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BARBERSHOP NEWS

ONTARIO DISTRICT 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Meet the legends: Ron Whiteside, Dukes of Harmony



The Scarborough, Ontario Chapter was a perennial chorus powerhouse of the 1960s into the 1980s, notching numerous international contest appearances and two gold medals. In celebration of the Ontario District 75th Anniversary, Steve Armstrong recorded interviews with many district legends. Just released: a chat with Ron Whiteside, who directed the **Dukes of Harmony** just prior to their back-to-back international chorus championships and was instrumental to their success.

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DISTRICT NEWS

Meet the Southeastern Harmony District (SHD)

Following a comprehensive strategic planning effort that began last October, the House of Delegates of the Dixie District voted unanimously to pass a [proposal to rebrand and reimagine the district](#).

The plan's key elements focus on the success of chapters, quartets, events, communications, and yes, a new name.



Read the full plan at the [District site](#) or on [Facebook](#).

Northeastern District refreshes its look

Also of note, a few hundred miles to the north, the **Northeastern District** has also refreshed its logo. Crisp!



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CLEVELAND 2024 • JUNE 30-JULY 7

3-day Weekend and Day Passes on sale

COME FOR JUST A DAY OR THE WEEKEND!

Cleveland

Day Pass

Single Day \$99

(Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, or Saturday)

3-Day Weekend

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday \$249

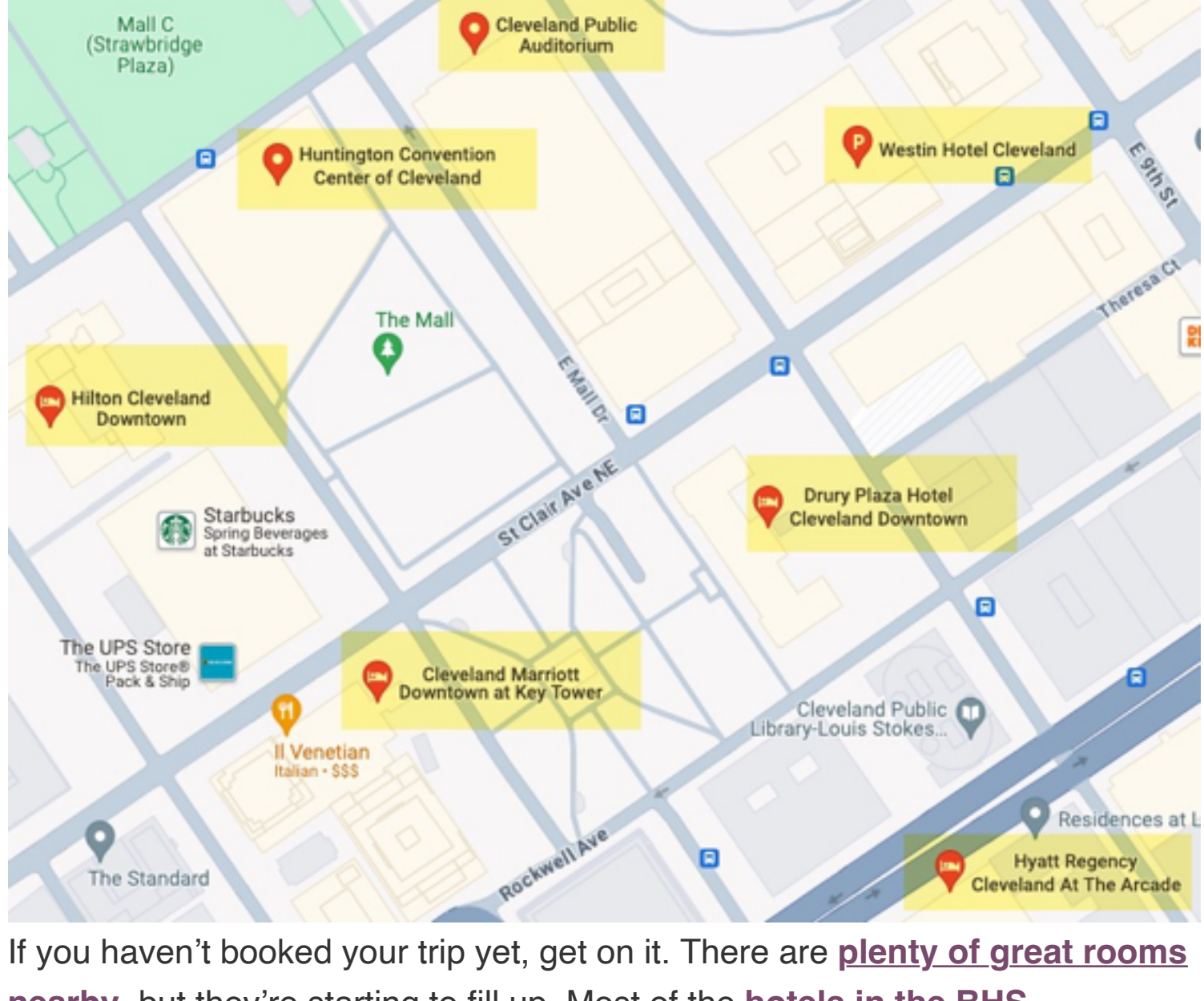
Badge required for all events. Some shows ticketed separately.

barbershop.org/daypass

With the Fourth of July landing on Thursday this year, plenty of folks will have an extended holiday weekend. Why not hop in the van for a quick jaunt to Cleveland? The value-priced **3-day Weekend** and single **Day Pass** options make this an affordable choice.

Order now at www.barbershop.org/daypass

Great rooms, nearby



If you haven't booked your trip yet, get on it. There are **plenty of great rooms nearby**, but they're starting to fill up. Most of the **hotels in the BHS convention block** are **within three blocks** of the Cleveland Public Auditorium, the main venue for contests. The Public Auditorium is next to the Huntington Convention Center, where most rehearsals are held. The Convention Center stands between the Public Auditorium and the Hilton Cleveland Downtown, which is the headquarters hotel and the site for **registration, meetings, and more**. [See all hotels on Google Maps](#).

[BOOK YOUR HOTEL NOW](#)

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Show time? Pay the piper.

Our art form thrives on the works of imagination by songwriters and composers whose music we arrange into four-part harmony. When we sing in public, that act of creation needs to be compensated.

The Barbershop Harmony Society has a blanket agreement with ASCAP (The American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers) to pay significantly reduced licensing fees for all U.S. chapters and ensuring their legal compliance for live, in-person public performances of the songs represented by ASCAP. **All U.S. Chapters and Districts must complete an annual ASCAP Reporting Form and submit it (with corresponding payment, if applicable) by the end of each calendar year.** Please note: ASCAP rates for 2024 have not increased.

Show licensing under BMI and SESAC ensures that a portion of show revenues make their way to rights holders. Per-event licenses are handled by way of district secretaries. Grab all these forms now and be ready for 2024 events.

[GET ALL THE FORMS](#)



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Junior Chorus Festival Application Deadline EXTENDED!

Do you know of a music educator who is interested in a mountaintop barbershop experience for their students? Is your chapter interested in leading and championing a youth chorus?

There's still time to apply! The application deadline for the 2025 Junior Chorus Invitational in San Antonio has been **extended to April 4, 2024**.

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CLEVELAND 2024

Volunteer positions available!

Volunteers are the heart of running our major events. Give your time and talent by spending time making sure each attendee at this summer's International Convention has an amazing experience!

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SONG OF THE WEEK

Stand By Me arr. Steve Delehanty

Audiences will instantly recognize the opening bass riff of this timeless Ben E. King classic, which twice hit the Top Ten charts—first in its 1961 release, then again in 1986 as the title song for the great Rob Reiner film. "Stand by Me" was ranked 122nd on Rolling Stone's list of the 500 Greatest Songs of All Time. Steve Delehanty's chart gives space for the lead to soar soulfully while gliding forward on the rich backing vocals. Offered with TTBB tracks by Tim Waurick, and SATB tracks by Kohl Kitzmiller and Kim Newcomb.

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Stand by Me

arr. Steve Delehanty

Learning Tracks • (TTBB) Book No. 3862101

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3 years ago

Stand by Me

arr. Steve Delehanty

Learning Tracks • (SATB) Book No. 2137987

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Four O' Maties - Somebody Stole My Gal
Live before a studio audience • March, 1962

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