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BARBERSHOP NEWS



2024 Chorus Festival welcomes ALL choruses... not just “currently barbershop”

What would happen if coming to a BHS event transformed “normal” choruses into... barbershoppers? That’s part of the fun and promise of the 2024 International Chorus Festival, during our [International Convention in Cleveland](#).

The Festival is a unique opportunity for performing groups to enjoy a big stage and enthusiastic audience for fun and non-competitive evaluation. Individuals are not required to be BHS members, but each must hold a [full convention registration](#).

Imagine who might come to experience our welcoming culture and offstage community: church choirs, youth choruses, community choruses, symphonic chorales... anything is possible! Of course, we want them to also taste barbershop harmony, so each group will perform two songs, one of which must be contestable barbershop.

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PICK THE BEST SEAT NOW!



Experience the tags, fellowship, and best barbershop performances IN PERSON by [securing your registration](#).

All seating will be reserved, and you get to choose your favorite seat:

- [Premium seating](#) is open to everyone
- [Regular seating](#) is open to everyone and located directly behind Premium seating

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HOW TO USE BARBERSHOP LEARNING TRACKS

BARBERSHOP BASICS

How to use learning tracks

Are you getting the most from your purchase? “The most common strategy singers use to learn music is to play recordings over and over, singing along until they have ‘mastered’ their part. The problem: science tells us this way of learning music does not work effectively, and worse yet, this auditory-only path will ingrain multiple note and word errors.”

[MASTER YOUR TRACKS](#)

Board seeks Executive Vice President

The BHS Board of Directors is a volunteer, non-compensated assembly of leaders who provide policy, procedures, guidance and direction to the BHS CEO, staff and constituencies of the organization. The Board currently seeks nominations for the vacant office of Executive Vice President. [See the job description](#) and [learn more about the application process](#). **Deadline for applications is Sunday, October 8, 2023.**

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HARMONIZER HIGHLIGHT

Adam Scott gets you started as an arranger

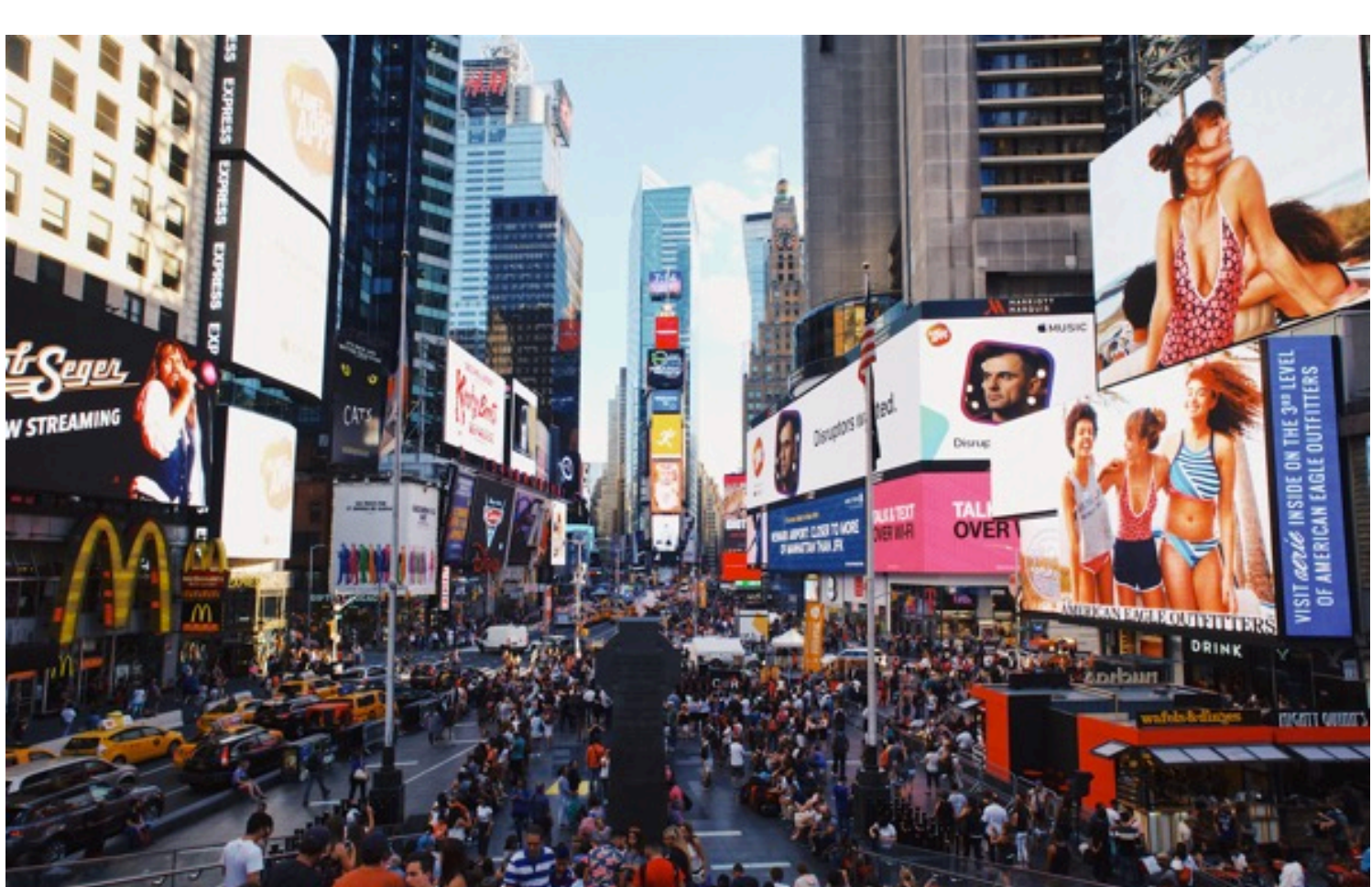
You don’t need extreme talent or an extensive education in music theory to become a successful barbershop arranger—it’s a learnable skill. [Accelerate your learning curve with these suggestions](#) in the [July 2021 issue of The Harmonizer](#).

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](#).



MIDWINTER HOUSING NOW OPEN

Stay in the heart of it



The 2024 [Midwinter Convention](#) has it all going on — and all under one roof!

[Book your room now at our headquarters hotel](#), the Sheraton New York Times Square—convenient to the famed [Crossroads of the World](#), Broadway theaters, dining, entertainment, and mass transit. The [BHS group hotel rate](#) is a bargain, too, so jump on those rooms right now.

[Registration](#) for the BHS 2024 Midwinter event in New York City is now open! Join us January 9-14 in the city that never sleeps...



[REGISTER NOW FOR A PREMIUM OR REGULAR SEAT](#)

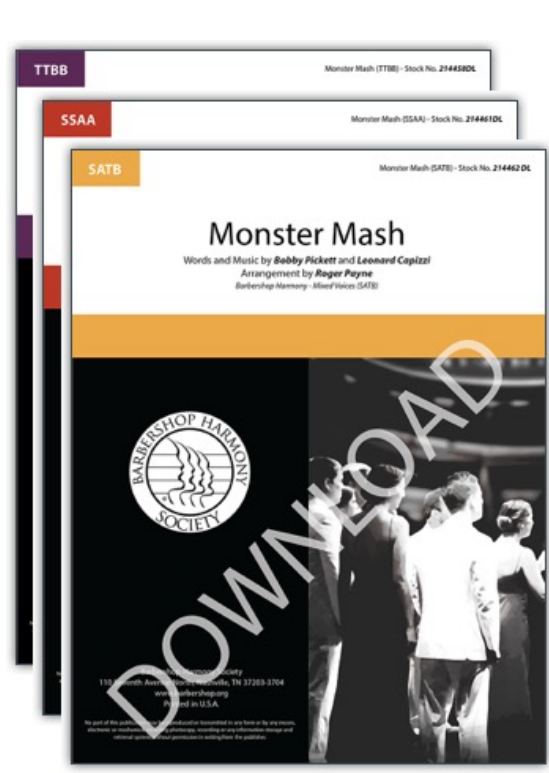
SONG OF THE WEEK

HOWL-O-WEEN HIT

Monster Mash arr. Roger Payne

Answer the question, “Aren’t you four a little... OLD for trick or treat?” by busting out this timeless novelty song from the ‘60s. Your gang of ghouls will be the toast of the town with Roger Payne’s arrangement, available in all voicings.

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FEATURED PERFORMANCE

IN MEMORIAM

Jim Kline passes

The Barbershop Harmony Society mourns the passing of Jim Kline, beloved bass singer of [Gotcha!](#) (2004 champs,) and [139th Street Quartet](#) (perennial quartet medalists; 2020 Legacy Quartet champs); devoted encourager of youth activities; and co-founder of the College Quartet Contest (now known as the Next Generation Barbershop Varsity Contest.) The twinkle in his eyes greeted you; the easy charm of his manner engaged you; the breadth of his passion for barbershop and Barbershoppers stayed with you forever.



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