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BARBERSHOP NEWS

BUILDING COMMUNITY IN PORTLAND, OR

Bringing Singers Together in Harmony & Growing the Influence of Barbershop

Vocal Summit, part of the Portland, OR chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, spread the good news of harmony by hosting a unique festival aimed at community choral organizations in the Northwest. Justin Miller, Musical Director of Vocal Summit, previously of multi-time International Champions Westminster Chorus, has been directing community choral organizations for over two decades, but it was his 15 years as a high school music educator that helped him see the opportunity to bring something new to his community. "In high school, and to a lesser extent in college, there exist a lot of opportunities for young singers to travel to festivals to perform, receive high-quality feedback, and hear what other groups are bringing to the stage," says Miller. "That ecosystem just doesn't exist for adult singers." The pitch: Bring together community choral arts organizations from around the Portland area to sing for each other, receive expert feedback, and build an energetic community to help support Portland choral arts for years to come! [Read the full story and learn how to host a community festival in your area!](#)



Near the Denver Area? Harmony University Saturday Night Show



Harmony University is having a grand week with more than 400 faculty and students this week! This year's theme "Leave Better" is running through everything--whether sharing an old tag with a new friend, or a new tag with an old friend, the endless giving of love packaged in chords leaves us all better--as singers, Barbershoppers, and humans. Harmony University will conclude this Saturday with an unbelievable showcase that will leave you...well...*better!* Guess what? **The public is invited to be mesmerized by an unforgettable lineup:**

- **Midtown:** The 2023 Barbershop Harmony Society International Champion Quartet
- **Central Standard:** A perennial International medalist Chorus that never fails to deliver an extraordinary performance.
- **Northwest Sound:** The acclaimed Evergreen District Champion chorus bringing their own flair to the evening.
- **The Timberliners:** A Denver based mixed voice chorus
- **Next Generation Chorus**
- More quartets and choruses as well as a few surprises!

Venue Details: Gates Concert Hall
Newman Center for the Performing Arts
University of Denver
2344 East Iliff Avenue
Denver, CO 80208

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HARMONIZER HIGHLIGHT

Fostering a culture of mutual respect

Attend any Barbershop Harmony Society event (whether it be your weekly chorus rehearsal or an international event), and you will see a beautiful mosaic of diverse people, who have all gathered to enjoy and share their love of barbershop harmony! **Thank you to the various voices that make up the mosaic that we call the Barbershop Harmony Society. BHS wants everyone to be and feel accepted, loved, respected, and celebrated- that's the barbershop way! Join us in that goal!**



If you have not read the "[Fostering a culture of mutual respect](#)" article from the [May/June Harmonizer](#), check out how Interim CEO Steve Denino reflects on how stepping back reveals the whole diverse and beautiful picture that includes EVERYONE!

See it all— The entire [Harmonizer archive](#) is online in the BHS Member Center ([login required](#).) Skim through decades of history, education, and memories, or [search the online index](#).

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FEATURED PERFORMANCE



In case you missed it- check out the smile-inducing, excitement-creating view of the 2024 Quartet Finals Calloff. We still are not over these life-changing moments for the quartets that worked so hard to share their talents with us. [Join us backstage](#) and watch the excitement over and over again!

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