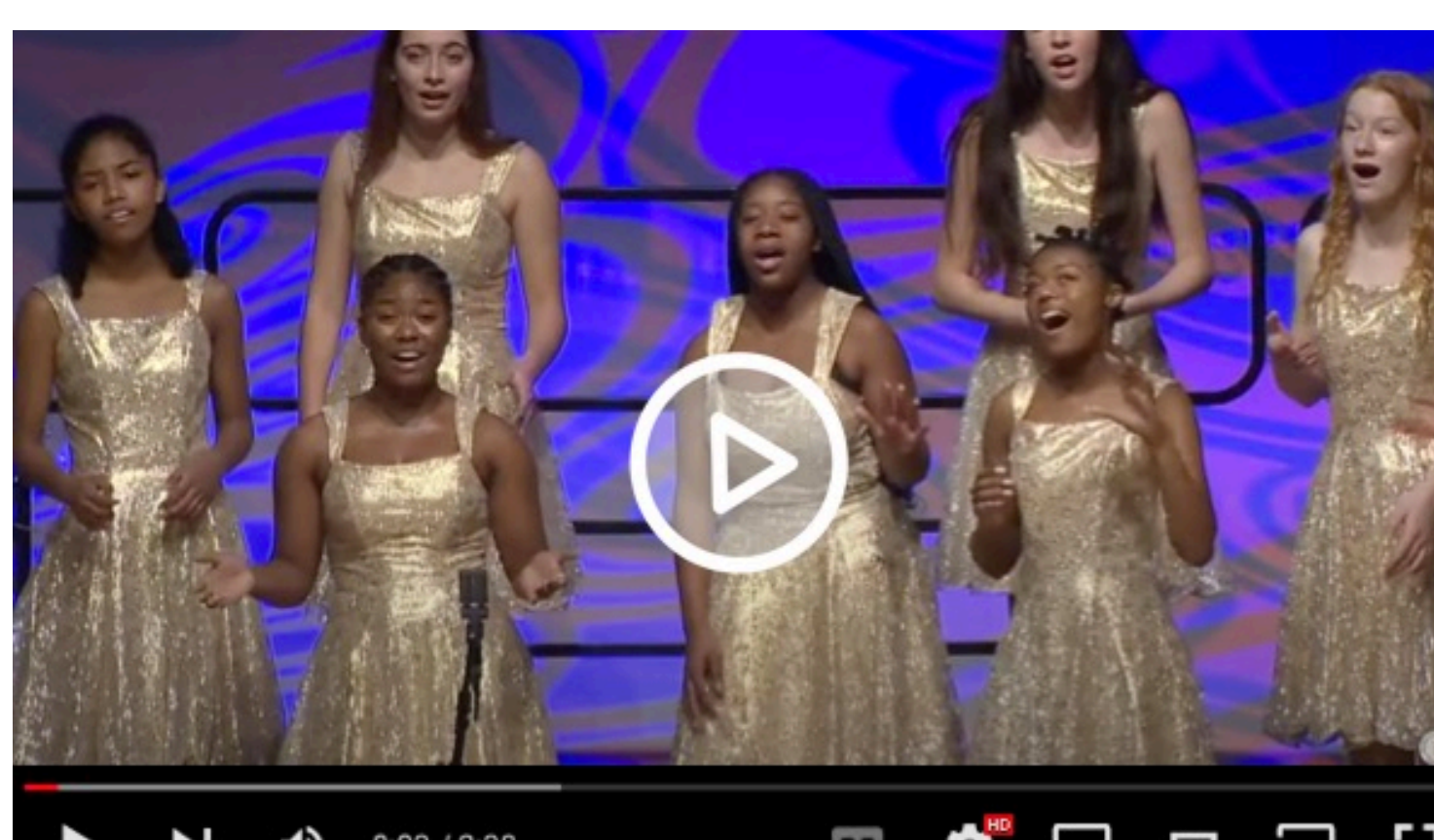
Reliable, singable, lovable ditties like this were once the staple of every group's repertoire. Filled with nostalgia, pure barbershop chords, and plenty of opportunities for comedy or visual pops.

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FEATURED PERFORMANCE



*Cleveland Heights Women's Barbershoppers - Over the Rainbow
2023 Junior Varsity Chorus Festival*



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