

BARBERSHOP NEWS

POINT OF ORIGIN

Tucker Gladden joins barbershop



Tucker with his mom, Whitney, in the office of CEO Robert Rund

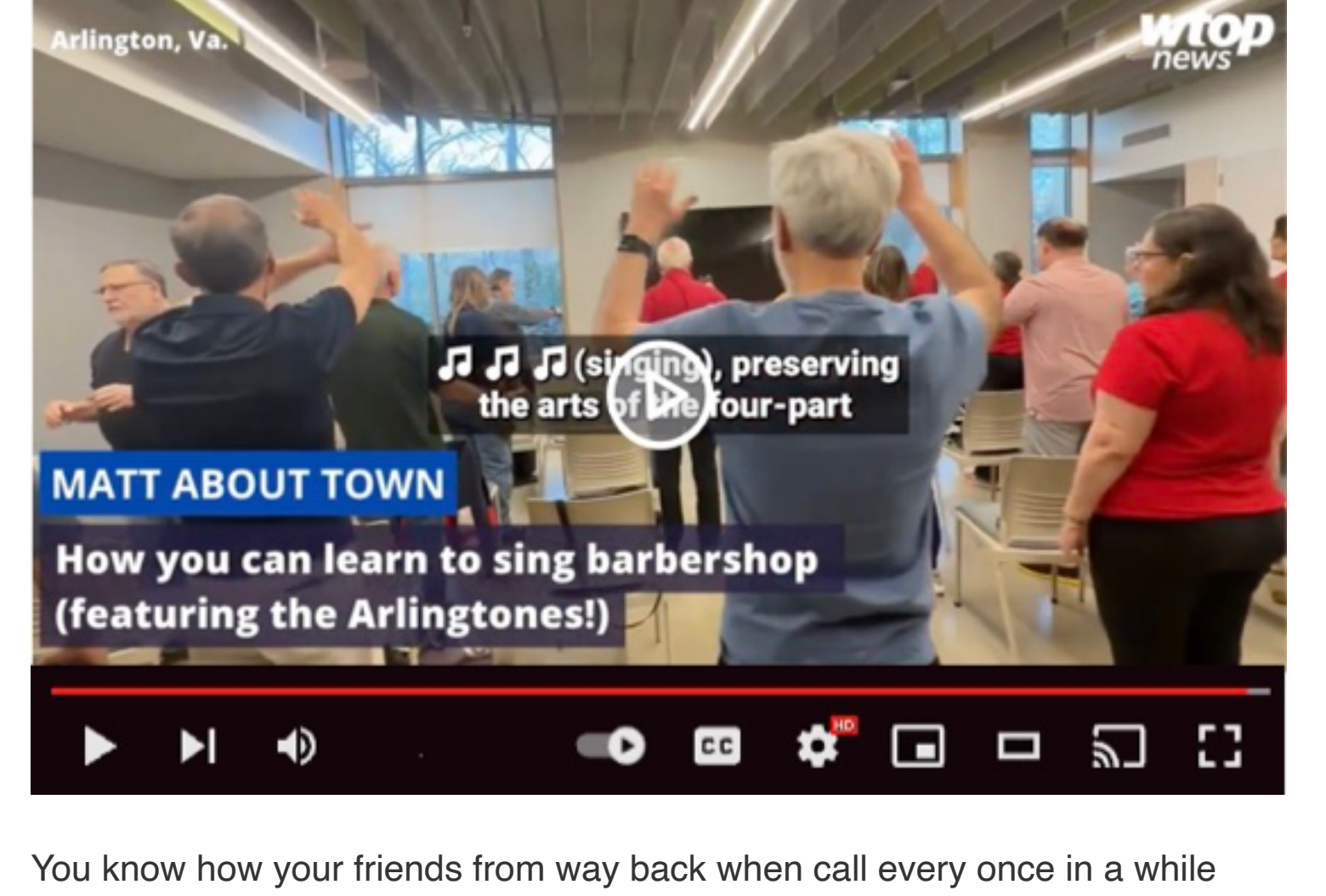
There are a million ways people join the Barbershop Harmony Society:

- "A friend asked me."
• "I saw a show."
• "I sang in high school, then when I grew up I found a chorus in my new city, 300 miles from home."
• "I saw it on YouTube."
• "I walked into Harmony Hall and asked to sign up."

Think that last one never happens?

Meet Tucker Gladden, a high school junior from Mississippi. When Tucker tumbled down the barbershop YouTube rabbit hole (Midtown's "Spider-Farm" did it), he fell hard. He started making his own multi-track tags, although he didn't even know about the tag groups on Facebook. Lacking any chapters in Mississippi, he took a moment from a college admissions visit to Nashville this week to visit Harmony Hall — and he became a member!

Arlingtones looking good on the radio



You know how your friends from way back when call every once in a while when they happen across a barbershop performance? We do, and here's what the old pal heard: a nice profile of The Arlingtones on WTOP in Washington, DC. We love the accessibility and welcoming atmosphere that this story spotlights! Watch at WTOP or on YouTube.



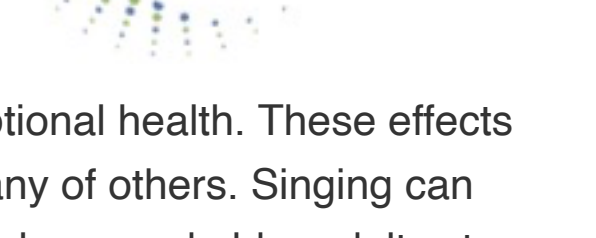
Qualifying Super Weekend: 170+ quartets at 7 conventions!

This is the biggest weekend of qualifying contests for the 2026 International Quartet Contest, with a whopping seven BHS District and divisional contests taking place across the continent.

- Sneak a peek at the Events page and see if there's something drivable for you. You'll find great contests, of course, but also fun hanging with barbershop friends you've missed through the winter.
• If you see any judges, give them bottled water, seat cushions, and your heartfelt thanks for the tremendous number of volunteer hours they give from their love of the craft and the singers!
• And get yourself registered for St. Louis, to see these great quartets on an even-bigger stage!

The Top 10 ways choral singing supports health and wellness

Is barbershop night the best night of your week? Do you come home refreshed, invigorated, relaxed, buoyed by your friendships?



Science knows why. A growing body of research shows that singing has powerful health benefits to our physical, cognitive, and socioemotional health. These effects are even more profound when done in the company of others. Singing can help everyone at any stage of life. It can help kids learn and older adults stay sharp.

When anyone asks, "Why do you sing?" — tell 'em it's for your health.

READ MORE

Graphic for National Barbershop Quartet Day with pricing: \$4 Member in Society (4), \$12 Original Projects (12), \$38 S.F.B.S.S.A. Youngster Year (1000), \$50 Circle of Sixes, \$88 For His Society, \$110 Harmony Hall's Current Address.

HARMONY WEEK CONTINUES

Thanks for your thoughtfulness on our Day of Giving

On April 11, we celebrated National Barbershop Quartet Day, remembering our Society's founding in 1938. We're grateful to the many people who took part in our first Day of Giving for the Barbershop Harmony Society. And if you missed out, there's still time to make a gift in support of the programs and communities that keep barbershop thriving!

MAKE A GIFT

HARMONIZER HIGHLIGHT

Make 'em hear you

Article snippet: Social Vibe Check. Mastering the 4:1 rule to build a magnetic brand. Includes tips on social media content, video production, and audience engagement.

Breaking through the social media static wall starts simple: have something to say. Dominick Finetti has tips for creating content that people care about, and leads to meaningful connections that extend past the next scroll. Get it all in the current #harmonizer, in mailboxes soon and always online.

SUMMER TRAVEL DEALS? YOU BET!

Save on Southwest Airlines fares

Graphic for Southwest Airlines promotion: Flying Southwest to STL/HU this summer? Save on fares. Up to 8% off. Includes logos for STL 26 and Harmony University.

Get discounted fares when traveling to select 2026 BHS events.

Use this link to save on travel for

- BHS 2026 International Convention, St. Louis, June 28–July 5, 2026
• BHS Judging Category School, Denver, July 2026
• Harmony University, Denver, July 26–August 2, 2026
• Discount not available on travel booked with points

GET FULL DETAILS

SONG OF THE WEEK

A Wink And A Smile arr. Kim Brittain

Jaunty, bouncy, catchy — add your own words for fun! This easy-beat, playful love song is best known as a Harry Connick, Jr. hit from rom-com fave Sleepless in Seattle. Works great for all ensembles in shows and contests, and offered in all voicings, with tracks!

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Preview the tracks on SoundCloud

SoundCloud player for 'A Wink and a Smile (SATB)' by Barbershop Harmony Society.

FEATURED PERFORMANCE



Four Voices - Make 'Em Laugh 2001 International Quartet Contest - Nashville