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news from the Barbershop Harmony Society

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BARBERSHOP NEWS

Keepsake, Cindy Hansen-Ellis named to Hall of Fame

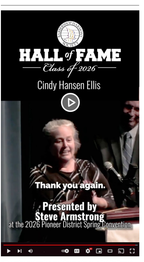
A legendary quartet and a legendary coach will receive highest honors at the International Convention next month.

Keepsake, BHS 1990 International Quartet Champion, is only the 13th quartet to be inducted into the BHS Hall of Fame, reflecting their profound influence on the barbershop style. With 13 gold medals between them, each member has made a lasting impact:

- Tenor **Roger Ross**, a two-time gold medalist, Dapper Dan at Disney World for more than 40 years, and a major contributor to barbershop in Japan.
- Lead **Jere Connolly**, four-time champ and perhaps the most decorated and influential lead in history.
- Bari **Tony De Rosa**, five-time International Champion and incredible vocalist.
- Bass **Don Barnick**, two-time champ, legendary tag master, "barbershopper's barbershopper."

The news came to the four members under the ruse of a podcast recording session with Tim Wiunski with Roger and Tony at Tony's home in Orlando and the others on Zoom — but the screen blossomed with many other friends.

WATCH THE BIG REVEAL



With a professional coaching reputation so wide-ranging that, like Beyoncé, she hardly needs a last name, **Cindy Hansen-Ellis** has been a central and powerful force in barbershop performance for decades. She has coached choruses and quartets, champions and crossovers, youth, collegiate, adult, and senior divisions, across barbershop organizations worldwide. In all settings, she has raised the bar for entertainment value, creativity, and audience engagement.

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Livestream from the 2026 International Convention

Full coverage of the international contests!

- Watch all the action at home or on the go
- Beloved hosts **Alex Morris** and **Debbie Cleveland** plus guests galore to add perspectives and anecdotes
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LOOKING AHEAD: 2027

Dispatch from Minneapolis

One indispensable resource BHS depends on is the power of our volunteers. Across the Society, smart, willing people are the eyes and ears on behalf of BHS.

Example: armed with a conference badge, a healthy curiosity, and a willingness to walk a few Minneapolis skyways, longtime barbershopper Ken Shiroki recently attended the Chorus America Conference as a volunteer on behalf of BHS.

While connecting with leaders and singers from across the choral world, Ken got an early look at the city that will welcome Barbershoppers for the 2027 International Convention. Along the way, he gathered ideas on leadership, audience engagement, advocacy, and youth outreach, while experiencing firsthand the vibrant arts community that makes Minneapolis such a natural gathering place for singers.

His report from the field? Minneapolis loves music, choral leaders love to share ideas, and 2027 is looking really good.

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AIC pays tribute to Michigan Jake

Anniversary tributes are memorable and emotional moments at the annual AIC show. This year, the Association of International Champions will honor the 2001 champs, **MICHIGAN JAKE!**

Limber up for a walk down memory lane with this remembrance from last year's show, featuring 2000 champs **PLATINUM**:

The Association of International Champions invites you to enjoy this year's AIC Show: **Sunday, July 2nd 7:30pm, St. Louis, Scheel Theatre.**

"THE MUSIC THAT MADE US" features an amazing NINE International Champion quartets. One Stage. One Night. Performing a once-in-a-lifetime generation show! A perfect way to start the Fourth of July Weekend.

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2025 CHAMPS REFLECT

Vocal Majority releases next chapter: "The Transition"

As we look forward to the current champs' performances during the convention in St. Louis, the latest release in the Vocal Majority's documentary series explores a pivotal chapter in the chorus's history—a time of uncertainty, growth, and ultimately, resilience. "The Transition" begins as Greg Clancy wrestles with the weight of following in the footsteps of his father, the late Jim Clancy, and whether he is ready to step into the role of Musical Director.

WATCH NOW

Candidates named for 2027 Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Barbershop Harmony Society will hold its annual meeting in St. Louis, Missouri on June 29, 2026.

As provided for under Article II of the Society's Bylaws, the Board will consider a slate of candidates proposed by the Leadership Development Committee.

As provided for under section 5.05, additional nominations for any officer positions may be made from the floor, providing the member of the Board who is nominated, or the member who is making the nomination, is present to nominate, and has notified all directors in writing at least 15 days in advance of the meeting of their intention to make such nomination. There shall be no floor nominations permitted for the position of director-at-large, except when filling a vacancy.

The elected Board Members will be seated January 1, 2027.

SEE NOMINEES

Board meetings open to public

The Society Board welcomes guests to observe as it meets in informal sessions on Sunday, June 28 and Monday, June 29, and convenes formally on Monday afternoon at 2:00 pm. See the convention schedule for times and rooms.

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arr. Mark Hale

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