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Velvet Hills Chorus

DIRECTOR SEARCH

Velvet Hills Chorus in Colorado Springs, CO is looking for a dynamic, experienced director committed to excellence to begin in January 2025. This Region 8 Sweet Adelines Chorus has regularly placed 1st or 2nd at Regional Contest and has placed in the top 10 internationally 3 times. We are excited to be competing in the 2024 International Competition with scores rated in the top 10.

Application Information: [VelvetHills.org](#)

Apply By June 15, 2024

BARBERSHOP NEWS

Longest-running youth chorus?



Celebrating their 50th anniversary, **The Adelettes** of Syosset High School (Long Island, New York) may hold the distinction of being the nation's longest-running barbershop youth group.

Founded in 1974, they've had only two directors across five decades: founder Lindi Bortney Shedd (who passed away just a few weeks before the anniversary concert,) and current director, Kristin Howell, who was herself an Adelette starting in the seventh grade!



A recent anniversary concert featured 3 adult barbershop choruses (2 Sweet Adelines, 1 BHS), Syosset's student ensembles (2 amazing barbershop choruses and 2 quartets), **'Round Midnight** quartet, and a Syosset alumni chorus of nearly 150 people from their teens to their sixties.

The Adelettes have previously **appeared in BHS Junior Chorus Festivals**, and are a shining example of the powerful impact barbershop can have on high school singers. A current singer summarized it perfectly: it's all about the experience "of the amazing people brought together to be part of something so much bigger." That's what legacies are all about.

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If you're gonna keep the whole world singing, first you gotta teach them. **Offering free voice lessons** is a public service — and a great introduction to barbershop. Find out how, from the September 2021 *Harmonizer*.



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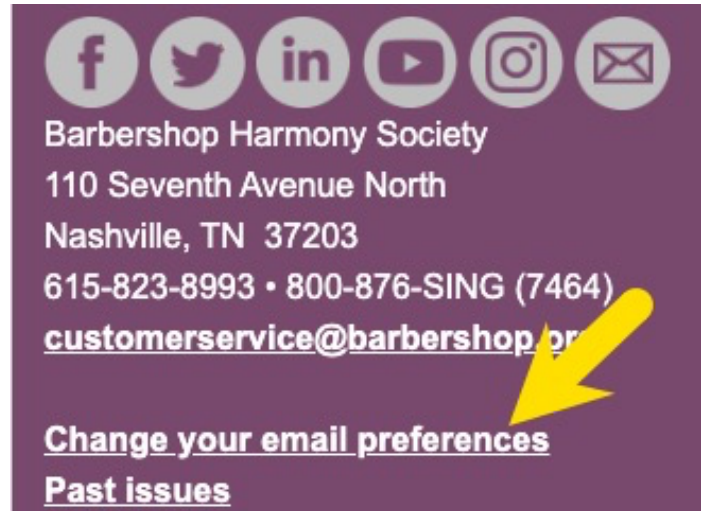
The *Comedy Quartet Festival* looks to be a full-on laugh riot! Here are the ten quartets vying for your guffaws.

SEE THE WHOLE BUNCH

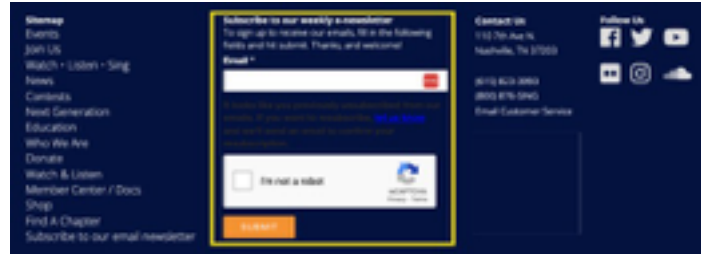
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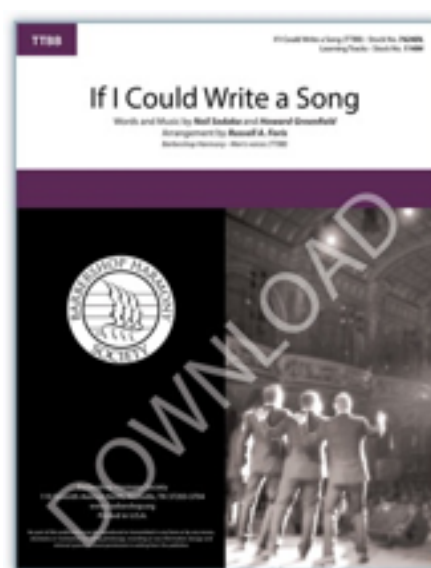
- Meanwhile, read recent issues online barbershop.org/livewire

(Obviously, if you're reading this—you got it. Pass it along.)

SONG OF THE WEEK

If I Could Write A Song arr. Russ Foris

This quick, simple, easy beat tune can be sung a million ways. It fits anywhere in a show set for a quartet or a chorus. Its singability makes it readily adaptable for a comedy routine. Learn it with new singers for a great guest night or pick-up quartet activity. The bouncy Neil Sedaka melody makes it woodsheddable. Grab this quick addition to any library and repertoire!



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