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BARBERSHOP NEWS

HARMONIZER HIGHLIGHT

Louisville confidential: the annual insider report of the Big Show



No one sees *everything* at the International Convention... except *Harmonizer* editor Lorin May. Armed with his trusty voice recorder, long lens, and 21 conventions of experience covering the contest, he perches at the edge of the judging area to capture every performance, and reports it back with humor, insight, and his pure joy of the sport. Read the stories behind the stories in the latest *Harmonizer*, in mailboxes soon and [online now](#).



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](#).

Welcome new chapters!

One great signal of the health and vitality of BHS: new chapters are becoming part of our family. The commitment to start something new always brings new energy to our entire organization. Pay a visit to the websites of these new groups and welcome them to our community.



L.A. South Towns Chorus is a women's chorus led by director Caroline McLean.



N-Compass Chorus, a women's chorus in Dickinson, North Dakota, is led by director Linda Splichal.



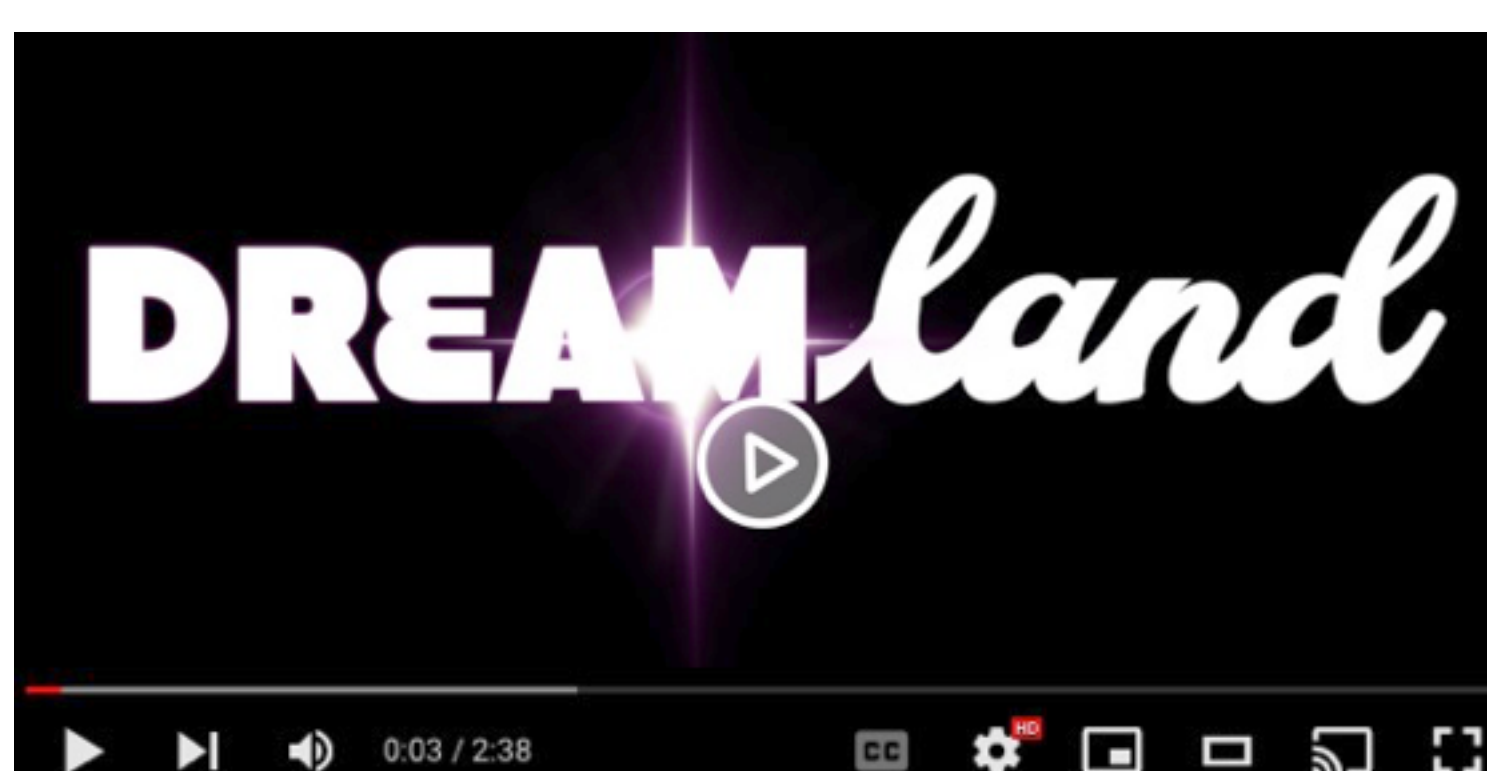
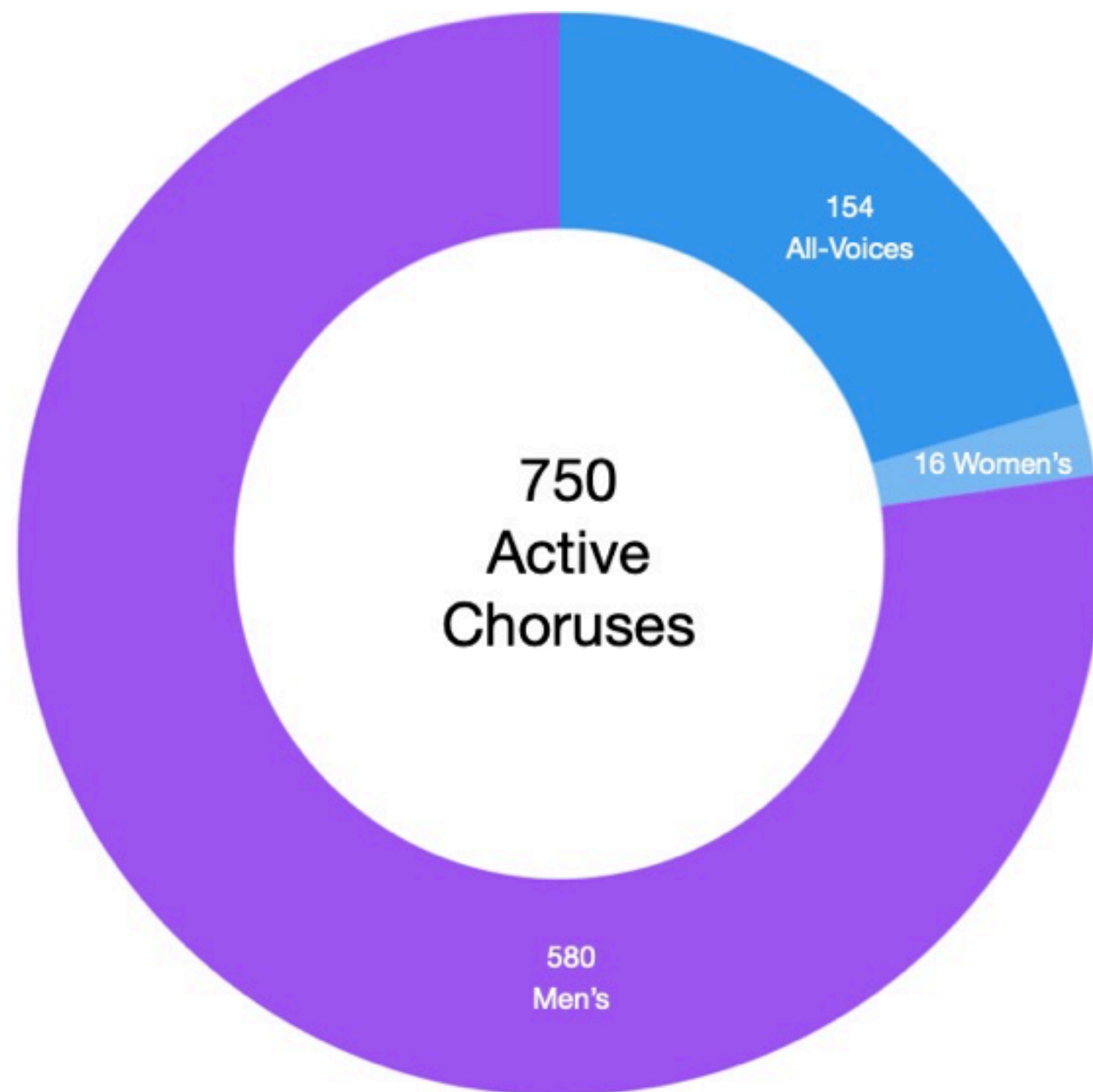
Great River Voices is an all-voice chorus meeting in Louisville, under the direction of Drew Wheaton.

The Sunshine City Chorus in St. Petersburg, Florida, just chartered last month!

We're growing!

These recent additions bring the **count of active choruses to 750**, distributed among these classifications:

- 580 Men's Choruses
- 154 All-Voice Choruses
- 16 Women's Choruses



Welcome to Dreamland

Choruses are qualifying at Fall District Conventions for the 2024 International Convention Cleveland. Did you know there's another path to competing on that big stage?

[DREAM BIG!](#)

OCTOBER 31 DEADLINE

Educator award nominations close soon

The **BHS/NAIME Music Educator of the Year** presents an annual award to honor educators who give students the opportunity to learn and participate in the joy and power that music brings in uplifting the human spirit and fostering the well-being of society.

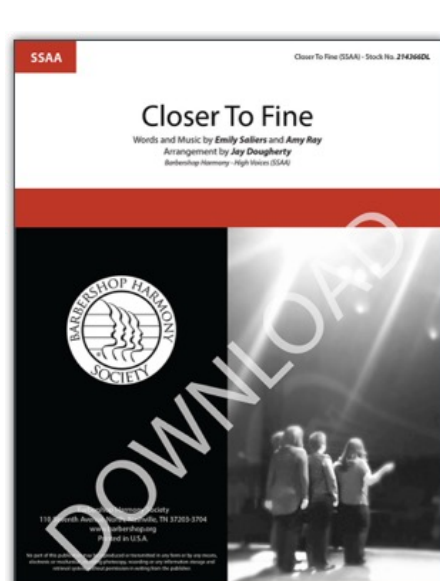
With the school year underway, now's a great time to think about choral directors you know who deserve recognition. [Learn more about the process](#) and meet past recipients. Nominations close October 31.

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SONG OF THE WEEK

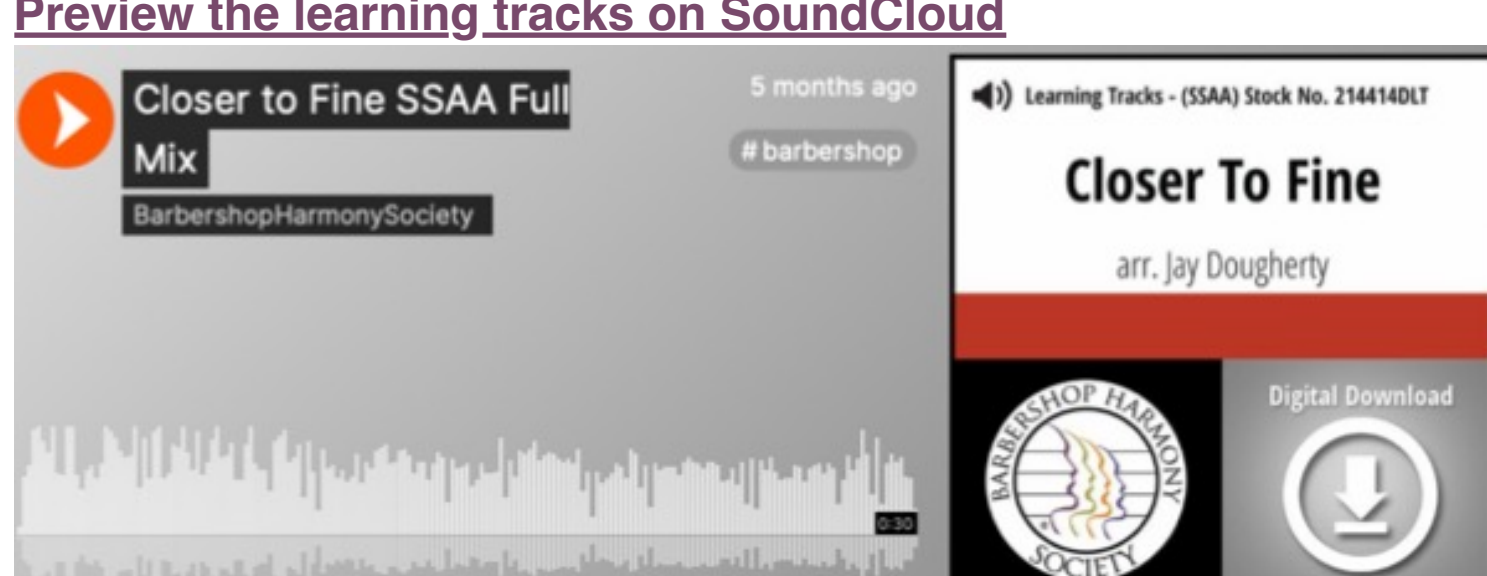
Closer To Fine (from *Barbie, The Album*) arr. Jay Dougherty

The enduring 1989 breakout hit by indie folk duo The Indigo Girls was recently released by Brandi Carlile and Catherine Carlile on the soundtrack of box office megasmash *The Barbie Movie*. That means it will appeal to audiences who remember vintage Barbie, or the '90s, or who just saw the movie —so, everyone! Jay Dougherty's crisp arrangement keeps the lyrical cleverness up front, with plenty of singalong opportunities in the anthemic chorus.

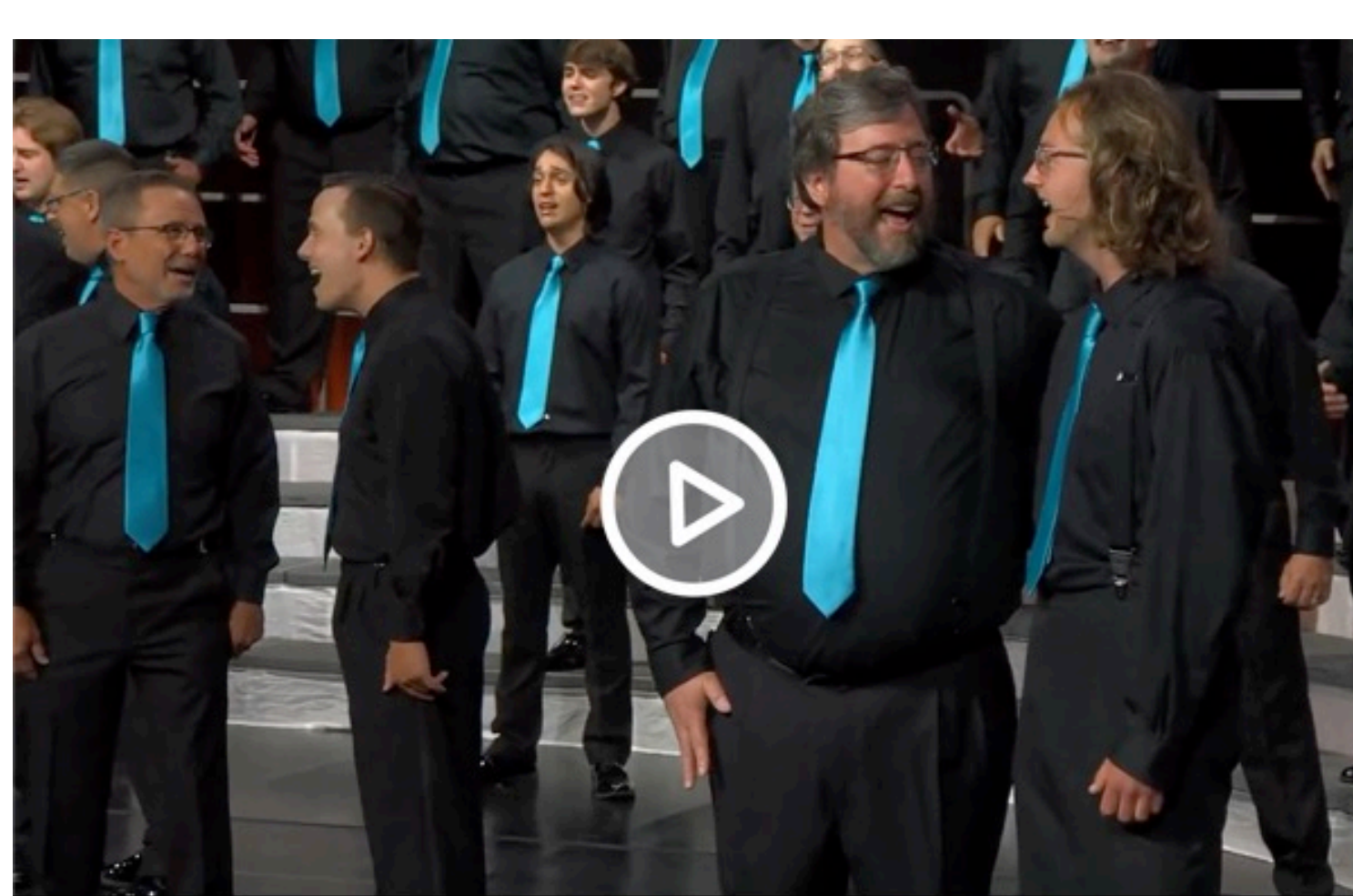


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