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BARBERSHOP NEWS

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What is Barbershop Music?

What do you say when people ask about your singing life? "I sing in a barbershop chorus."

:: blank stare ::

"Barbershop harmony?"

:: silence ::

Sure, YOU know it when you hear it... but most folks outside the barber-shere can't describe much more than voices without instruments, possibly "Coney Island," likely straw bats and stripes.

Brush up your own working knowledge, and be able to answer audience members, colleagues, and potential singers, with this [handy reference](#).



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NEWS FROM THE SOCIETY BOARD

Society Board member updates

At its July meeting, the Barbershop Harmony Society Board of Directors elected two new at-large members. Gene "Doc" Spilker and Larry Bomback will be seated in January 2024 to three-year terms.

Officers re-elected were John Santora, President; John Donehower, Immediate Past President; Steve Denino, Executive Vice President; and Dwayne Cooper, Treasurer. The Board also has elected Noah Funderburg to serve as Immediate Past President, following John Donehower's recent announcement that he is resigning in order to focus on life beyond serving on the Board of Directors. Funderburg is eligible for the role having served as Society president in 2007-2008.

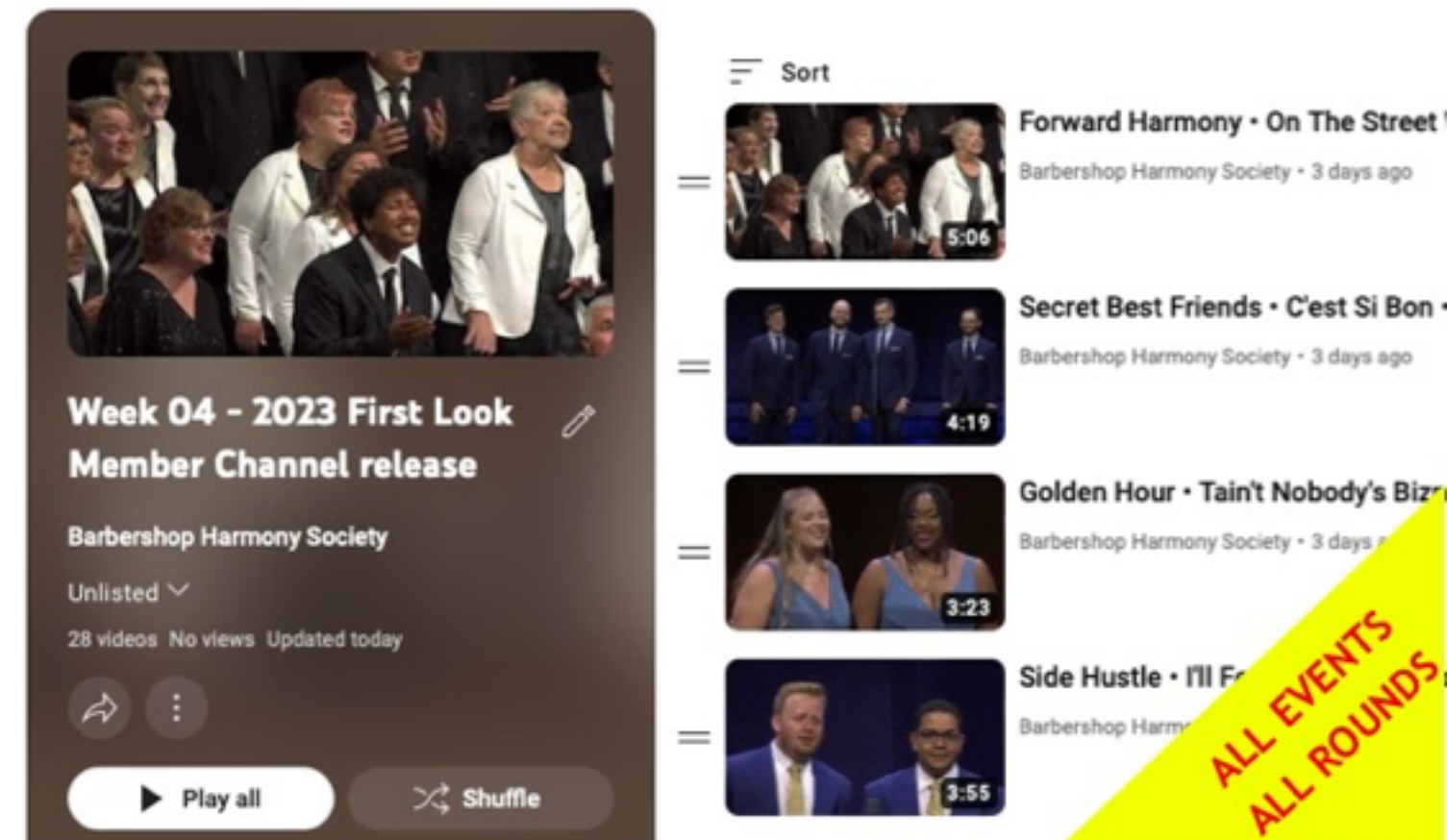
Ethics procedure updated

Pending publication of a new Board Operations Manual by the end of 2023, the following change to the Ethics Committee procedure is effective with all committee decisions published after August 2, 2023:

Any Society Ethics Committee decisions may be appealed by either the complainant or the respondent to the Society Board for redress.

For questions about this ethics process update, please email GovernanceAndBylaws@barbershop.org.

See the best in barbershop— first!



Get early access and premiere long-form content with [First Look](#), the BHS YouTube subscription. Week 4 has included lots of Next Gen Varsity Contest, the Festival, and Quartet finalists. [See this week's First Look releases](#).

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HARMONIZER HIGHLIGHT

Telling your story through music



Beginning—middle—end are just the mechanical basics. Compelling storytelling comes from considering *what's at stake*, and sharing its emotional impact. [Travel with Kevin Keller](#) into your own process of finding what you want to say when you sing, in this gem from the [March 2017 Harmonizer](#).

Did you know? The entire [Harmonizer archive](#) is online in the BHS Member Center ([login required](#).) Skim through decades of history, education, and memories, or [search the online index](#).

SEE YOU IN NEW YORK!

Midwinter registration open!

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