

APRIL 11, 2024

BARBERSHOP NEWS

BHS FOUNDED APRIL 11, 1938

Happy National Barbershop Quartet Day!

Sing a tag and raise a glass on the official birthday of the Barbershop Harmony Society! Today we commemorate the first meeting at the Roof Garden of the Tulsa Club.

As the old saying goes, "There were 26 men who attended the FIRST meeting April 11, 1938 ... and I've met 150 of them."

Read more about co-founder O.C. Cash, "Third Assistant Temporary Vice Chairman" and listen to him tell the story.



Formed on a lark, expecting only a fun night of singing, this light-hearted jest has grown through the generations into an international movement of hundreds of thousands of singers. **Happy birthday to all of us!**

[EXPLORE BARBERSHOP HISTORY](#)

How close? This close.

Stroll from the hotel lobby to the contest site in under three minutes! The BHS International Convention in Cleveland will be a breeze for maximizing all the activities you love.

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Who should go to the festival? YOUR CHORUS.

The International Open Chorus Festival is a unique opportunity for performing groups to enjoy a big stage and enthusiastic audience for fun and non-competitive evaluation.

Anyone can enter — how about YOU?

Participants are not required to be BHS members, so the possibilities are endless!

- Totally ad hoc groups of friends. (How about three quartets?)
- Aspiring and experimental choruses
- District chorus runners-up
- All-District and Seniors Choruses
- District Quartet Champions Associations

Participants are not required to be BHS members, but each must hold a convention registration or weekend pass. The entry deadline is April 15 and the Festival takes place on Thursday, July 5.

[EXPLORE THE OPEN CHORUS FESTIVAL](#)

HARMONIZER HIGHLIGHT

Thriving chapters look alike

Tolstoy: "All happy families resemble each other; each unhappy family is unhappy in its own way." The same appears to be true for chapters, too. Happy chapters all seem to understand leadership, direction, and attitude. Lorin May dives deep into the culture of successful chapters.

HARMONY UNIVERSITY 2024

Arranging with the Performer and Performance in Mind

The Definition and Evolution of the Barbershop Style

The Fifty Greatest Tags of All Time according to David Wright

Enhancing your Arm Independence as a Conductor

So You Want to be a Director, What Now?

THINK!

Barbershop Script Study

How to Score 100 in Performance

Performance for the Non-Natural Performer

Sight Singing: Your Music-Reading Superpower!

Voice Coaching Under Glass

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!

[REGISTER NOW](#)

CHORUS SINGERS: REPRESENT!

If you're going, start showing

This 2024 Cleveland Chorus Competitors short-sleeve tee comes in multiple color options. The Cleveland logo adorns the front, and the back of the shirt lists all the chorus competitors. Order together in the same color and show team spirit!

[BUY IN ANY COLOR](#)

SONG OF THE WEEK

The Longest Time

arr. Tom Gentry

Do-wop flavor, a fun walking bass line, wide recognition among all ages — this 1963 Billy Joel hit has it all. Always a favorite for youth outreach activities, add this singable arrangement to your chorus repertoire in any or all three voicings. Get super-premium learning tracks in TTBB by Tim Waurick, SSAA and SATB by Kim Newcomb and Kohl Kitzmiller.

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Preview the learning tracks on SoundCloud

FEATURED PERFORMANCE

The Barbershop Harmony Society preserves thousands of classic performances on its YouTube channel. Browse the entire collection, and on National Barbershop Quartet Day, dive into some ancient treasures in the Wayback Wednesday collection.

BHS ENERGIZES YOUNG SINGERS

Give Today

Your gift to the Next Generation! Barbershop programs through Harmony Foundation helps BHS create unforgettable barbershop experiences for youth.