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BARBERSHOP NEWS

THE REAL CONTEST. REAL SCORES.

Just how good are the Dream Chorus?

You've dreamed of it for a long time. The crowd applauds as the lights come up. You're standing on the biggest stage in barbershop. And you're ready to sing for a great director.



Previous Dream Chorus have achieved A-level performances on the International stage. You can, too.

Do it. Theo Hicks will lead the 2026 Dream Chorus at the BHS International Convention in St. Louis. And he's picked your contest set: his own arrangement of "I See the Light," and "It's a Most Unusual Day" arranged by Kohli Kitzmiller.

You'll show up with these two banger charts learned (tracks supplied) and get to work with Theo to bring this up to international caliber. The Dream Chorus will be scored and ranked on the Official Scoring Summary, alongside all other qualifying choruses in the final results.

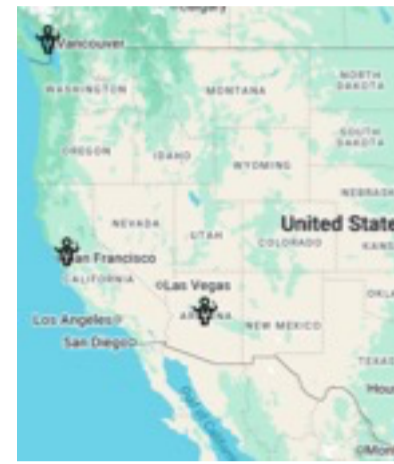
And YOU can be one of the singers. Registration is limited to 150 singers!

[DETAILS & REGISTRATION](#)

FREE FOR BHS CHAPTERS

Need a director? Want to direct?

So much chapter success hinges on quality leadership out front. Finding the right combination of skill, adaptability, and rapport sometimes means looking outside your own four walls for talent.



If your chapter is in search of musical leadership, we can help. Post your Directors Wanted notice FREE on our website and in The Harmonizer. Non-BHS choruses are also welcome to post, for a nominal fee.

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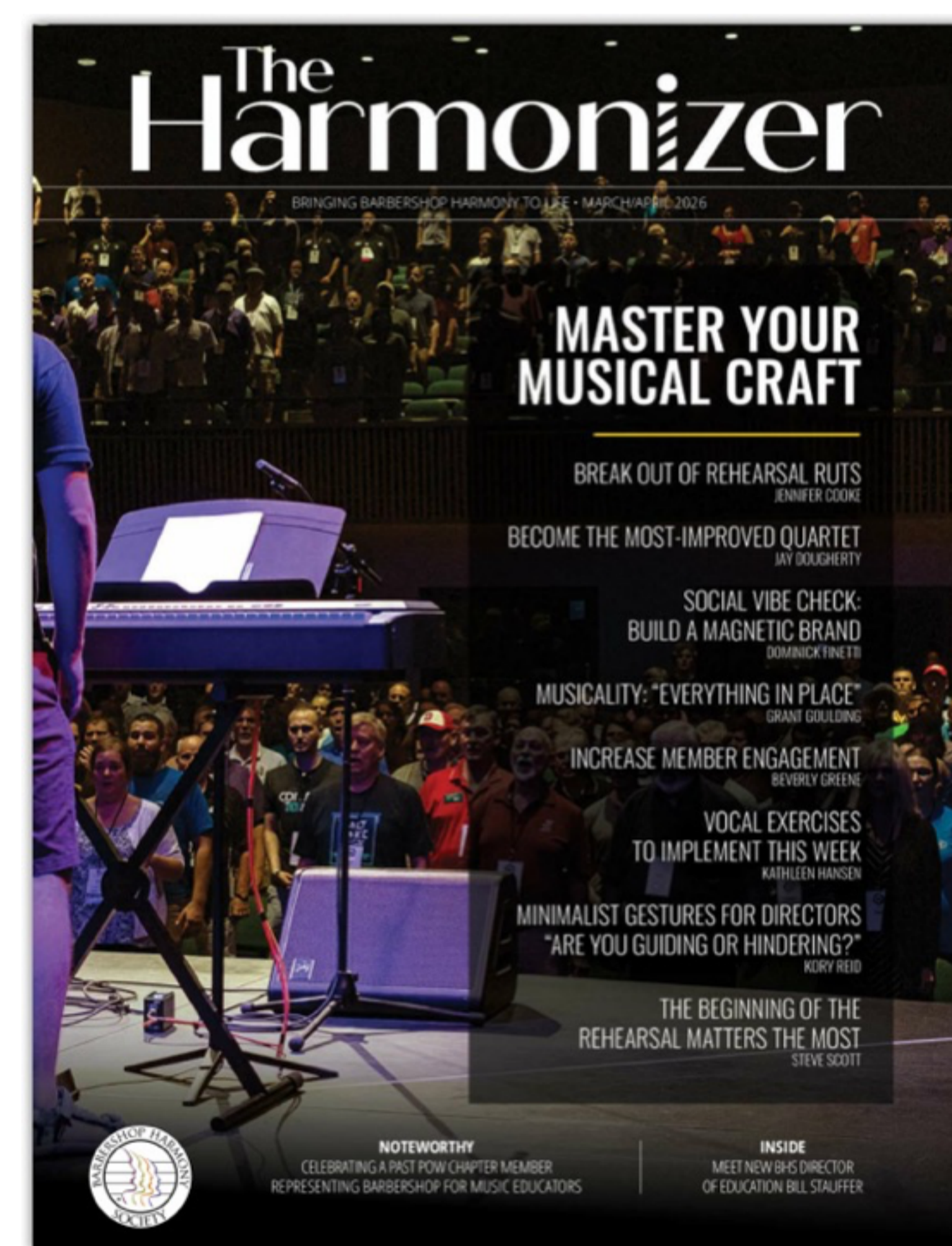
Neyla Pekarek rises to the challenge



Not just fun. Intensely fun — but chill. The vibe is real, the people great, and the music you make together mind-blowing. Singers age 30 and under get a week of barbershop that reminds Gen Z that you are not alone. But don't let us boom-splain this: listen to the queen. Then sign up.

HARMONIZER HIGHLIGHT

Become the most-improved quartet



As valuable as external coaching can be, the most rapid improvement comes after your quartet learns how to master internal coaching. Dr. Jay Dougherty unpacks a rehearsal approach that has proven successful over time, in the March/April Harmonizer, now online and in mailboxes soon.

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.

"The Big Leap gave us the tools we need to think creatively and confidently about the future of our chorus."

2025 Big Leap Attendee



NEXT WEEKEND! APRIL 10–12 • SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

Take the Big Leap

Elevate your chapter in a dynamic workshop designed to energize your leadership and strengthen your chapter's future. Together, we'll explore ways to innovate, create a growth mindset, adopt new technologies, manage change, reimagine your chapter's place in the community, find new sources of revenue, and find and inspire new volunteers.

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER](#)

SONG OF THE WEEK

Pure old barbershop

Simple is good! Not every song in your repertoire needs to be a world-shattering statement of maximum anguish, virtuosity, or innovation. Every performance benefits from a change of pace: simple songs sung with sensitivity and respect. Here are a few recent releases from the "sing 'em straight and sing 'em sweet" shelf.

Sunday
arr. Bob Martin

Good old-fashioned whimsy in a bouncy love ditty. Take it easy, let the fun carry you along.
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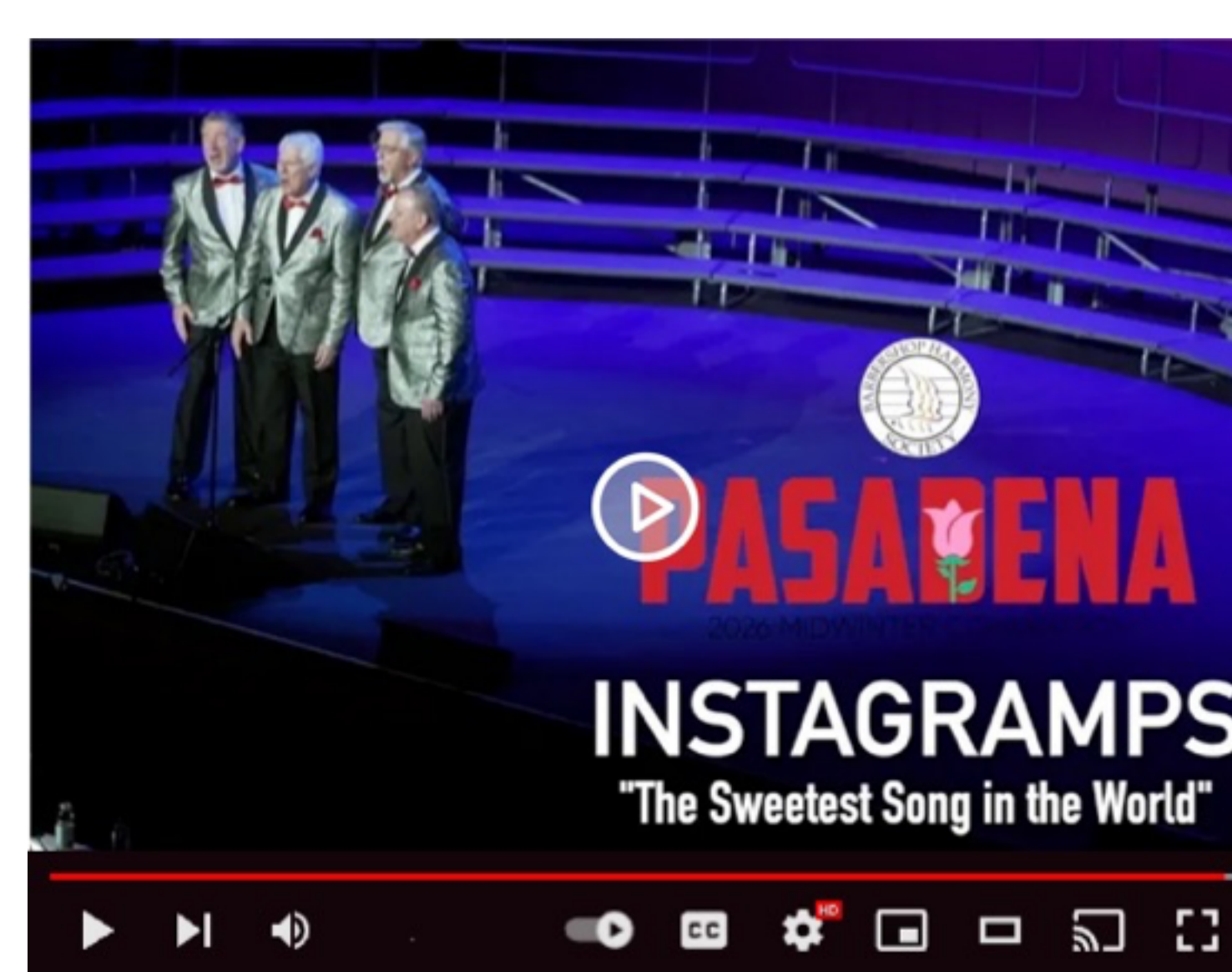
Till We Meet Again
arr. Lou Perry

A common musical theme through World Wars I & II: the tension between duty to country and duty to family. Genuine emotion, classic melody and harmony.
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Baby Your Mother (Like She Babied You)
arr. BHS

Time was you couldn't sing a barbershop set without singing about dear old Mom. Plenty of time to get this learned before Mother's Day next month.
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FEATURED PERFORMANCE



InstaGramps - The Sweetest Song in the World
2026 Seniors Quartet Contest • Pasadena



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