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BARBERSHOP NEWS

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Oldest district champs?



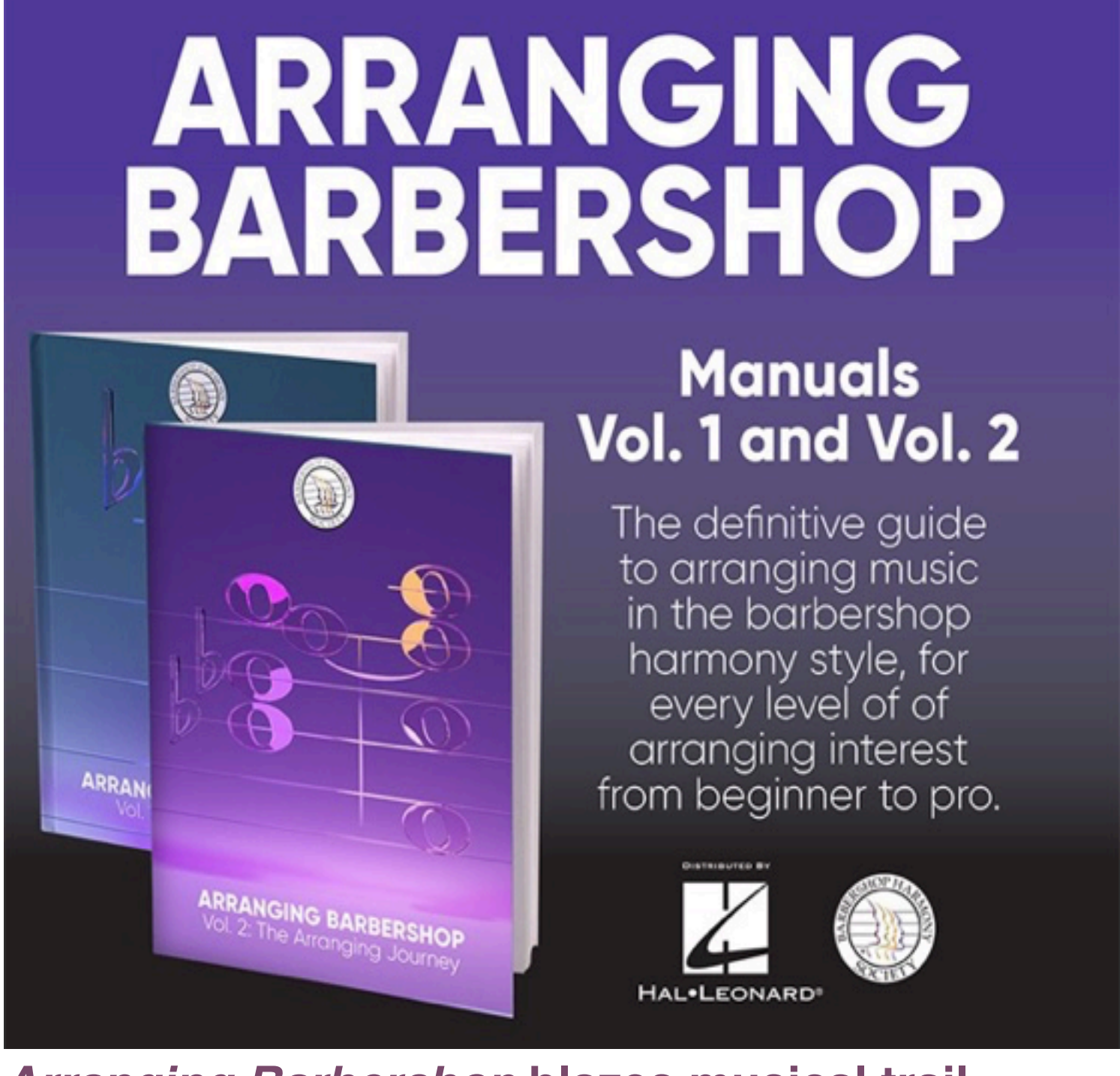
Barbershoppers love records: the first, the last, the most, the least, and so on. The mailbag at Harmony Hall regularly contains questions/claims of all of these.

Anything Goes from the Seneca Land District wonders if, with an **average age over 80**, they are the oldest District Quartet Champions? (Open contest, not "oldest seniors quartet champ.")

Originally registered in 2005, they competed in the 2007 International Seniors Contest. After a brief hiatus, they recently reassembled, just in time to compete in SLD — and won the District crown!

Lead Tom Glosick, age 84, also wonders if he's the oldest individual to win a district championship. For the record, he previously **won his first district championship 59 years ago**.

Any other claimants to the record? Email credentials (and appropriate gratuity) to livewire@barbershop.org.



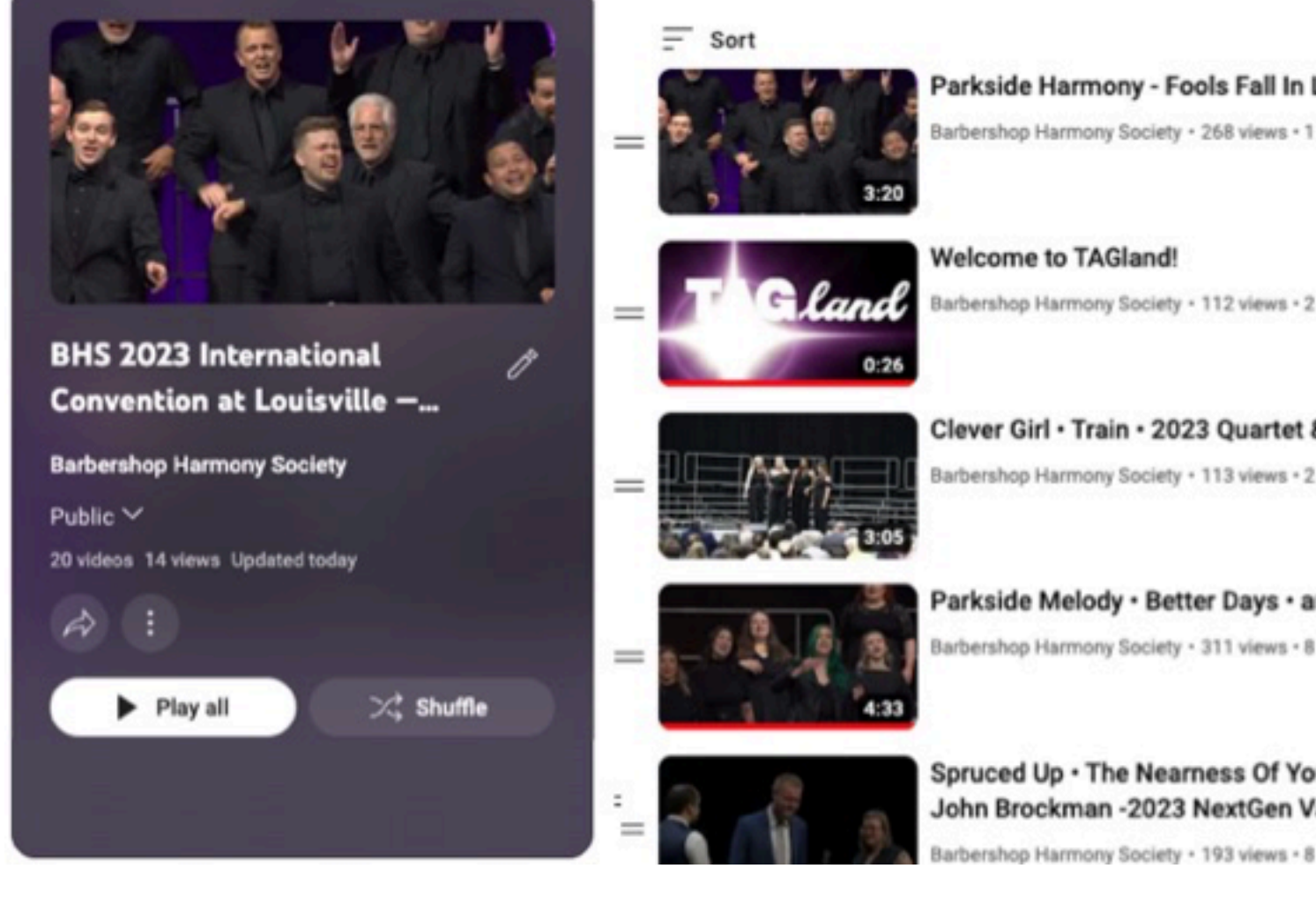
Arranging Barbershop blazes musical trail worldwide

The landmark first volume of *Arranging Barbershop* has been lighting things up with our distribution partners at Hal Leonard, the music publishing powerhouse. Sales have been brisk in this mainstream publishing channel — *both domestically and globally!*— for what heretofore has been a fairly niche musical style. Maybe this BHS book series will change that!

With input from more than 40 arrangers, more than 1,500 pages of content, pieces of more than 200 different arrangements as examples, and more than 50 hours of video, the new *Arranging Barbershop* manuals capture the state of the art in barbershop music, and a giant step forward in teaching technology.

It didn't "just happen." [Learn the full story](#) of how a team of volunteers, visionaries, and top-rank musicians brought this magnum opus to life. [Order Volume 1](#) now, or [pre-order Volume 2](#).

Louisville Convention videos begin public rollout



As promised, subscribers to the **BHS First Look** YouTube channel have been enjoying more than 300 performances from the Louisville convention. ([Subscribe now](#) for everything all at once, plus early access to [past convention webcasts](#) and [Harmony University shows](#), with LOTS of early access content still to come.)

The **public release of 2023 Louisville performances** will follow a similar pattern as the subscriber release. Rolling releases will bring a rich mix of performers from **all events, all rounds, all ranks, all ensemble types**.

Best ways to watch:

- Follow the [BHS YouTube Channel](#)
- Follow the [BHS 2023 International Convention at Louisville — Master playlist](#)
- Share these great performances widely, in your personal and chapter, quartet and district channels.

WATCH NOW!

BROADWAY? WHO NEEDS IT?

Hottest ticket in New York City

As soon as Times Square is clear of confetti from New Year's Eve, they'll need to reload those cannons, because the Barbershop Harmony Society **Midwinter Convention** will be nothing short of spectacular. Look at this PARTIAL list of performers — on Thursday night alone!



Parkside Melody • Parkside Harmony • Pratt Street Power • Midnight Society • Madhattan • Secret Best Friends • Gimme Four • Alexandria Harmonizers • Metro Voices

And that's just opening night!

Register now — signs point toward a sellout!

REGISTER FOR MIDWINTER

SONG OF THE WEEK

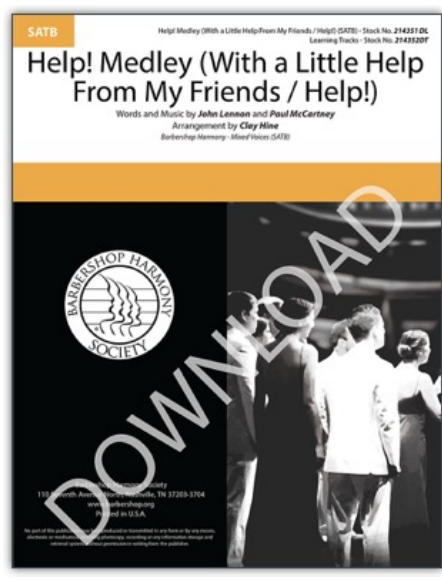
Help! Medley

arr. Clay Hine

Hit of your youth, or throwback hit for today's youth? Winner either way! Arranged for the **Georgia Spirit** youth chorus, these Lennon/McCartney favorites will have audiences singing along, whether you asked them to or not. The SATB voicing just begs for a crossover activity with a local youth chorus, and what better than The Beatles to bridge any gaps?

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FEATURED PERFORMANCE



5th Melody • I Wan'na Be Like You
2023 International Quartet Quarterfinals • Louisville

See more [Quartet Quarterfinalists](#) in the [BHS 2023 International Convention at Louisville — Master playlist](#)



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