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## BARBERSHOP NEWS

NEW CHAPTER! • BOISE DOWNTOWN, IDAHO

### Welcome, Starling Singers



The **Starling Singers** formed to create a space where singers can be better, together. This new all-voices chorus rehearses and performs so it can empower every singer to express themselves fully. After only a year together, the chorus is small, mighty, and full of smiles. [Greet the new chorus](#), who just staged their first concert!

#### HARMONIZER HIGHLIGHT

##### The joy of small

Most BHS members have been part of smaller chapters. Society President Kevin Keller knows: he's sung and directed in choruses of all sizes, and has a distinct appreciation for the ways all chapters enrich the lives of those they serve in hundreds of local communities. [Read his reflections](#) in the current *Harmonizer*, in mailboxes now and always online.



**Keep reading!** 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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2027 BHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

NOMINATION OPEN HOUSE  
FRIDAY, MARCH 27 • 6:30PM EASTERN

### Are you the future of barbershop?

You might never have considered yourself a likely candidate for the Society Board of Directors.

- Maybe you're younger than the faces you see around you — *great!*
- Maybe you're not a middle-aged white male — *great!*
- Maybe you're not a famous Barbershopper who knows every other famous Barbershopper — *great!*
- Or maybe you're **exactly** what we traditionally think of... but you haven't stepped up yet — *great!*

Find out what it takes—and what you can GIVE— at an informal Zoom meet-up this Friday evening.

[LEARN MORE & GET ZOOM LINK](#)



### George says, "You should Brigade!"

How about a weekend of quartet singing with people who came to PLAY! George Flinders came back from the Lone Star Harmony Brigade weekend radiating the joy of a great time laughing, smashing chords and feeling all that barbershop love. Get a [big dose of his excitement](#) in his guest blog post.

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**MORE:** See *Harmonizer* editor Lorin May's [Brigade experience story](#) from... well, not yesterday. 🥰

**STILL MORE:** You can [Brigade at Harmony University!](#)

SAVE! REGISTER BY MARCH 31

### You belong at HU — to sing with YOUR people



Bring your own people, or make the people there INTO your people. That's the beauty of Harmony University ensembles: after a week of singing together, you are *right* with the other people in your quartet or chorus.

And that happens if you come with your chorus or quartet for coaching — AWESOME.

—OR— if you join the HU Chorus directed by Theo Hicks, or the [NextGen Chorus](#) directed by Neyla Pekarek.

Because that deep immersion in a shared experience, that sweat and laughter, even overcoming occasional frustration— that's what makes memories, and meaning, and friendship.

Come as committed friends, or as complete strangers. You'll leave connected for a long, long time.

[BEST PRICE: REGISTER BY TUESDAY!](#)

## SONG OF THE WEEK



### Your Heart Is As Black As Night arr. Dan Wessler

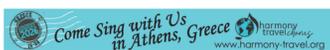
Betrayal, heartbreak and passion — this blues groove from contemporary jazz star Melody Gardot takes both restraint and a willingness to lay it all out there. Leave audiences gazing into the distance wondering what happened to that old romance.

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## FEATURED PERFORMANCE



Maverick Chorale - Bad Moon Rising  
2026 Junior Chorus Invitational - Pasadena



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