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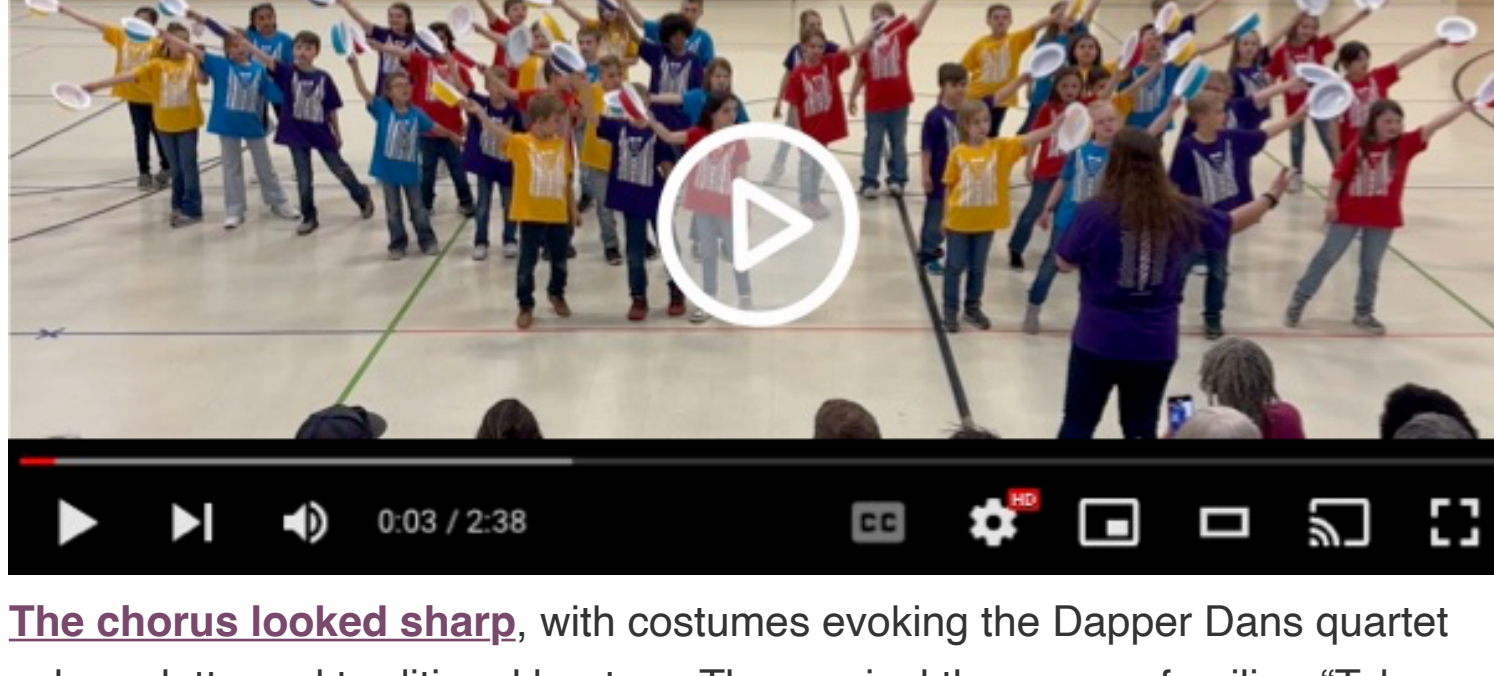
news from the Barbershop Harmony Society

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BARBERSHOP NEWS

“Grade of 2, hats of blue..”



The chorus looked sharp, with costumes evoking the Dapper Dans quartet color palette and traditional boaters. The musical theme was familiar: “Take me back to those good old days, and sing some good old barbershop songs” setting up a medley of “Hello! My Baby,” “ Let Me Call You Sweetheart,” “Five Foot Two,” and other Tin Pan Alley favorites.

In all ways, it was a classic barbershop presentation, complete with quartets stepping forward, showy choreography, singing from the heart, and concluding with “Keep The Whole World Singing” as the chorus linked arms and swayed back and forth.

Except... the singers were in second grade.

Juli Weber, a K-2 music educator in the Odessa, Missouri, R-7 School District for almost two decades, has written and produced many annual Spring Fling fine arts showcase events. This year’s chorus featured an auditioned group of 42 children from across the district, and for 2024, the theme was “Perfect Harmony.”

Although not a Barbershopper herself, several family members were, including her son Jordan, who had sung with the Kansas City Heart of America Chorus starting at age 11. As he grew to adulthood and a professional career of his own, Juli and Jordan had co-written many of these shows, until his untimely death last year. But “Perfect Harmony,” which they had wrangled over, collaborated on, and loved, was ready to go for this season.

“The kids loved ‘That Good Old Barbershop Style’ right from the start,” says Juli. “They know being in this group is a privilege, and that they needed to come prepared and work hard. An eight-minute medley is a lot, and they really delivered.”

The chorus gave three performances, including to the school, to parents and families, and a performance for local seniors.

We’re hoping for this level of charm from every chorus we watch from now on.

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2024 INTERNATIONAL QUARTET CONTEST

Draws held for 2024 quartet contests

Summer contest season is heating up, as the Orders of Appearance for major events are being settled.

- [Watch the Varsity Draw](#) with 2023 champs **Full Effect** from Tuesday
- [See full Varsity order of appearance](#)
- [Watch the International Quartet Contest Draw](#) held live earlier today
- See the full [International Quartet Contest order of appearance](#)

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Fostering a culture of mutual respect

The Barbershop Harmony Society is a mosaic, a multitude of distinct and beautiful pieces that combine to form a larger landscape of harmony. Interim CEO Steve Denino reflects on how stepping back reveals the whole picture. Dive deep in the [May/June Harmonizer](#), now in mailboxes and free [online](#).



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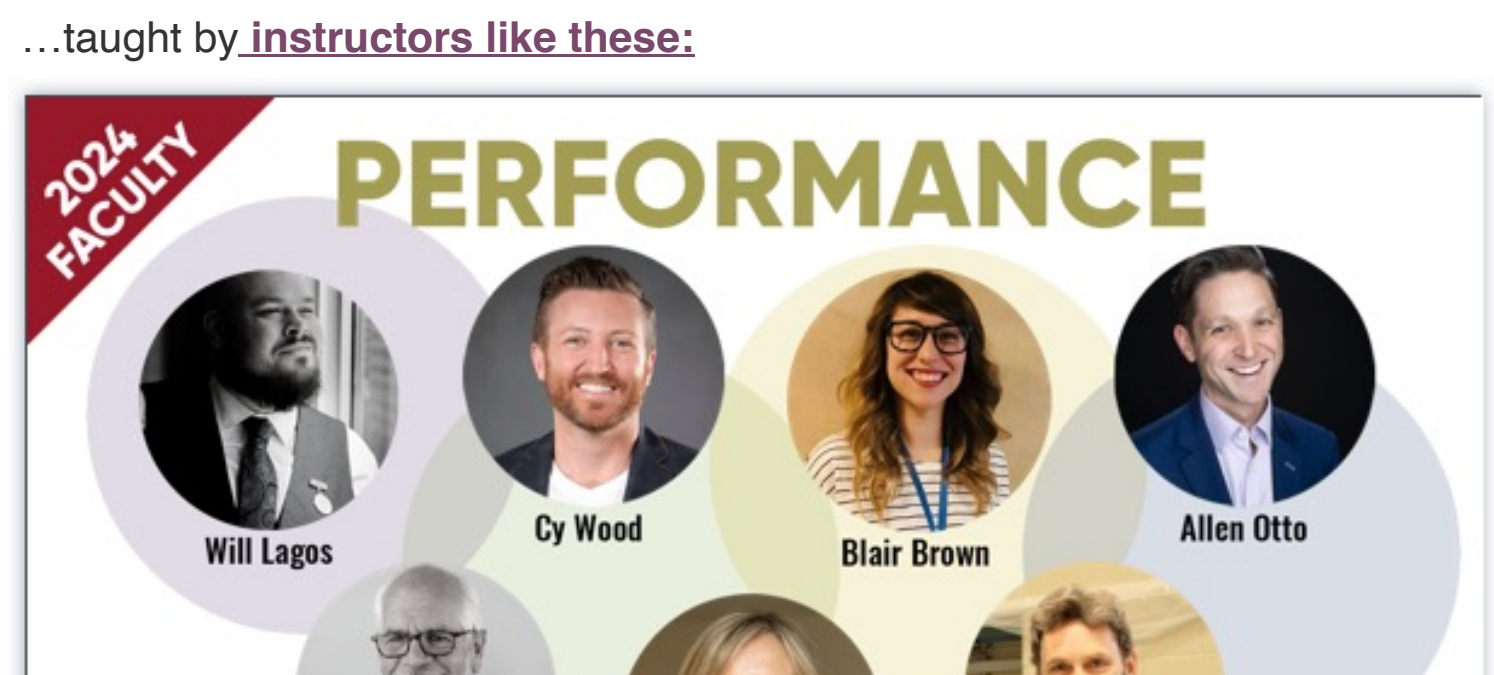
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	Coaching - Practical Workshop	Script Analysis - Advanced
2:00pm MDT	Coaching - Principles and theory	Coaching Under Glass
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	Performance Tools in Action	Stage Performance Practicum
	The Performing Singer - Intermediate	
3:15pm MDT	Daily Yoga for Singers	Improve your Improv
4:30pm MDT	Eliminating Habitual Movement	Performance for the Non-Natural Performer
	Performance Techniques - Intro	
7:00pm MDT	Barbershop Script Study	Performance for the Non-Natural Performer

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SONG OF THE WEEK

Once Upon A Dream

arr. Jay Dougherty

Nope, not from *Sleeping Beauty*. This one comes from Broadway’s *Jekyll & Hyde*, which won four Tony Awards in 1997, and was loaded with great songs that have entered the barbershop repertoire, including “This Is The Moment” and “Someone Like You.” Treat this bittersweet remembrance of love lost tenderly.

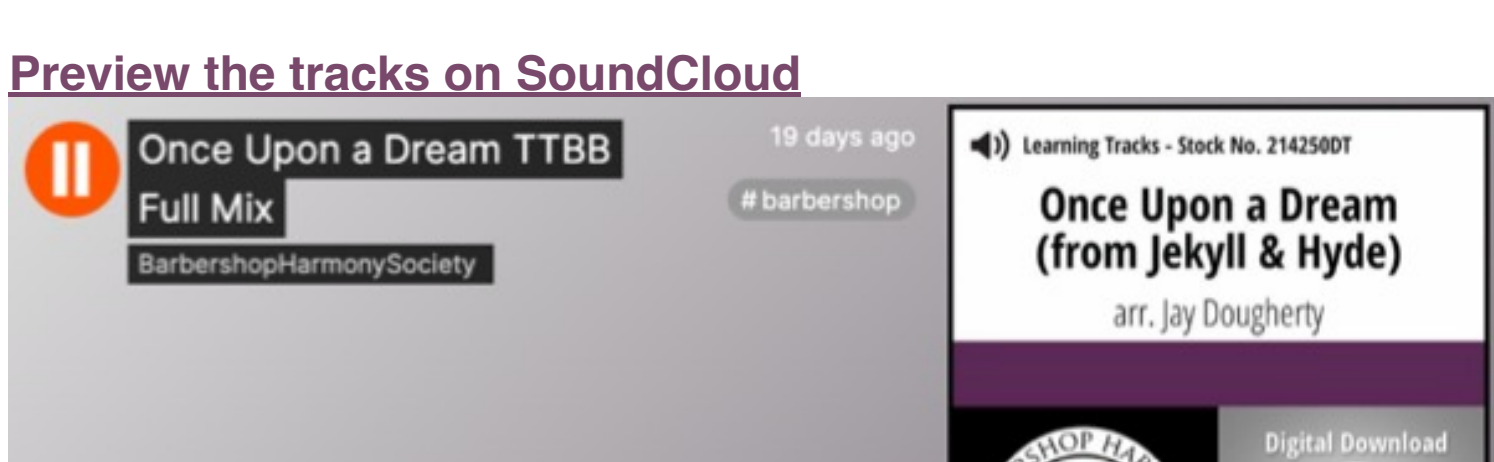
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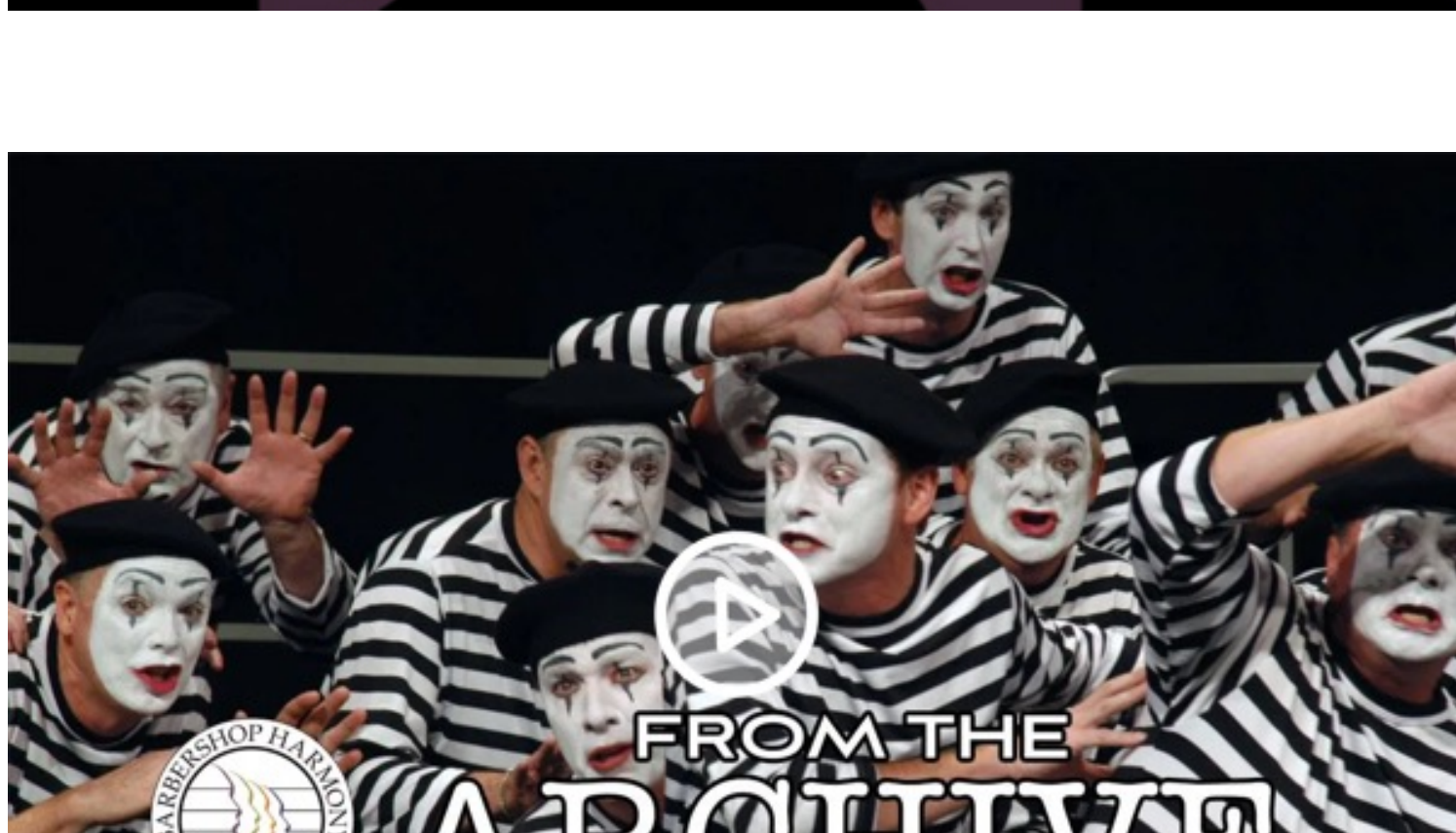
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