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BARBERSHOP NEWS

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Meet BHS Ambassadors at the convention



BHS Ambassadors are ready to listen and help support YOU! The Ambassadors welcome you to share any questions and concerns that you may have. Find them at International wearing a purple badge, OR email BHSAmbassadors@barbershop.org.

Put faces to those names: see their bios and barbershop backgrounds.

Independent film tells a great barbershop story





The barbershop story is deep and wide, and telling it is no small task. Independent filmmaker Ethan Wesselkamper was up to it.

During the pandemic, Ethan fell into a little YouTube rabbit hole called BARBERSHOP, and fell in love with the music, the personalities, and **The Newfangled Four.** (Can't fault the taste, for sure.)

Looking for something new after making other short narrative films, he conceived of this docu-explainer to share his newfound passion. "I initially only intended to spend about three months on this project," Ethan explains, but energized by in-depth interviews with Joe Ceruti and Dr. David Wright, "my ambitions and inspirations only grew. More than six months in, I'm happy to report that there is now a finished product!"

And what a product! Barbershop Harmony: The Timeless Tradition of Quartet Singing dives deep into the history, the musical style, the top performers, and yep, The Newfangled Four. His film is engaging, amusing, fast-paced, and accessible to all audiences. The production values are absolutely first rate, as one might hope from someone whose day job is as a production assistant at CNN.

Barbershoppers are loving it, and Ethan has been overwhelmed by the love and appreciation showered on him. "I really only hoped that if one person watched it and came to love barbershop because of it, then I would have done something good."

Mission accomplished. Oh, and by the way — he's not a Barbershopper. And he's never actually met the NFF. Maybe we can fix both those things.

Kick back for a great half-hour of barbershop goodness, and share it widely!

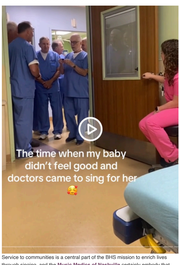
HQ offices closed during convention

With all hands on duty at the International Convention, the Barbershop Harmony Society offices will be closed July 1–5. The Community Care team will be able to assist members at the convention in the registration area in the Hilton from 9:00 am – 6 pm EDT. *(Tip: unless the topic is about stage eligibility or a registration problem, consider deferring some basic questions during busy times.)*

Speaking of that team: join them for a "Meet Your Support Team Q&A" on Thursday at 8:00 am in the Hilton - Hope room.

For all other services, please email customerservice@barbershop.org and we will reply after the convention.

Music Medics on TikTok



Service to communities is a central part of the BHS mission to enrich lives through singing, and the Music Medics of Nashville certainly embody that commitment. A recent visit to the Children's Hospital at Tri-Star Centennial turned into a viral TikTok with more than 3 million views, and was featured on *Inside Edition*.

42 PEOPLE YOU'LL MEET AT HU

Scholarships awarded for Harmony University

Better Barbershoppers make a better barbershop world! Thanks to generous donors, singers at all levels of experience can grow and expand the reach of the premier barbershop education experience.

For Harmony University 2024, the Barbershop Harmony Society has awarded $33,600 in scholarships to 42 students.

These scholarships support the goals of expanding the range of barbershop singers, increasing the capacity of music educators and front line directors to provide leadership for growth of ensembles, and encouraging quartets and arrangers to make more fantastic music.

MEET THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

There's still time to register for HU!

Monday, July 1 is the deadline for registering for HU 2024. Give yourself the gift of an unforgettable week of singing, learning, and laughing.

REGISTER NOW

INTRO TO BARBERSHOP

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More ways to start singing



Most members enter the Barbershop Harmony Society as chapter chorus singers, and many will continue as primarily chorus singers their entire barbershop lives. But chorus singing is only a slice of the full spectrum of barbershop ensembles available to you, and your mix of activities may blend and change through the years.

You might consider these other pathways to singing fulfillment from the Intro to Barbershop series.

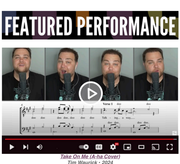
VOLUNTEERS MAKE IT HAPPEN

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 shuffle drivers for judges arriving at airports; registration and ushers; and general convention support. Help folks succeed, and earn a tee shirt!

VOLUNTEER TODAY

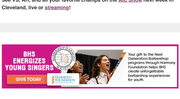
FEATURED PERFORMANCE



Take On Me (A-ha Cover)
Tim Waurick - 2024

Two-time BHS Hall of Famer Tim Waurick (Vocal Spectrum) brings fantastic barbershop to multitrack life every week on his YouTube channel, and this week, he featured an *After Hours* exercise.

See VS, Alt, and all your favorite champs on the AIC Show next week in Cleveland, live or streaming!



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