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news from the Barbershop Harmony Society

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BARBERSHOP NEWS

INTRO TO BARBERSHOP

Alphabet soup

The organization today known as the Barbershop Harmony Society was legally founded as SPEBSQSA, the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America. Co-founder O.C. Cash picked the whimsical name to poke fun at the numerous initialed agencies of FDR's New Deal.

The Society today continues the tradition by perpetuating numerous abbreviated designations… some functional and some just for fun. Sort out our many initialisms, plus specialized barbershop lingo, in jokes and unique references in this guide from the Intro to Barbershop Series.

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CLEVELAND ALREADY WELCOMES BARBERSHOP!

What a weekend pass can do for you

With July 4 falling on a Thursday, lots of folks can enjoy a four-day weekend. You COULD sit at home sipping iced tea under a shade tree listening to the contest livestream, and that would be great.

But seriously, why not be where the action is?

Hop in the car, load up your old AIC Masterworks CDs, and settle in for a quick drive:

- 300 miles from Chicago
- 450 miles from Nashville
- 435 miles from Charlotte
- 350 miles from Richmond
- 307 miles from Baltimore
- 359 miles from Philadelphia
- 397 miles from Newark

Ride as a quartet, and you'll have time to learn a whole new show package.

Grab a Three-Day Weekend Pass for $249 (or a single day for $99) and join the fun. Check out ThisIsCleveland.com for all the fun ahead in The Land.

GET DAY PASSES

Programs! Get your programs!

Schedules, room assignments, personnel—it all went to press this week, but you can download it all now.





VOLUNTEERS MAKE IT HAPPEN

Get the insider view

Ever wonder what a chorus feels right before hitting the stage? See it all up close, as a backstage volunteer at the 2024 International Convention. Trusty, calming presences help guide performers from rehearsal to ready room to stage. Other volunteer roles include shuttle drivers for judges arriving at airports; registration and ushers; and general convention support. Help folks succeed, and earn a tee shirt!

VOLUNTEER TODAY

DEADLINE: JULY 1

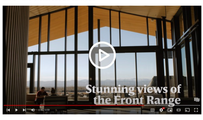
Final call: < 2 weeks left to register for Harmony University!

Immerse yourself in a week of unparalleled learning, singing, and connection with fellow barbershop enthusiasts. Our world-class instructors and vibrant community are ready to welcome you.

Whether you're a first-time student, or returning to recharge your skills, you'll make unforgettable memories at Harmony University. The clock is running – act fast and join us for an extraordinary experience!

REGISTER NOW

Enjoy the picturesque campus



Nestled in the heart of the Rockies, this vibrant setting offers the perfect backdrop for a week of musical immersion.

Hone your barbershop skills amidst stunning architecture, lush green spaces, and state-of-the-art facilities.

WATCH TOUR VIDEOS

SONG OF THE WEEK

Change The World
arr. Deke Sharon & David Wright



Babyface produced this 1996 hit for Eric Clapton, and it has been masterfully arranged by barbershop legend David Wright and ace-godfather Deke Sharon. The hopeful lyrics speak well to younger singers, and it is offered in all voicings, with premium tracks from Tim Waurick.

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Main Street - Finian's Rainbow Medley
2023 AIC Show - Louisville

See Main Street and more great champs on the AIC Show in Cleveland

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