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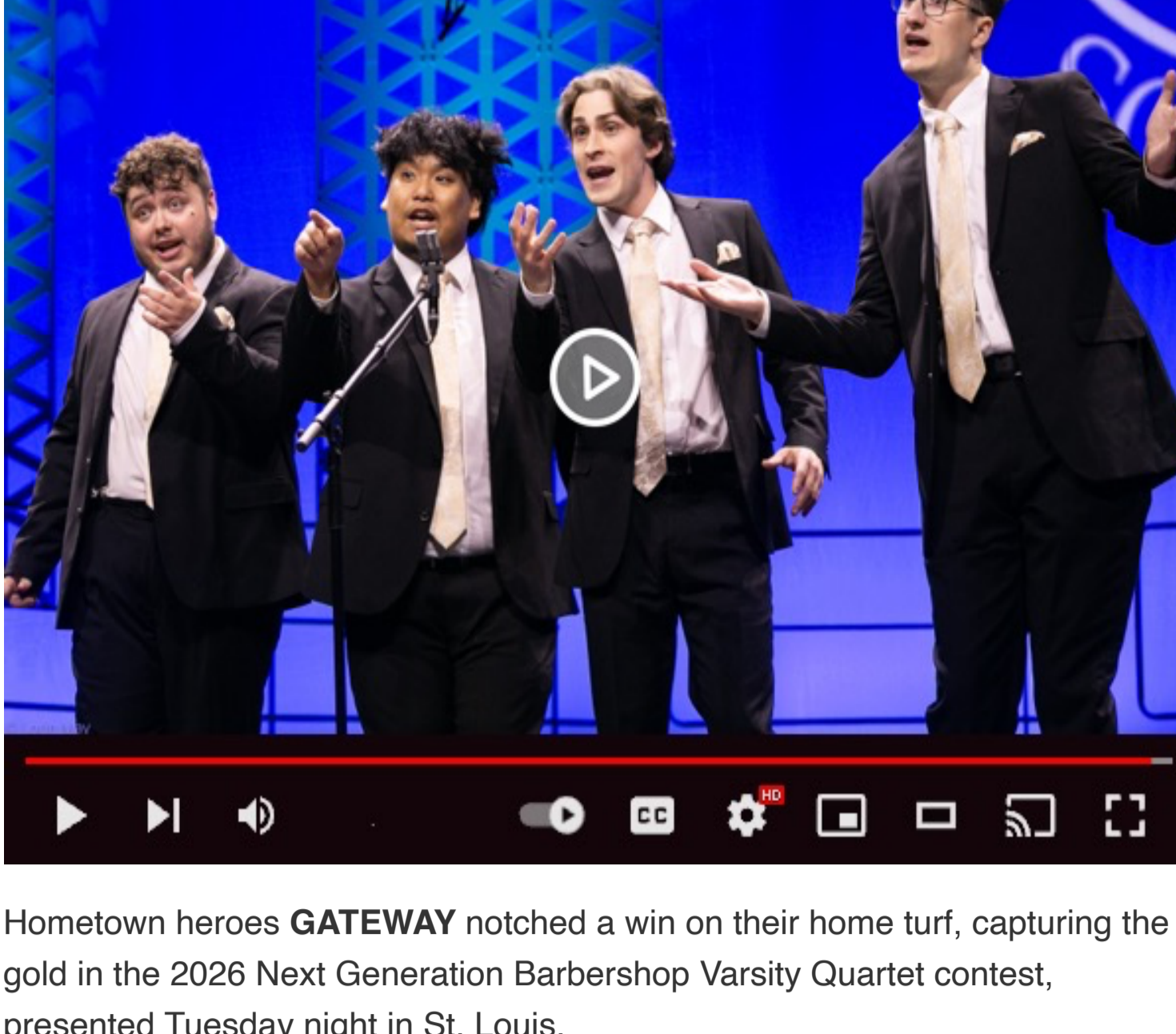
LIVESTREAM FRIDAY!

The AIC Presents
NINE Champions on ONE Stage for ONE Night!
July 3, 7:30PM
St. Louis
AICGOLD.COM

JULY 2, 2026

BARBERSHOP NEWS

Varsity champs win at home!



Hometown heroes **GATEWAY** notched a win on their home turf, capturing the gold in the 2026 Next Generation Barbershop Varsity Quartet contest, presented Tuesday night in St. Louis.

Third place quartet **TRILOGY** won the 139th Street Quartet Legacy prize and \$10,000 as the highest-placing quartet with at least two members new to the barbershop style.

The true international reach of the Varsity contest was shown by the fourth and fifth place finishes of quartets from New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

The top quartets were:

1. **Gateway** — 80.8%
2. **Cruise Control** — 80.5%
3. **Trilogy** — 80.4%
4. **Promenade** — 79.9%
5. **Ami Quartet** — 79.2%

[MORE PIX & SCORES](#)

Philanthropy Ring True Campaign



Since 1938, 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!

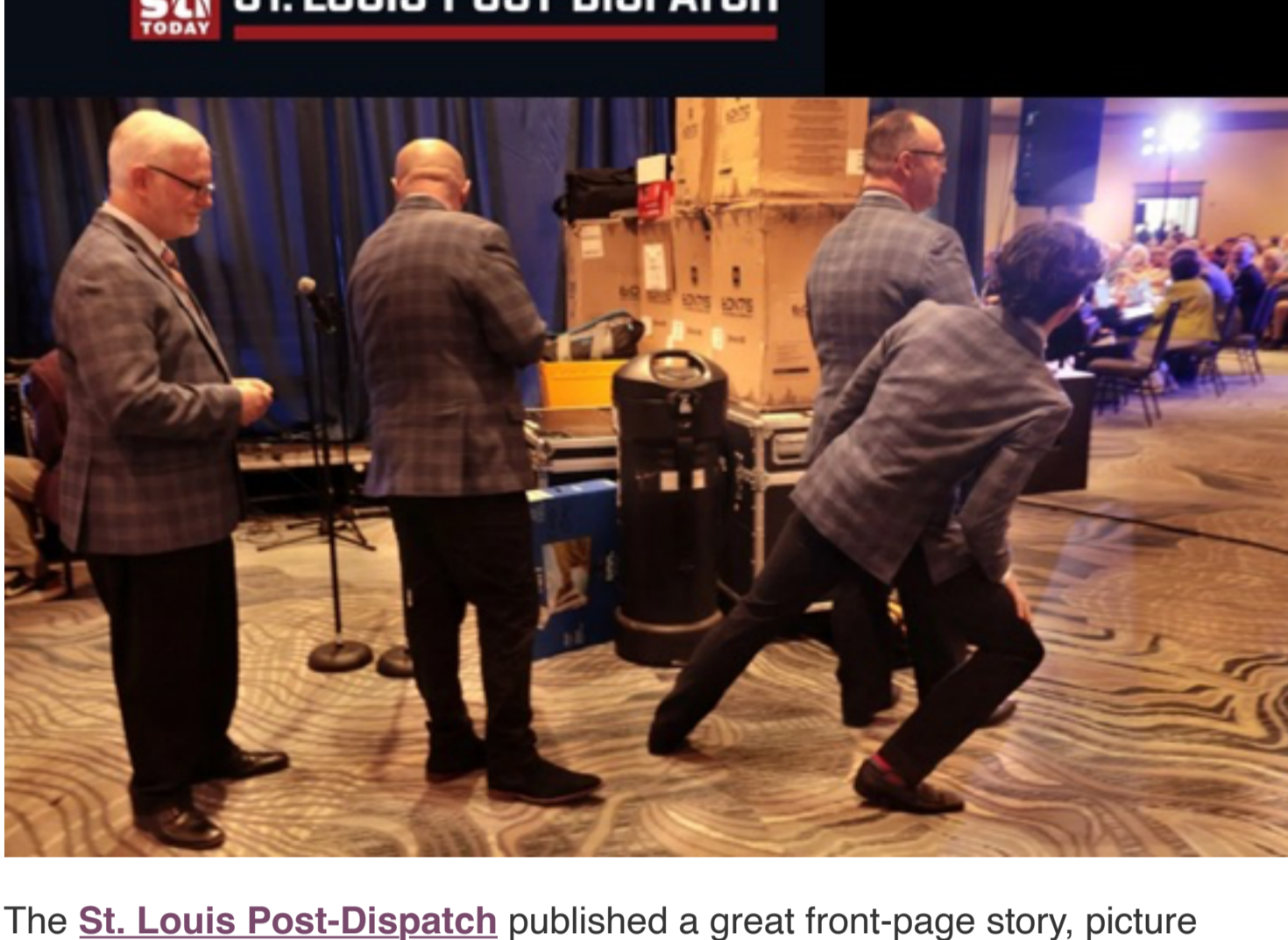
This spring, we launched a special major gift campaign, built on the generosity and vision of a select group of dedicated supporters. We are excited to share that these leadership donors have already raised **\$300,000**, creating a powerful match and setting the stage for Ring True's public launch at next week's International Convention.

Now it's your turn.

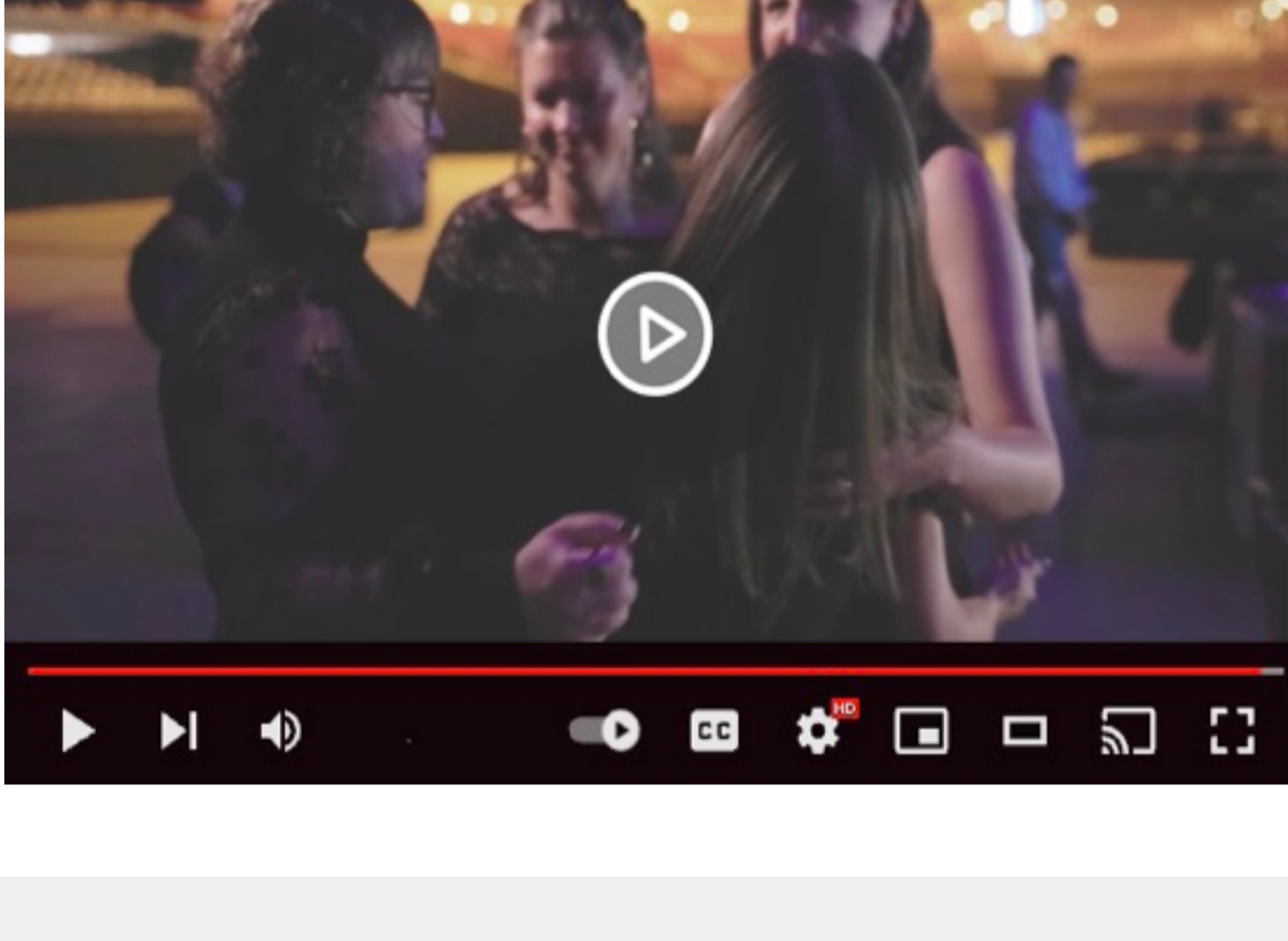
Every gift, from a first \$5 to a leadership founding gift, becomes part of the opening chord. No gift is too small. No voice is unneeded.

[Add your voice. Join the match. Ring True](#)

Convention is front page news!



The [St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#) published a great front-page story, picture gallery and video featuring **GQ, Quin-Tones** and more!



THE BARBERSHOP Ring

FOR THE 250TH CELEBRATION OF AMERICA

SALE

\$250 (REG. \$395) THIS WEEK ONLY
 JUNE 29 - JULY 5

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6mm and 8mm widths available

Save during convention!

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

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The 2026 AIC Show, "The Music That Made Us" will 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 25th Championship Anniversary



See it all! Friday, July 3 • 7:30 pm Central • Stifel Theatre

- Live in person
- Livestream
- Delayed view streaming

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SATURDAY NIGHT!

Top 10 order of appearance

1. **Secret Best Friends**
2. **Sunday Night Social**
3. **First Take**
4. **GQ**
5. **Full Effect**
6. **Gimme Four**
7. **The Ladies**
8. **Double Date**
9. **Newfangled Four**
10. **Purple Rebar**

Mic testers: **Smoke Ring**

Get scores from all events at [barbershop.org/scores](#)

YES! ALL MAIN EVENTS WILL BE STREAMED LIVE.
 DETAILS AT [BARBERSHOP.ORG/LIVESTREAM](#)

ST 26 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION LIVE STREAM

VIDEO RELEASE SCHEDULE

JUNE 29 - JULY 4
 THE WEEK OF ST. LOUISI DON'T MISS A MINUTE OF THE ACTION, \$99 (INCLUDES REPLAY CAPABILITY)

JULY 6-12
 LIVE STREAM REPLAY: REWATCH EVERY PERFORMANCE, \$39

JULY 13
 VIDEOS BEGIN RELEASE ON THE FIRST LOOK MEMBERS ONLY CHANNEL, \$799/MO

MID AUGUST
 VIDEOS WILL BE SET TO PUBLIC FOR FREE VIEWING ONE MONTH AFTER THEIR FIRST LOOK RELEASE, FREE

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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
- Performer interviews and shout-outs
- Full post-event archive access for one week!
- All for just \$99!

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