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## BARBERSHOP NEWS

Watch Midwinter contests and shows live!



The 2024 Midwinter Convention has a superb lineup of the hottest quartets and contests! If you can't get to New York City, you can still catch all the main stage action live, at an unbeatable price — **just \$49!**

Viewers will have access to all contest sessions (except the Junior Quartet Contest) and all nightly shows. Individual sessions are not available. Purchase of a complete Pass will grant you access to the Archives as well, which will be available between sometime on Monday, January 15 through Sunday, January 28. Archive-Only passes will be available on Monday, January 15 at a discounted price.

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### HARMONIZER HIGHLIGHT

#### Practice and rehearsal are not the same thing

Get back to a new season of singing with a new commitment to maximizing the *fun* of singing together by doing the *work* on your own. [Jay Dougherty](#) compares the [study of practice](#) with the transformative experience of ensemble rehearsal in this month's *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](#).



#### BHS dues rates to increase

Acknowledging financial realities while emerging from post-pandemic recovery, the Barbershop Harmony Society will increase its base dues rate beginning February 1, 2024. **This is the first increase in base dues since 2018.** This \$36 increase to the base BHS annual membership dues was approved by the Society Board of Directors in concurrence with the adopted 2024 budget. **Discounts for seniors and youth will continue to be applied.**

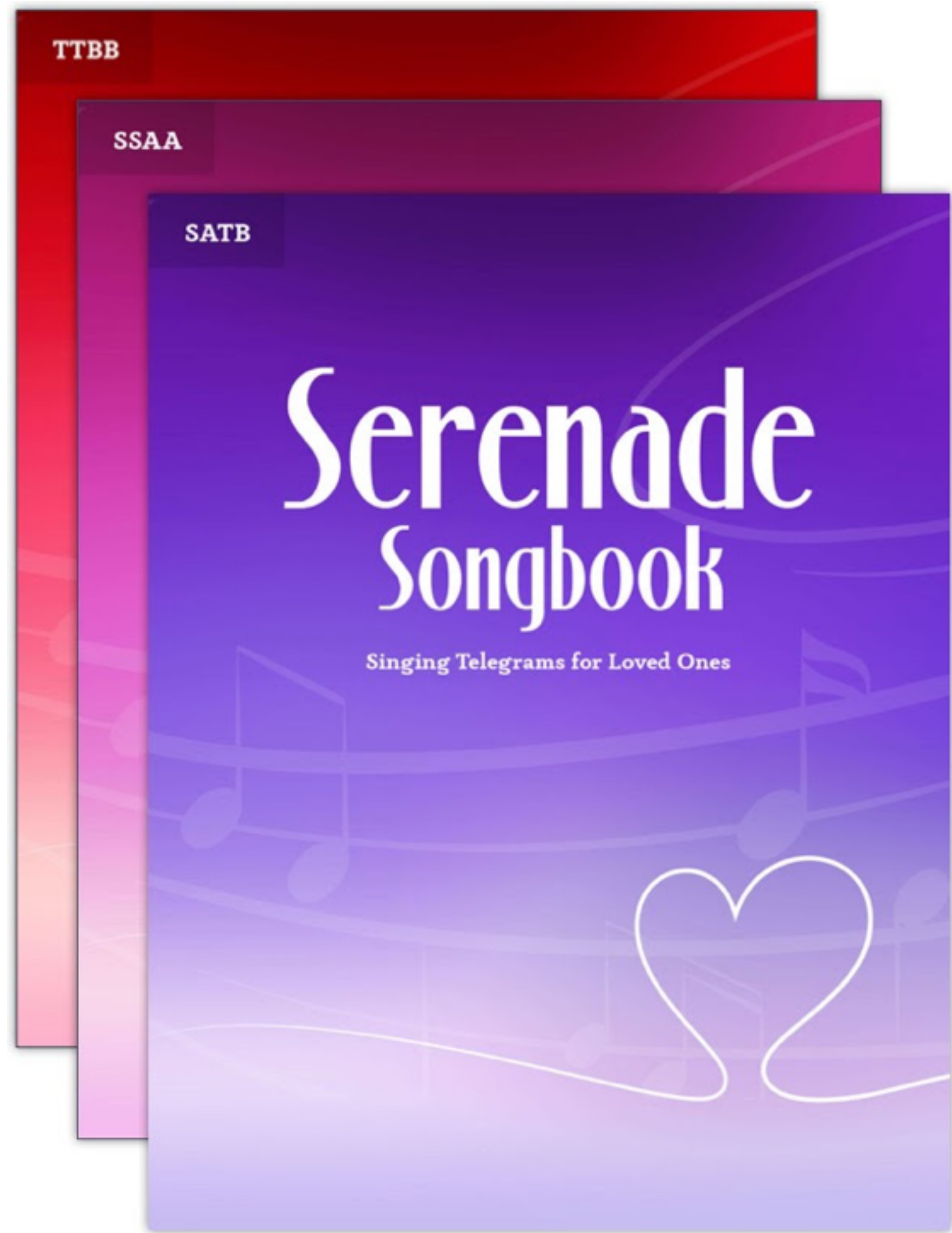
Across 2020-2023, revenue decreased by \$9 million due to pandemic-related drops in member subscriptions, canceled or reconfigured conventions and schools, reduced philanthropy revenue, and losses in merchandise sales.

"This is a necessary post-pandemic stability action," said Steve Denino, interim CEO/Executive Director. "The Society weathered the hardship along with everyone and absorbed losses to buffer the impact."

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## SONG OF THE WEEK

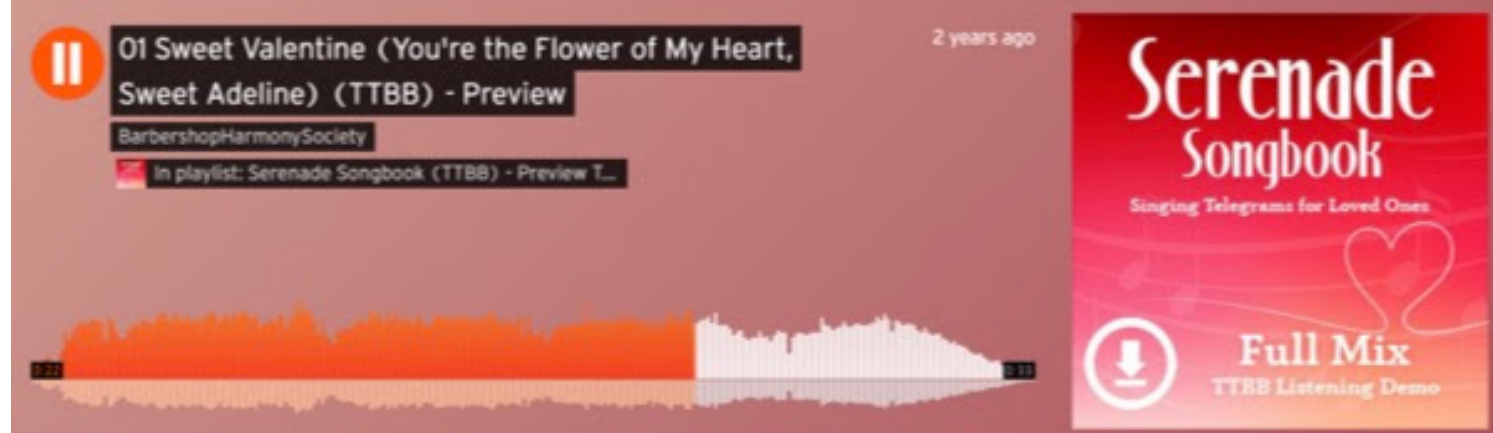
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- "I Love You Truly" - arrangement from Kohl Kitzmiller, exclusive to this collection!
- "Let Me Call You Sweetheart"
- "Story of the Rose (Heart of My Heart)"
- "Sweet Valentine (Sweet Adeline)"

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## FEATURED PERFORMANCE



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