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BARBERSHOP NEWS

DEADLINE JANUARY 31

Get three years' dues for 20% off



There's still time to renew your BHS membership at a lower rate before the February 1 scheduled rate increase —or to save more, you can renew for multiple years!

STANDARD RENEWAL: All eligible memberships with **renewal dates between now and April 1, 2024**, that are ordered before February 1, will be treated under existing rates.

LIMITED TIME OFFER: Renew BHS dues for 3 years by January 31, 2024 and save 20% off the new rate! Selecting this option will extend your Society BHS membership for three years; district and chapter dues will continue to be billed as normal.

For full details, rates and links, see www.barbershop.org/dues-2024

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Varsity Quartet finalists announced

An initial field of 31 entrants has been winnowed to the **20 quartets** who will appear in the finals of **Next Generation Barbershop Varsity Quartet Contest** this summer in **Cleveland**. The finalists include a mix of previous participants, new quartets, and five quartets eligible for the **139th Street Legacy Prize** of \$10,000 for quartets with **singers new to barbershop**.

Look for these quartets at barbershop events throughout the Spring as they prepare for the big show...and maybe help them out with coaching, paid gigs or other financial support!

[SEE THE FINALISTS](#)



BEST SEATS • COOL PRICE

Save on Cleveland: Early Bird sale extended to February 15

Be honest: you SAY you're "trying to decide" about going to Cleveland for the **2024 International Convention**... while deep down, you KNOW you'll end up there. Do a favor to your future self: save that FIFTY BUCKS by ordering now at Early Bird prices, and get better seats to boot.

(And did you know that you might be a VIP? Select VIP Premium seats are available for Chapter and District Presidents, among other dignitaries. [See the VIP list and step past the velvet rope](#).

What will you do with that extra cash in your pocket? Visit the **Rock & Roll Hall of Fame**... [tour the many breweries](#)... get fresh munchables for your hotel room at the famed **West Side Market**... [and more](#).

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CONTEST & JUDGING

Panel revised for 2024 International Contest



The Society Contest and Judging Committee is tasked with regularly reviewing its rules and practices to ensure that they are efficient and serve the Society. One of the many things that the committee discussed at the 2024 Midwinter meeting in New York City was the size of the International judging panel. **Due to the work that has been done to improve scoring accuracy, SCJC has decided to reduce the number of scoring judges per category at our International competition from five to four.**

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HARMONIZER HIGHLIGHT

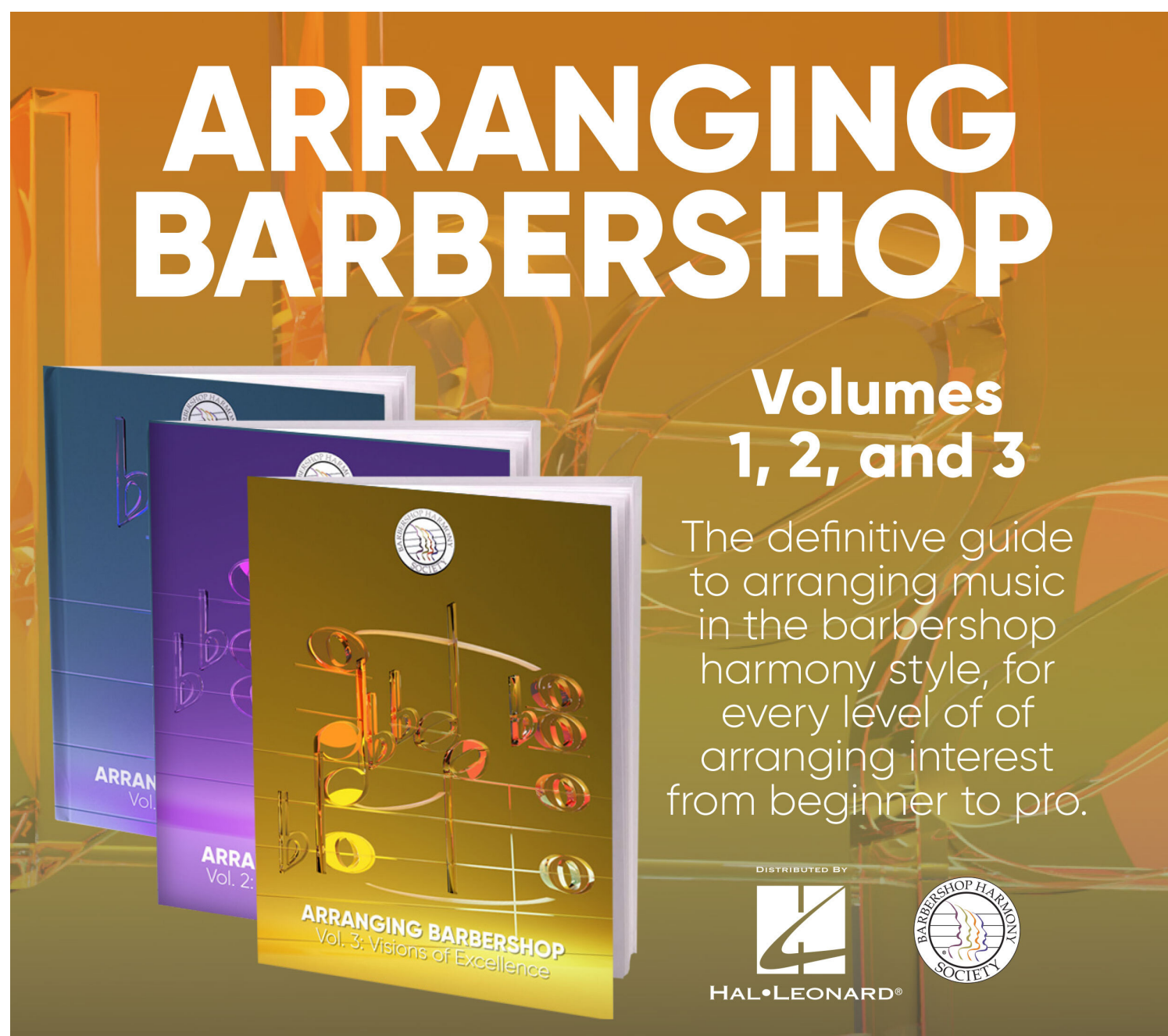
Take a break to make mistakes... ummm, "experiments"

Must we sing with such perfection? Accustomed as we are to singing along with scrupulously tuned learning tracks, the thought of singing a wrong note increasingly seems out of scope for our barbershop lives. *It hasn't always been so.*

Woodshedding, the beloved art of making up harmony on the fly, is the founding language of the barbershop style. There are no "wrong" notes in woodshedding, just combinations more pleasing than others. It's fun, instructive and definitely should be attempted only in a private setting away from ears expecting excellence in every chord. [Learn the basics](#) in this classic from the **November 2003 Harmonizer**.



Arranging Barbershop Volume 3 coming soon!



Can you believe it? **Volume 3: Visions of Excellence** is ALSO available for pre-order. This virtual roundtable with 38 of barbershop's greatest arrangers walks you through the minds of the creators. Inspiration for arrangers at all levels of experience!

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SONG OF THE WEEK

When I Fall In Love arr. Jay Giallombardo

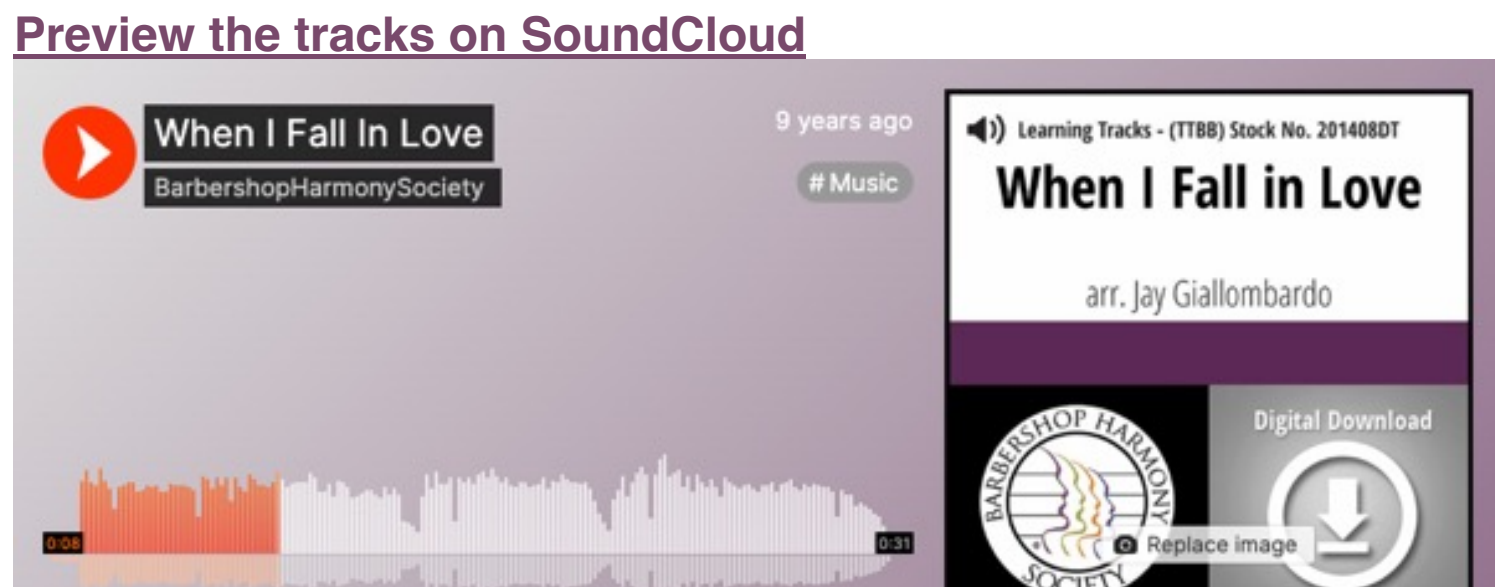
What's harder than singing in harmony? Singing in perfect unison. Done well, the iconic unison phrase that opens the chorus of this Jay Giallombardo jewel pulls listeners into the haunting melody. Sing with it passion, intensity, but restraint— this one is strong medicine.

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FEATURED PERFORMANCE



*MAD Seniors Chorus • How Lucky You Are (from Seussical)
2024 Internatinal Seniors Chorus Contest • New York City*



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