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BARBERSHOP NEWS

Board adopts Statement Regarding Acceptable Taste

With spring conventions and quartet qualifying events approaching soon, some competitors may desire guidance in preparing their performance package. To assist, the Society Board of Directors has adopted a "**Statement Regarding Acceptable Taste**."

Barbershop Harmony Society Statement Regarding Acceptable Taste

The Barbershop Harmony Society recognizes that our community is diverse in viewpoints, cultural and social backgrounds, and sensitivities. Therefore, to best serve our community as a whole, the Society Board directs that all content (visual, verbal and written) including performances, materials, products, services and communications shall be:

- *In alignment with the Society Mission and Vision*
- *In alignment with the Society Core Values*
- *In alignment with the Society Code of Ethics*
- *In alignment with the Society Statements of Affirmation*
- *Not overtly political*
- *Not overtly sexualized*
- *Not overtly offensive*
- *Without intent to defame or belittle*

The Society Board is committed to upholding all individuals and to ensuring everyone feels welcome to be a part of the BHS, as singers, audience members and supporters.

This statement provides guidelines not only for the competition stage, but all of the Society's programs, public performances, products, services, and communications, such as what appears on YouTube or items archived in our Society library, for example.

READ FULL STATEMENT AND FAQS

Interim CEO Steve Denino discusses the Statement Regarding Acceptable Taste

VIEW FAQS

Great week in San Antonio!

The great winter getaway welcomed more than 1500 guests for superb shows and fun contests for singers across the years. HIghlights:

12th Street Rag
2025 Seniors Quartet Champion

Although this was their first appearance in the Seniors Quartet Contest, it was a long time coming for this foursome who got their start in CSD back in 1993. Over the years, this perennial international qualifier placed as high as 11th place in 2006 before retiring in 2007. After a significant hiatus, they UNretired to come back and take seniors gold in San Antonio.

1. **12th Street Rag** (CSD) 1433 pts / 79.6%
2. **Rhapsody** (FWD) 1428 pts / 79.3%
3. **Vintage Blend** (PIO) 1418 pts / 78.8%
4. **cityScape** (SHD) 1396 pts / 77.6%
5. **Private Reserve** (FWD) 1377 pts / 76.5%

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Pioneer Spirit
International Seniors Chorus Champions

Nine choruses of singers aged 55+ took the stage in the second year of the fully-sanctioned contest.

1. **Pioneer Spirit Chorus** (PIO) 306 pts / 72.6%
2. **Ozark Overtones** (CSD) 1298 pts / 72.1%
3. **SHD Seniors Chorus** 1262 Pts / 70.1%

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Cleveland Heights Women's Barbershoppers
Audience Favorite

More than 300 young singers in 13 choruses lit up the theater with high energy and more. Perennial festival participants from Ohio were voted Audience Favorite.

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Co-champions named in Junior Quartet Contest

Due to an oversight in the administration of the Next Generation Junior Quartet Contest, a tie that occurred in the scoring was revisited. After review, BHS announced that both **Lover Girls** and **Boysen Blue** will share the honors as 2025 champions!

1. **Lover Girls** 58.8 pts. • **Boysen Blue** 58.8 pts
2. **Denim Dynamics** 56.4
3. **Trebletones** 55.2

Updated score sheets will be posted soon at **barbershop.org/scores**

Scholarships make Harmony University even more reachable!

The Barbershop Harmony Society's premier education event builds better barbershoppers, better singing communities, and a better world! **Generous scholarship support** makes it possible for many people to grow, and bring back new insights and energy to fuel their passion.

- AISQC Youth Chorus Directors Scholarship
- Earl Moon Scholarship — for first-time HU attendees
- Front Line Director Scholarships
- Grand Central Red Caps Scholarship — encouraging persons of color
- Jim Miller Front-Line Director Scholarship
- Larry Ajer Scholarship — for registered quartets
- Lou Perry Scholarship — for arrangers showing potential
- Music Educator Scholarship
- Individuals in Need
- Next Generation Scholarship
- Peggy Leon Women In Barbershop Scholarship
- Rich Knight "LEAD the Way" Scholarship
- Robert & Judy Brown Scholarship — needs-based support

Applications close on February 15, 2025. Scholarship award announcements will be made by March 15, 2025.

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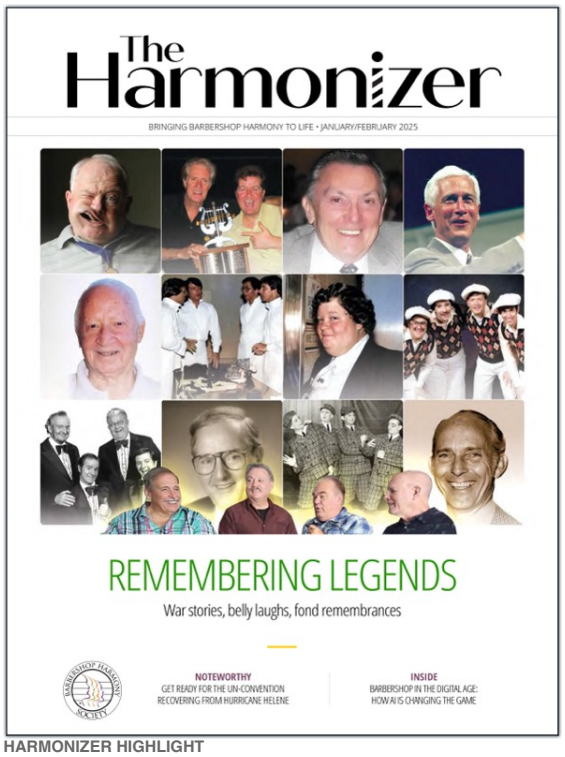

HARMONIZER HIGHLIGHT

Remembering BHS legends

"Steinkamp, Perry, and Clarke" would be a fine name for a white-shoe law firm —or are those faces on barbershop's Mt. Rushmore? Anecdotes of some of our community's beloved icons made for a fun five hour storytelling gabfest, and you can peek inside in the **January/February *Harmonizer***, in mailboxes soon and **online now**!

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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Get Clever at the UN-Convention

They wowed 'em in Kansas City to win their crowns. They wowed 'em at San Antonio to delight the crowd… and they'll wow you at Nashville at the UN-Convention. They're **Clever Girl,** Sweet Adelines International 2025 Champion Quartet, and they'll be part of great shows at the new event, alongside **First Take,** BHS 2024 Silver Medalist Quartet; and featuring **Michigan Jake,** BHS 2001 International Quartet Champion.

PLUS… there will be games, tours, and an international quartet contest preliminary contest.

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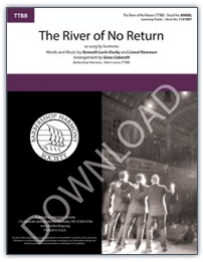
River of No Return
arr. Gene Cokeroft



As sung by The Suntones, 1961 champion

Any list of landmark quartet must include the legendary Suntones, SPEBSQSA 1961 International Champions. Their superb arrangements and innovative performance styles endure the test of time, and remain a guiding star for Barbershoppers today. A show favorite, this lyrical chart from tenor Gene Cokeroft lets the bari's voice really soar!

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