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BARBERSHOP NEWS

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Steve Armstrong loves barbershop



He loves everything about it. The arranger, director, judge, coach and BHS Hall of Famer reflects on a barbershop life well lived and well loved in a **Keynote Address** delivered at Harmony University 2025 last month.

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FROM THE CEO

The fabric of belonging

Some of my favorite memories in more than 50 years as a BHS member have been made at barbershop conventions and Harmony University. Singing tags with new and old friends in lobbies, stairwells, and any acoustically magical corner; meeting people who soon become lifelong friends; being treated to performances on and off stage; witnessing the growth of quartets and chapters; and learning about someone's life beyond barbershop—all of these are threads of connection that, woven together, create a fabric of belonging.



As we head into the season of Fall District Conventions, I find myself excited for the chance to reconnect with familiar faces, meet new friends, and immerse myself once again in a shared barbershop experience. If you're already planning to attend, I encourage you to pause each day and simply take in the beauty of our community—remembering that our pursuit of harmony extends far beyond music itself.

If you haven't yet made the decision to attend, I urge you to consider investing your time and treasure. The returns—memories, friendships, inspiration—can truly last a lifetime.

We are fortunate to share a hobby that brings people together, where our collective voices create more than the sum of their parts. Along the way, please remember the countless hours of volunteer time, energy, and heart that make these experiences possible. If you see a member of your convention team, a chapter "do-er," or a judge, take a moment to thank them. Their work makes all of this possible.

In Harmony,

Robert Rund

P.S. I would love to hear about the memories you make this fall, or your favorite convention memory from the past. Send me your memorable moments in the form of a story, photo or video to CEO@barbershop.org.



PASADENA

2026 MIDWINTER CONVENTION

JANUARY 13–18, 2026 • PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

Midwinter convention registration launches Monday

If Autumn's first chill breath has you reaching for the flannels, imagine what you'll want in January. How about — sunny Southern California?

Registration opens this Monday for the 2026 Midwinter Convention in Pasadena! In addition to festivals for quartets and choruses, juniors and seniors, we're lining up some must-see performers. **ALREADY CONFIRMED:**

- Lemon Squeezy
- Gimme Four
- First Take
- Full Effect
- The NewFangled Four
- Radiant
- The Westminster Chorus

Clear your calendar and [get a-clicking](#) on **Monday, September 22, 10:00 am Central.**

[REGISTER MONDAY](#)

SONG OF THE WEEK

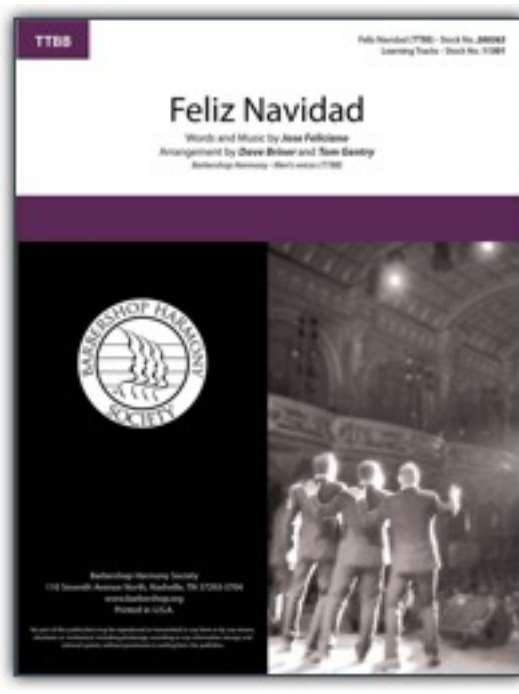
Feliz Navidad arr. Dave Briner and Tom Gentry

A familiar crowd-pleaser that's fun to sing and easy to learn — it says it all in 19 words! Includes percussion learning track so you can add a little extra rhythm to the season.

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*The Newfangled Four • L-O-V-E (Parody)
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