

## BARBERSHOP NEWS



### Midwinter convention was everything a convention should be

Great performances, riotously good shows, and the allure of New York City's famed attractions made for a hugely successful 2024 Midwinter Convention. More than 500 youth participants energized the crowd of nearly 1500 in a weekend filled with intergenerational singing and star power.

In the Seniors Chorus Contest, **Raise the Roof** edged past **Vintage Blend** by 4 points in a tight and high-quality chase for the gold. [See scores and video.](#)



The Next Generation Barbershop Junior Varsity Quartet contest fielded 15 quartets, with highkeys! from Wichita Northwest High School earning honors as Audience Favorite. [See scores.](#)



The Junior Chorus Contest featured 14 ensembles from around the world, including two choruses from Ireland. The **Wade Hampton Singers** from Greenville, South Carolina, were named Audience Favorites, with plateau honors awarded to the **Cleveland Heights Men's Barbershoppers (A)**, **The Adelettes (AA)**, and the **Danu Young Women's Choir (AAA)**. [See scores and video.](#)



Two groups appeared in the Seniors Chorus Contest, with the **MAD Seniors Chorus** emerging as champs over the **Seniors Dream Chorus**. [See scores and video.](#)



### Livestream replay —just \$39 for all the action!

If you missed the Midwinter shows, you can still view them via the [Livestream On-Demand Archive](#). The discounted price is \$39.00, and will allow access until midnight, Sunday January 28!

[VIEW YOUR FAVORITES NOW](#)

### BHS/NAfME award presented to Penny Yanke



Penny Yanke of Burlington (Wisc.) High School has been named the BHS/NAfME 2024 Music Educator of the Year. The award recognizes excellence in teaching, performing, and the lifelong impact music teachers make on young singers.

Yanke received the award at a December 2023 concert in Wisconsin, then was again formally recognized at the BHS 2024 Midwinter Convention in New York City.

Thanks to a scholarship to the music educators track, Penny first attended the Barbershop Harmony Society's *Harmony University* in 2018, which she describes as "a life-changing event." That led her to bring barbershop choruses to Midwinter in 2019 and 2023, and a unique songwriter collaboration for the 2022 virtual event. Multiple quartets have also spun out of the program, including 2023 Junior Varsity Quartet Champs YTBN.

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### CONVENTIONS • LONG VIEW

#### Plan your next five years of barbershop fun!

Get these on your calendar NOW, before anyone decides to get married, plan a dream vacation, or release a Marvel blockbuster.

- 2024 Harmony University  
**Denver, Colorado**  
July 28—August 4, 2024
- 2025 Midwinter  
**San Antonio, Texas**  
January 28—February 2, 2025
- 2025 International  
**Denver, Colorado**  
June 29—July 6, 2025
- 2026 Midwinter  
**Pasadena, California**  
January 13—18, 2026
- 2026 International  
**St. Louis, Missouri**  
June 28—July 5, 2026
- 2027 International  
**Minneapolis, Minnesota**  
July 4—11, 2027
- 2028 International  
**Chicago, Illinois**  
July 2—9, 2028
- 2029 International  
**San Antonio, Texas**  
July 1—8, 2029

### The Dream Chorus is where you can sing like a champ



New Year, new opportunities to sing better than ever! Seize the chance to sing for a world-class director in the International Chorus Contest. More than a showcase, more intense than a Festival, the **Dream Chorus**, directed by Greg Clancy and Justin Miller, will be actual competing choruses, which will be scored and ranked on the Official Scoring Summary

Learn how you can at last live your dream of competing at the highest level—and challenge yourself to new levels of performance.

[DETAILS & REGISTRATION](#)

## SONG OF THE WEEK

### Bundle up and save on tracks and songbooks for Singing Valentines



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- "Let Me Call You Sweetheart"
- "Story of the Rose (Heart of My Heart)"
- "Sweet Valentine (Sweet Adeline)"

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## FEATURED PERFORMANCE



*Danu Young Women's Chorus • Parting Glass*  
2024 Junior Varsity Chorus Festival • New York City

