

APRIL 4, 2024

BARBERSHOP NEWS



FIRST CHAPTER IN CANADA

Windsor Chapter celebrates 80th anniversary

Founded in 1938, SPEBSQSA was only in the United States, until the Windsor, Ontario Chapter was chartered on March 24, 1944 to make the Society truly international. For its 80th celebration, the all-voices chapter received certificates of congratulations from the Pioneer District, the Mayor of Windsor, and the Prime Minister of Canada.

Five quick things to know about BHS finances

As the Barbershop Harmony Society continues on a path of stabilization and growth, its improving financial footing is supporting long-term sustainability. Chief Financial Officer Erik Dove shares a few bright spots from the current financial picture. The most important news:

- All business units and programs saw growth year over year from 2022 to 2023.
- The past year closed with a net cash gain from recurring operations, and 2024 is projected to continue that positive trend.
- Membership continues to grow in 2024. After experiencing steady membership declines starting in 1990 and continuing with the steep COVID-related decline experienced in 2021, BHS member numbers have steadily grown since 2022 with current membership numbers of more than 14,400 exceeding the levels needed to meet the 2024 budget.

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"Those about to rock salute you"

The BHS International Convention technical team spent a few minutes last week paying homage to AC/DC outside Cleveland's Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. It's just a half mile [see map] from the main convention site, so plan a trip while at this summer's session.

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HARMONIZER HIGHLIGHT

Tips for a successful guest night experience!

"Guest nights" are great — and consciously or not, you're hosting them 52 weeks a year!

Every person in the chapter is equally responsible for creating a positive atmosphere and fulfilling experience, so take a glance at these "every week" tips.



- Give guests to your chapter meeting a chance to soak in the experience and feel welcome, without pressure to perform, audition, or join tonight.
- Don't overwhelm a guest: watch and listen to reactions as much as you explain and instruct. Involve guests immediately and completely throughout the evening.
- When a guest walks in, introduce yourself with a smile. Treat them as if you invited them into your home. Offer a bottle of water or light snack, if available. Point out where the restrooms are and give a quick overview of the rehearsal space.
- Get their name, email address, and give them a name tag. Encourage everyone in your chapter to address them by name upon meeting.
- Explain what types of participation options are available in the chapter; men's chorus, women's chorus, all-voice chorus, etc.
- Explain generally what to expect for the evening. "We'll do some vocal warm-ups to get our brains and voices aligned, then move on to cleaning up a repertoire song."
- Offer options on how they can participate for the evening. "If you want to dive in and stand on the risers, the easiest time is during the initial warm-ups and some repertoire. Our contest number has a lot of choreography, so you may want to stand on the end of a row or watch that portion instead."
- Encourage guests to participate in vocal warm-ups even if they don't expect to sing on the risers that night.

Read the classic "I Was A Barbershop Spy" in the March 2004 Harmonizer.



See all the great classes Harmony University has to offer!

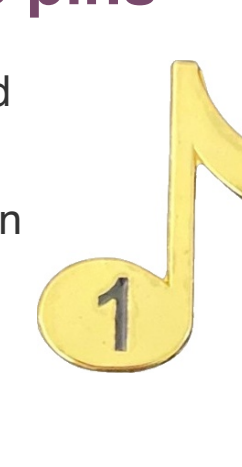
If you've postponed your decision to go to Harmony University, wait no more! The full schedule of classes is now available on Sched, and you won't believe the huge range of new offerings, old favorites, and superb faculty we've assembled!

- History of Barbershop
- How Do I Sing This Song?
- Lock and Ring Factory
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- Tune It or Die
- How to be a Great Baritone
- How to be a Great Bass
- Leadership with Culture, Ethics, and Affinity
- Tipping the Scales of Power
- Comedy Do's, Don'ts and Doo Doos
- How to Be a Great Lead
- How to Be a Great Tenor

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Celebrate recruiting with Person of Note pins

Members who introduce a new singer to our Society and steward them towards membership are honored with a golden note pin, symbolizing their contribution to our growing community. Each pin is engraved with a number representing the recipient's cumulative recruitment achievements, celebrating sustained contributions to our membership.



Be sure to include the "Referring Member" info when completing new member applications!

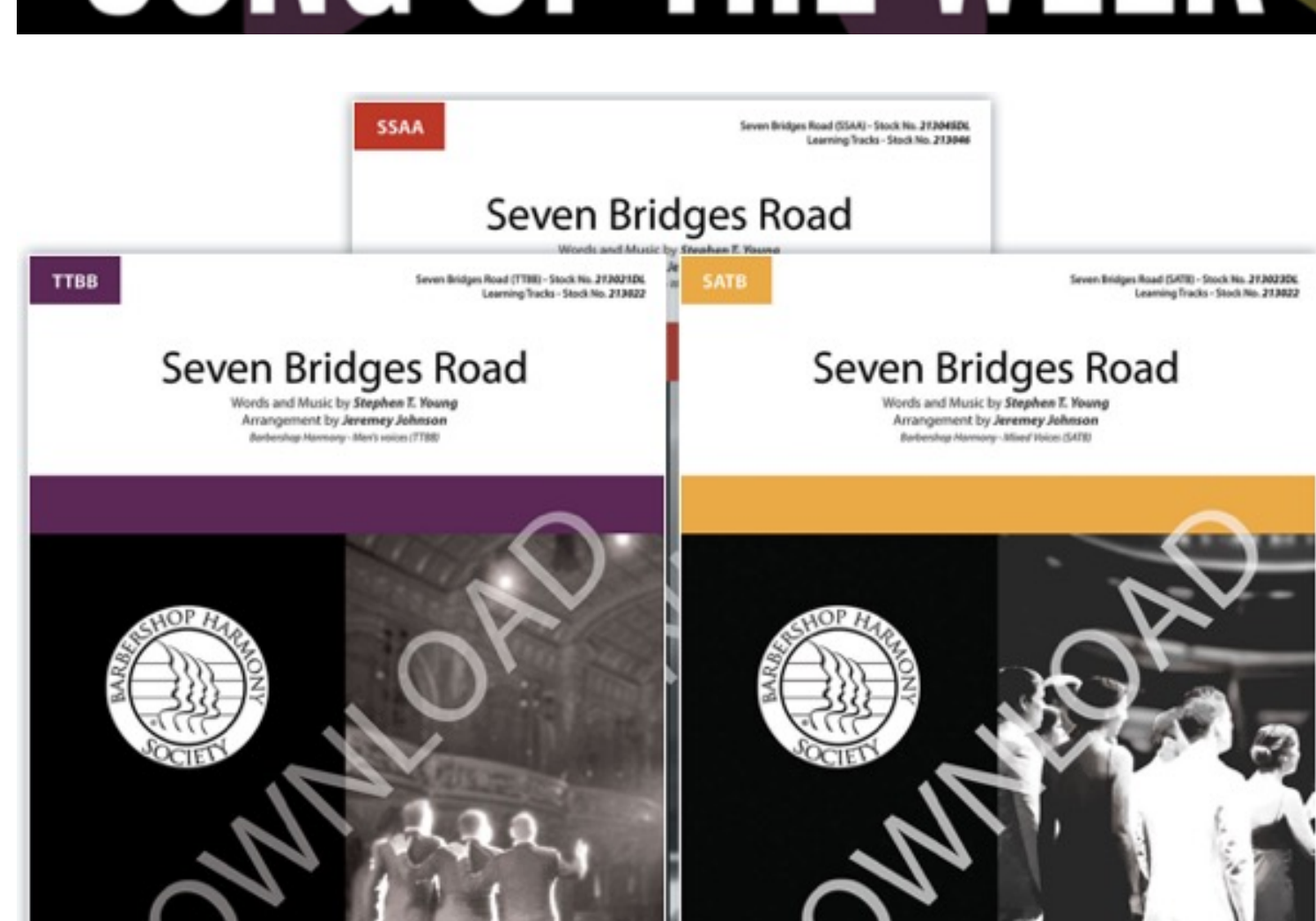
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SONG OF THE WEEK



Seven Bridges Road arr. Jeremy Johnson

You might need to add some rests for audience whoops, because this Eagles classic is such a crowd-pleaser. You'll recognize the rubato intro/outro juxtaposed with the driving, jangly feel of the verses and chorus. Great for shared performances with youth choruses, who really sink their teeth into it. Note: the SATB tracks (produced by Kohl Kitzmiller) are work with either the TTBB or SATB versions of this arrangement as both are in the key of D major.

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FEATURED PERFORMANCE



Four Aces - Love Me and the World Is Mine 2006 Quartet Semifinals - Indianapolis

This archival treat comes from First Look, the BHS YouTube subscription channel. For \$7.99/month, First Look continues to premiere fantastic archival material from the Society's vaults, with hours of great new releases at least one month before general public release.

Subscribe to watch the entire 2006 Quartet Semifinals including performances by:

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