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## BARBERSHOP NEWS



### Gold to Westminster, Three and a Half Men!

Familiar names in new alignments captured championships Saturday at the BHS International Convention and Contests in Cleveland.

**Three and a Half Men** won all three rounds of the quartet contest to post an impressive 94.4% cumulative average. GOAT contender **Tony De Rosa** (bari) added a fifth quartet gold medal to his chest, alongside his son **Joseph** (tenor), **Josh Szolomayer** (lead), and **Chris Keough** (bass). Earlier in the day, Tony had co-directed Tampa's **Heralds of Harmony** to a silver medal. Medalists were:

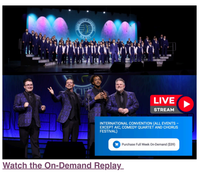
1. **Three and a Half Men** 6795 pts / 94.4%
2. **First Take** 6688 pts / 92.9%
3. **Gimme Four** 6547 pts / 90.9%
4. **The Ladies** 6405 pts / 89.0%
5. **The Newfangled Four** 6378 pts / 88.6%



**The Westminster Chorus** took its fifth win—its first under director **Dan Wessler**— in a high-quality contest that saw A-level scores stretch down to the 27th position. Medalists were:

1. **Westminster Chorus** 2295 pts / 95.6%
2. **Heralds of Harmony** 2251 pts / 93.8%
3. **GOTHAM** 2244 pts / 93.5%
4. **Parkside Harmony** 2234 / 93.1%
5. **Alexandria Harmonizers** 2158 /89.9%

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### Kevin Keller elected 2025 Society President

At the annual meeting July 1, the Barbershop Harmony Society Board of Directors elected its 2025 officers and Directors at Large.

Sitting Executive Vice President **Kevin Keller** was elected President; he will be succeeded as EVP by **Zach Materne. Maria Christian** was elected as Secretary; new Directors at Large elected were **Michele Niec** and **Jeff Wolff. Dwayne Cooper** was re-elected as treasurer, and **John Santora** will succeed to the office of Immediate Past President.

SEE THE FULL BOARD

### Cleveland media welcomed barbershop

A variety of quartets made impactful appearances throughout the week, showcasing a wide range of styles and origins.




Clementones on Fox 8 News in the Morning




MixTape on New Day Cleveland



Linc 182 on WKYC Good Company

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INTRO TO BARBERSHOP

### Hit the stage!

Getting together with your quartet or chorus each week to sing is a pretty rewarding experience in itself, but most Barbershoppers like to perform for an audience -- any audience. Public performance and competition provide worthy goals, benchmarks to strive toward, and the rewards of applause, recognition and the exhilaration of a job well done.

The broader the mix of performances you undertake, as a singer or as a listener, the richer your barbershop life becomes. Never become glued to a single form of participation -- try them all!

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## SONG OF THE WEEK

### Monsters
### arr. Jay Dougherty




This James Blunt ballad bidding farewell to a parent might be a bit intense following Father's Day, so approach with care. Heartfelt and raw, this one can take you on an emotional journey. Offered in all voicings, with learning tracks!

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VOLUNTEERS MAKE IT HAPPEN

### Thanks, volunteers!

Chief wrangler of volunteers Don Green reports: "Two weeks before the convention, we had 120 volunteers signed up. There were gaping holes in the schedule, and I feared we'd have significant lapses in service to both attendees and competitors. We ended with a total of 205. The massive response to our pleas for help was a sight to behold. **Whenever we asked, folks stepped up.**"

This kind of "can-do!" spirit makes BHS thrive. THANKS to all who helped make Cleveland a success!







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