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BARBERSHOP NEWS

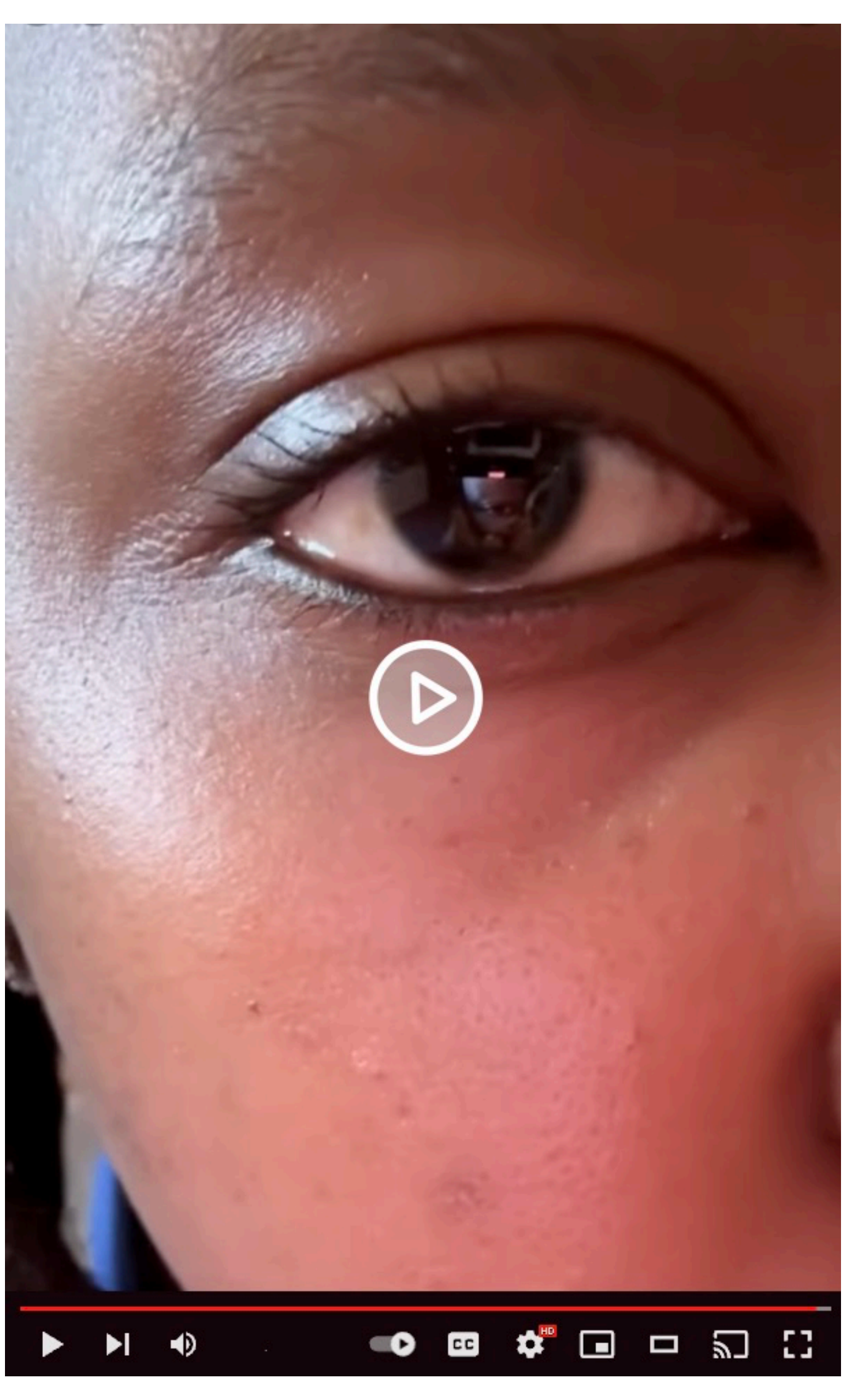
DEKE SPEAKS

Be a pioneer by being yourself

Regardless of style, when aca-godfather Deke Sharon speaks, it's worth listening. "Stand up and sing" can make you like everyone else. Unleash your unique self, though, to become the best you can be — whether as a quartet, or chorus, or any community within barbershop. Spare a few minutes with **this video** from a BHS **Honorary Life Member** to be both challenged and energized at the possibilities.

UN-CONVENTION • MAY 23–26 • NASHVILLE

Clever Girl drops video challenge



Speaking of unique selves…the Sweet Adelines quartet champs ask you to dig deep to find your most UN-self and **bring it to Nashville** for a weekend of fun! PLUS: **games**, quartet prelims, shows and everything **Music CIty has to offer**.

REGISTER NOW

Lock in your hotel for the UN-Convention

Get a nice price on accommodations in a busy destination city — but our **best rates expire May 1**.

BOOK NOW

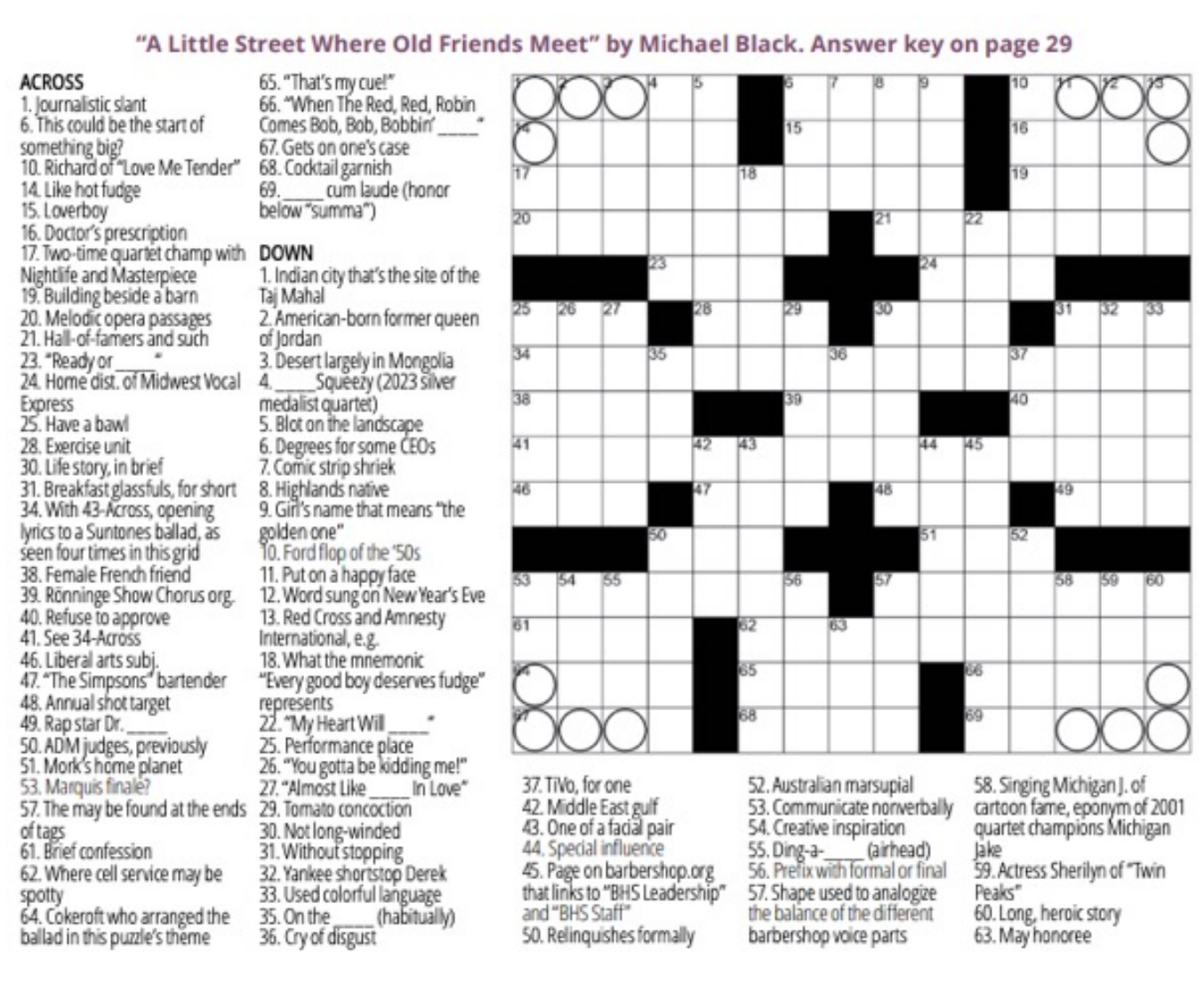
Still time for quartets to enter

Right on the cusp? **Entry deadline for quartets is May 16,** using the standard entry procedure in **Barberscore**.

Why not go ahead and **book that hotel**, rally some coaches to come along, and do it all in Nashville? Best case, you qualify and get coached and have fun. Worst case, same, except for that pesky half-point shortfall.

HARMONIZER HIGHLIGHT

Never a cross word



"A Little Street Where Old Friends Meet" by Michael Black. Answer key on page 29

ACROSS
1. Journalistic slant
6. This could be the start of something big?
10. Richard of "Love Me Tender"
14. Like hot fudge
15. Loverboy
16. Doctor's prescription
17. Two-time quartet champ with Nightlife and Masterpiece
19. Building beside a barn
20. Melodic opera passages
21. Hall-of-famers and such
23. "Ready or ____"
24. Home dist. of Midwest Vocal Express
25. Have a bawl
28. Exercise unit
30. Life story, in brief
31. Breakfast glassfuls, for short
34. With 43-Across, opening lyrics to a Suntones ballad, as seen four times in this grid
38. Female French friend
39. Rönninge Show Chorus org.
40. Refuse to approve
41. See 34-Across
46. Liberal arts subj.
47. "The Simpsons" bartender
48. Annual shot target
49. Rap star Dr. ____
50. ADM judges, previously
51. Mork's home planet
53. Marquis finale?
57. The may be found at the ends of tags
61. Brief confession
62. Where cell service may be spotty
64. Cokeroft who arranged the ballad in this puzzle's theme
65. "That's my cue!"
66. "When The Red, Red, Robin Comes Bob, Bob, Bobbin' ____"
67. Gets on one's case
68. Cocktail garnish
69. ____ cum laude (honor below "summa")

DOWN
1. Indian city that's the site of the Taj Mahal
2. American-born former queen of Jordan
3. Desert largely in Mongolia
4. ____ Squeezy (2023 silver medalist quartet)
5. Blot on the landscape
6. Degrees for some CEOs
7. Comic strip shriek
8. Highlands native
9. Girl's name that means "the golden one"
10. Ford flop of the '50s
11. Put on a happy face
12. Word sung on New Year's Eve
13. Red Cross and Amnesty International, e.g.
18. What the mnemonic "Every good boy deserves fudge" represents
22. "My Heart Will ____"
25. Performance place
26. "You gotta be kidding me!"
27. "Almost Like ____ In Love"
29. Tomato concoction
30. Not long-winded
31. Without stopping
32. Yankee shortstop Derek
33. Used colorful language
35. On the ____ (habitually)
36. Cry of disgust
37. TiVo, for one
42. Middle East gulf
43. One of a facial pair
44. Special influence
45. Page on barbershop.org that links to "BHS Leadership" and "BHS Staff"
50. Relinquishes formally
52. Australian marsupial
53. Communicate nonverbally
54. Creative inspiration
55. Ding-a-____ (airhead)
56. Prefix with formal or final
57. Shape used to analogize the balance of the different barbershop voice parts
58. Singing Michigan J. of cartoon fame, eponym of 2001 quartet champions Michigan Jake
59. Actress Sherilyn of "Twin Peaks"
60. Long, heroic story
63. May honoree

Take a break from marking breaths in your show music, but keep your pencil in hand as you tackle Michael Blacks's latest **barbershop crossword** puzzle in the March/April *Harmonizer*, in mailboxes now and **always online**.

Keep learning! 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**.

Hit the stage in Denver!

More people on more stages means more ways to have fun at the **BHS 2025 International Convention**.

The **Open Chorus Festival** welcomes ALL performers, regardless of affiliation or gender — with no qualifying events required. **ENTRY DEADLINE EXTENDED to May 15!**

Combining traditional barbershop contest scoring, audience balloting, and a small dose of pixie dust, the **Comedy Quartet Festival** celebrates the lighter side of elf barbershop

Just watching? No worries: admission to these events is included with your **convention registration**.

GET GLOBAL

Denver celebrates our worldwide community

Imagine travelling around the world for a barbershop convention, then only singing two songs all week. Our global alliance choruses have a few more songs in them — and venues for sharing them.

Harmony Without Borders

Monday, June 30 · 7:00 pm

Start the week right with a welcome concert priced right at just ten bucks!

GET TICKETS

World Harmony Showcase

Thursday, July 3 • 9:45 pm

This hidden gem sometimes gets lost amidst the bustle of chorus rehearsals and the busy quartet contest schedule. Don't sleep on this show — it features innovation, celebration and the maturation of the barbershop sound from all parts of the world.

GET TICKETS

REGISTER NOW FOR DENVER

SONG OF THE WEEK

They Say It's Wonderful
arr. Katie Farrell

No one spun pretty melodies from simple lyrics better than Irving Berlin, and this gem from *Annie, Get Your Gun* proves it. What could have come off as hokey from a lesser talent becomes heartfelt and tender. Katie Farrell's arrangement luxuriates in the lovely implied chords. Soak it up, harmony fans!

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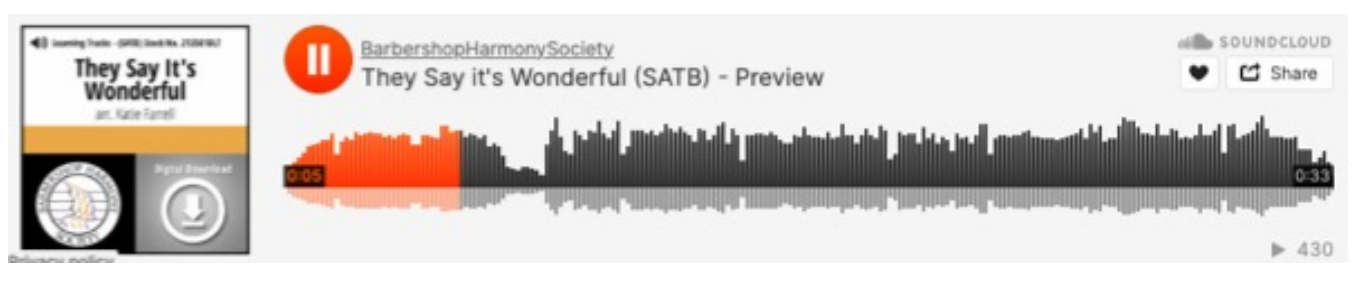

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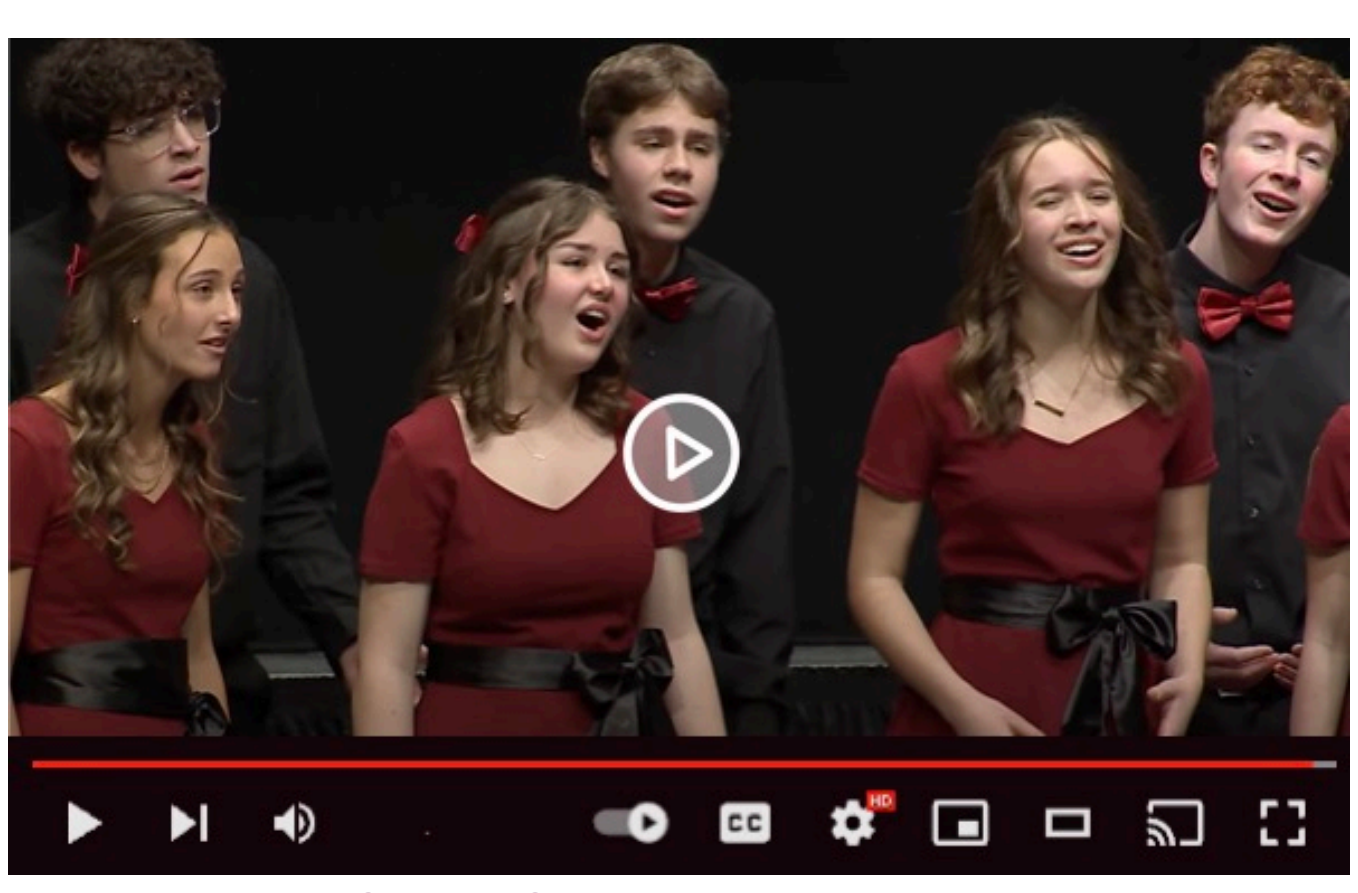

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