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news from the Barbershop Harmony Society

The BIG PICNIC
NINE Champions on ONE Stage for ONE Night!
July 3, 7:30pm
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BARBERSHOP NEWS

Philanthropy
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Ring True Campaign
$89,000 AND 20 HALF-CENTURY YEAR-OF-THE-BANK!

Since 1939, the Barbershop Harmony Society has been built on a simple truth: when people sing together, they create something greater than themselves. Ring True is our kickoff campaign—an invitation to add your voice and help shape the future of barbershop!

This spring, we launched a special major gift campaign, built on the generosity and vision of a select group of dedicated supporters. We are grateful for their leadership and for the momentum they have helped create, creating a powerful match and setting the stage for Ring True's public launch at next week's International Convention.

Now it's your turn.

Every gift, from a first $5 to a leadership founding gift, becomes part of the opening chord. No gift is too small. No voice is unneeded.

Add your voice, Join the match, Ring True

Get the most from STL next week

The International Convention draws together the many different facets of our barbershop community, and it's easy to miss a lot of attention, of course. But you'll be missing out if that's all you do!

Even if you've stayed home, there are a lot of ways to be connected:

- Watch the Contest Livestream
- Watch AIC Show on Livestream
- Keep track of the lineup with Who's Up
- Get the scores
- Refresh that view on our Facebook page for pix, alerts to scores and highlights

6 things you might have missed

You've quite be there for these — but maybe hadn't highlighted them on your calendar. Fix that — these are winners! Take full advantage for times and rooms.)

Included with your registration

Barbershop Jeopardy — It's a trivia game! It's a live game show! It's a chance to play along with Barbershoppers David Zimmerman, Anthony Fortino, and Dr. Dan Wessler

Harmony Brigade — Drop in and sing some of the high-level favorites from across the Brigade's canon. Or poke your head in to learn what eXtreme Quartesting is all about.

Woodshedding — The time-honored craft of creating harmony by ear, on the fly, is at the core of our art. Drop in Saturday morning to learn about new methods in the Radical Approach to Woodshedding.

Separately ticketed

- World Harmony Showcase
- Vocal Spectrum Road & Travel 20th Anniversary Party
- AIC Show

Or, ya know, maybe just get there with a Day Pass or Weekend Pass!

Save during convention!

Wear your heart on your hard with this exclusive ring that proudly proclaims your love for barbershop!

DETAILS & ORDERING

Sing Sweden premieres

Lemon Squeezy wins the International Quartet Championship, but the active doesn't allow them to take the trophy home to Sweden. It's up to **Christian Dise** to escort the trophy to its new home.

But while he's there, why not look into what's in the "Swedish Secret Sauce"? Dise and **Jonas Ekman** visit barbershop groups, meet with barbershop leaders, visit some unique schools, and attempts to hunt down the ingredients.

Watch the awesome new long-form video from the Association of International Champions, written and edited by Christian Dise, produced by the AIC and Martin Jungk, and videographers **Alex Sturgill** and **Ryan Hedon.**

Travelers will be part of an AIC Show lineup packed with NINE past champs!

GET AIC TV & LIVESTREAM

SHARED SUCCESSES · SHARED FUTURE

Learn how we — all of us — did it, in the Annual Report

Every time we come together — in chapters, quartets, events, large and small — we reaffirm the truth that making music together makes a better world. Told through the successes of many chapters and singers, the 2025 Annual Report celebrates what we have seen all continued growing in the past year.

READ ANNUAL REPORT NOW

Vocal Spectrum invites you to celebrate with them

Could it really be TWENTY years?! Join **Vocal Spectrum, Crossroads** and **The Gas House Gang** on Wednesday, July 1, in St. Louis, for a night of reflection, reunion and celebration! RSVP for free to get an Instant Download of the brand-new VS album!

Join the 20th champs for a party

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HARMONIZER HIGHLIGHT

Oldest quartet ever?

92 / 90 / 89 / 105. Nope, not figures from Lemon Squeezy's scoresheet. Those are the ages of **Four-Ever Young**, possibly the oldest barbershop quartet. Four-Ever Young has been a barbershop mainstay at Kansas City's Barbecue for the passage of time. Read all about them in the current Harmonizer.

Age is just a number...

Top spots in contest have become impressive that can be hard to achieve **Lee Fredrick**, age 85, who recently made a **whopping 74 years in the Society!** We also have that **Ron Johnson**, age 91, of the **Oregon Sensations**, recently notched **71st year** as a Society member.

Which makes us think about our many **50-year members**, who will be honored next week at the convention. Imagine yourself looking back on a life of barbershop spanning a half-century. Then be sure to shake the hand of a person who has done it!

SPONSORED CONTENT

Enjoy the 2016 International Quartet Championship Finals, including the AIC Show, Remembering Time, You can hear Forefront LIVE this year at the 2026 AIC Show, July 3, 7:30pm in St. Louis. It's going to be an unforgettable celebration of the songs and harmonies that shaped barbershop music, featuring NINE past champs:

- Lemon Squeezy
- Three and a Half Men
- Quorum
- Main Street
- Forefront
- Instant Classic
- Crossroads
- Vocal Spectrum

- **Michigan Jake – celebrating their 20th Championship Anniversary**

Gee it ain't Friday, July 3 – 7:30 pm Central – Stifel Theatre

- **Live in person**
- **Livestream**
- **Delayed view streaming**

GET TV & LIVESTREAM

Livestream from the 2026 International Convention

Full coverage of the international contests!

- Watch all the action at home or on the go
- Blessed hosts **Alex Morris** and **Dobbie Cleveland** plus guests galore to add perspectives and anecdotes
- Performer interviews and shout-outs
- Full post-event archive access for one week!
- **All for just $99!**

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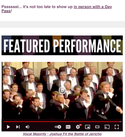
Pssssst... It's not too late to show up in person with a Day Pass!



Vocal Majority
2026 Music Ring – Winner of Jackson Hole Wyoming

Call it the stomp heard 'round the world. Atlanta's Georgia Dome was just barely large enough to contain this now-legendary premiere by reigning champs **The Vocal Majority**.

The VM will once again hand off the chorus trophy on Saturday night at the convention — **Catch** their live on the Livestream!

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