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BARBERSHOP NEWS

If you step up, take a bow!

April is National Volunteer Month in the U.S., and April 27–May 3 is National Volunteer Week in Canada. Thousands of volunteers make the Barbershop Harmony Society a thriving, growing, vital part of so many lives. THANK YOU, all, for enriching through lives through singing… and setting up risers… and selling show tickets… and… and…

HARMONY & HAUBERKS!

Barbershop D&D at The UN-Convention

The mind reels: BOTH your ultra-niche hobbies at ONE event? Yep! Barbershoppers Rich Smith and Jake Fry are putting together a fun Dungeons & Dragons campaign for anyone interested in playing during the plentiful open time at The UN-Convention, May 23–26 in Nashville.

Deep experience playing D&D is NOT required, but you should have some familiarity with how the game is played. You will need to come prepared with a level 3 character, prepared using either the 2014 or 2024 D&D 5th Edition ruleset. Players will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

SIGN UP 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. *Availability and pricing not guaranteed after May 1.*

BOOK NOW

TELL THE BHS STORY

Annual report highlights successes

Take a look at the continuing resurgence of the Barbershop Harmony Society in the newly-released 2024 Annual Report, online now. See the broad range of activities that execute on the BHS mission, and distinctive stories of chapter successes. Handy for describing the organization to funders and fellow travellers, too!

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TRAVEL TIPS

RealID required for U.S. domestic air travel

Reminder as you plan trips to The UN-Convention, the 2025 International Convention or Harmony University: Beginning May 7, 2025 every state and territory resident will need to present a REAL ID compliant license/ID, OR another acceptable form of identification to board commercial aircraft. A current, valid passport is acceptable.

All U.S. states and territories offer REAL ID compliant identification. The program was initiated several years ago, and you may already have obtained a REAL ID on your last license renewal. Learn more at dhs.gov/real-id/are-you-real-id-ready

Travel document for guests travelling from outside the U.S.

BHS received feedback on resources that could help make travel to BHS events in the US smoother. To assist in that effort, we have prepared a document which describes the purpose of travel to BHS Conventions and schools, with reference to relevant statutes. You may download this document from our Travel Resources page.

Jim Clancy to be memorialized

A Celebration of Life for Jim Clancy, longtime director of the **Vocal Majority Chorus,** will be held on Monday, May 5, 2025. (See details.) While the service will not be live streamed, it will be video recorded and made available a few days following the event.

The family and chorus extend thanks for the many expressions of love and support.

SONG OF THE WEEK

This is The Moment (from Jekyll & Hyde) arr. Jay Dougherty

Rolling and majestic, this anthem of self-actualization requires some pretty powerful dramatic ability to deliver believably. Aim high — maybe this is your moment!

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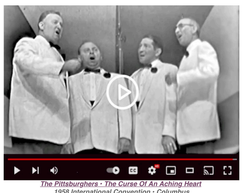

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