

2022
BARBERSHOP HARMONY SOCIETY

# IMPACT REPORT

#### **Our Mission**

To bring people together in harmony and fellowship to enrich lives through singing.

**Our Vision** 

Everyone in Harmony

### A NOTE FROM SOCIETY CEO, MARTY MONSON



What a difference a year makes! Comparing the data in this 2022 Annual Report with the year before, we see an entirely different landscape.

In 2021 (and 2020), we linked arms and responded with resiliency in the face of a global pandemic.

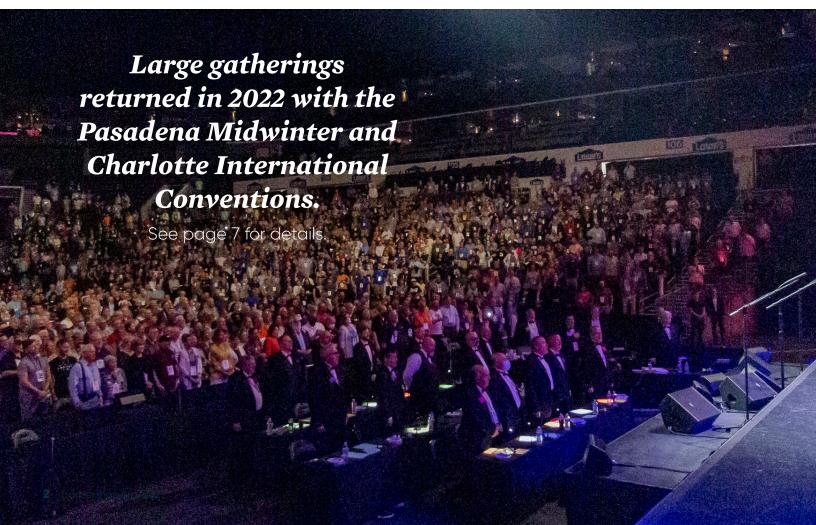
In 2022, we saw the resurgence of the Barbershop Harmony Society. We have reconnected, renewed and rededicated ourselves to all the things that make barbershop great. There is our wonderful music, of course, but more deeply, our abiding friendships.

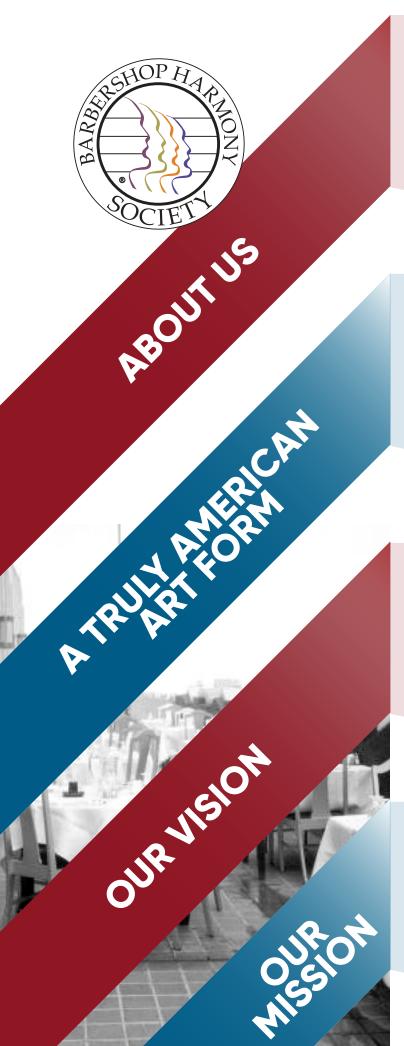
Maybe these things are all made a bit sweeter by our gratitude for one another, which held us together in the most challenging times. Just like the joyous sensation when we ring one of those beautiful barbershop chords. Our Society mission and vision reflect the life and activity of the BHS chapters, choruses, clubs, quartets, brigades, districts and all types of singing communities. The combined impact we make on the entire world is the sum of all of our communities.

These cumulative impacts are measurable year over year (see previous editions at barbershop.org/annual-reports). Our goal is to be consistent, so that over time, we can retrace our journey together and tell the world of the impact we are making in our backyards.

We as a Society — a collection of unique, wonderful communities — have collectively **grown in membership engagement, satisfaction, count of singing groups, and members**. Read further for rich examples of how we are growing in all dimensions.

The Society Board of Directors, in collaboration with the BHS staff, and a vast network of volunteer leaders, hold themselves accountable to our shared community, and vision. We're humbled to earn that trust anew each year and celebrate the impact you're making to bring more joy and happiness to a world in need of more joy, fun and happiness. I hope that as you page through this Impact Report, you will rejoice on the possibilities realized, and dream of the new possibilities it suggests.





Founded in 1938 as the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc. (SPEBSQSA), the Barbershop Harmony Society (BHS) preserves and extends the reach of a uniquely American close harmony musical art form whose roots lie in African-American improvisation and European harmony traditions.

Headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee since 2007, our nonprofit organization provides active programs and resources in music education, publishing, performance, and community outreach.

# A truly American artform, barbershop harmony is music for all people

The gift of harmony is too wonderful for us to keep to ourselves. We need to share it with young and old, with people of every color and every strata, with city people and country people and everyone in between, because the world needs what we have.

Harmony compels us to blend, to cooperate, to create beauty. Indeed, to love each other. It's time to think of the gift of harmony not just as a treasure for our own enjoyment, but as a tool for direct social impact.

This is Everyone in Harmony.

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## WHAT WE DO

BHS programs, products, and services are designed to help people sing together as an enriching lifelong endeavor and help singing groups thrive musically and administratively. The entire BHS community does this by focusing on four major impact areas.

## Youth

# Singing Communities

# Music Education

**Preservation** 



## **HOW WE DO IT**



**BHS connects thousands** of groups to provide accessible singing around the world.



**BHS invites diverse voices** into a beautiful unified barbershop sound, from the changing adolescent voice to the aging voice.



The BHS culture of deep friendships and musical achievement binds people together, even after long hiatuses.



**BHS nurtures an ongoing pipeline** of future singers by working with music educators and their students.



**Preservation of the barbershop style impacts** multiple generations of singers.



BHS inspires diverse singing communities through regional events, global partnerships with other choral organizations, a vast catalog of music, and thousands of YouTube performances.



**BHS training programs** for directors, music educators, and leaders lay foundations for thriving singing communities.



# CONNECTING THOUSANDS OF GROUPS AROUND THE WORLD



738 Choruses



















4 Geographic, 1 Educational

125 Requests for more information on how to start a barbershop group



During the pandemic, the number of BHS groups that felt like they were able to positively affect their community dropped to 47%. In 2022, that rose to pre-pandemic levels at 76%.

### 17 Districts

Johnny Appleseed Land O' Lakes Mid-Atlantic Northeastern Carolinas Ontario





Good

Cardinal

Central States

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Far Western

Illinois





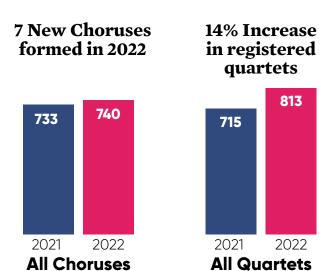


### 12 Alliances

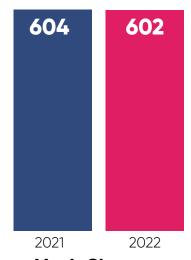
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# DIVERSE GROWTH

While many groups were impacted deeply by the pandemic, there have been positive trends across the Society in many of our singing communities who adapted, regrouped, and came back with plans for musical and membership growth.



#### The Men's Chorus experience



#### **Men's Choruses**

BHS supports the safe spaces that can be created in men's singing groups. The allmale experience is seen as most valuable by middle school and high school youth, and men over 45.\*

This data suggests the importance of encouraging and supporting the all-male experience in BHS activities.

\*Survey data from third-party resource Elevate Consulting, 2018



The Charlotte International convention introduced the first Open Contest which opened the door for qualifying choruses and quartets to compete regardless of gender. While the majority of singers represented

men's groups, the inaugural women's and all-voice groups enhanced an already exciting contest.



22 out of 118 total performing groups (19%) represented the Women's and All-Voice experience in all the Charlotte contests and the Festival.

### **Diverse** representation benefits all

BHS was grateful for participation of all groups at the International Convention. Having diverse representation means the thousands of resulting YouTube performances helped cast an even wider net to more singers to discover us online and become interested in singing barbershop!

This exposure creates engagement with more communities through regional events, helps develop global partnerships with other choral organizations, and encourages even more barbershop repertoire in more voicings to be added to an evergrowing catalog of barbershop music.

# CULTURE OF DEEP FRIENDSHIP AND MUSIC

By 2022, barbershoppers were building more friendships than they did even before the pandemic. The Barbershop Harmony Society is a place where music and deep friendships are critical to our mission, and after several years of cancelled in-person events and isolation, we will never take those for granted.





# **NURTURING FUTURE SINGERS**





85% of the youth participants in the Next Generation Barbershop Program in Pasadena, California plan to continue singing barbershop after high school.



- NextGen choruses attended Pasadena
- NextGen chorus hosted a local workshop with Vocal Spectrum
- NextGen chorus came to Nashville for a hosted workshop with Steve Scott and performed at Vanderbilt University.

Despite the challenges of Covid-19, Next Generation Barbershop impacted over 170 youth

Jim Kline's announcement of 139th Street Quartet Prize will be providing a financial award of \$10k to the highest scoring quartet with two new members over the next 5 years.

For the first time ever, youth participants at Harmony University were so inspired, they're paying it forward to help bring more youth to share their life-changing experience.





### Songwriter Partnership Program



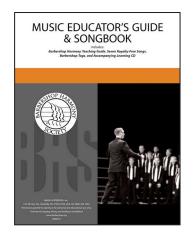
Scan the QR code for free Music Educator resources More free music and resources for music educators and their classrooms were created in 2022.



The Songwriter Partnership pilot program with the Nashville Songwriters Association International (NSAI) that began in 2020 was finally realized in 2022, with original songs written by Alex Ruwe, arranged by Wayne Grimmer, and performed at the Pasadena Midwinter convention by the NextGen chorus Anna Coyotes. Watch these performances on our YouTube channel.

The Barbershop Harmony
Society and the National

Association for Music Educators (NAfME) awarded **Katy Dane Music Educator of the year**, surprising her in Texas and encouraging Katy and other music educators like Katy about the impact and need of their work.



To date, Spanish Music Educator Guides have been provided for FREE for 30 music educators and practitioners of barbershop. This guide is a short but comprehensive introduction to barbershop music intended for music teachers, including easy and free tags, songs, and associated learning tracks in multiple voicings.

# PRESERVATION IMPACTS **MULTIPLE GENERATIONS OF SINGERS**

As we returned to major events in 2022, the work continued to help breathe life into much of our content, both old and new.



ALL 1978 QUARTET COMPETITORS' PORTRAITS ON FLICKR



### In 2022, we:

Released 50 Way Back Whens-day series of restored legendary barbershop performances from our archives, including from our reel-toreel collection, and a vast array of older media types including video tapes and cassettes.

Digitized **tens of thousands** of photographs from multiple sources, including curated binders of already-developed photos, collections of film negatives from past major conventions dating back to the 1950s, and quartet and chorus portraits from convention scrapbooks.

Digitized **several hundred** Quartet and Chorus 78 and 33-1/3 phonorecords.

Digitized and transferred hundreds of hours of footage from a variety of formats including VHS, SVHS, and DVCAM formats.

#### View our archives:

**Photos** 

**Videos** 





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# **WINSPIRING DIVERSE SINGING** COMMUNITIES

### HARMONY UNIVERSITY **NOTABLES**





Harmony University continued to provide professional development and continuing education.

**42 Scholarships** were awarded to HU attendees.

We received buy-in with Districts who helped provide scholarships. Districts provided scholarships to their music directors to support their local communities.

BHS staff members and Board leadership visited the New Orleans Center for the Creative Arts (NOCCA) - a magnet high school to do a master class with their ensembles with special guest quartet **Signature**, our 2019 International Quartet Champion.



BHS met with the New Orleans Jazz Association and Hal Leonard at TMEA (Texas Music **Educators Association)** to explore future opportunites for barbershop in the classroom.









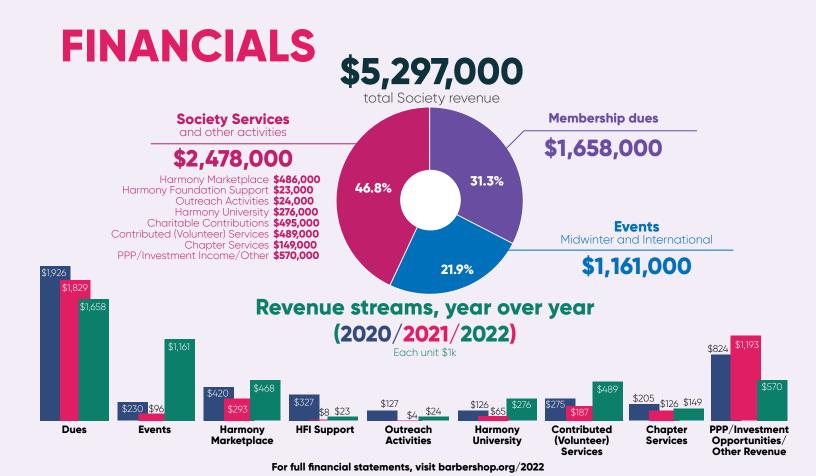


#### YouTube Grew in 2022

With the return of major in-person events and new content being added, our reach online continued to grow and extend outwards, with 13,400 new subscribers to our ever-expanding YouTube channel.

In 2022, we had just over **8.6 million** video views. For vet another year, our most popular video continues to be Main Street's Pop Songs Medley which has now garnered 7.7 million views since being uploaded in 2015.

Oops, they did it yet again.



## THANK YOU

The Barbershop Harmony Society is grateful to our supporters who made a financial investment in 2022 to support local singing communities and the BHS programs they love. Please join us in celebrating the generosity of these donors and consider joining this group. Visit www.harmonyfoundation.org to learn more.

### **Tulsa Rooftop Club**

Rich Knight and Peggy Leon

#### **Diamond Level**

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#### **Gold Level**

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#### Silver Level

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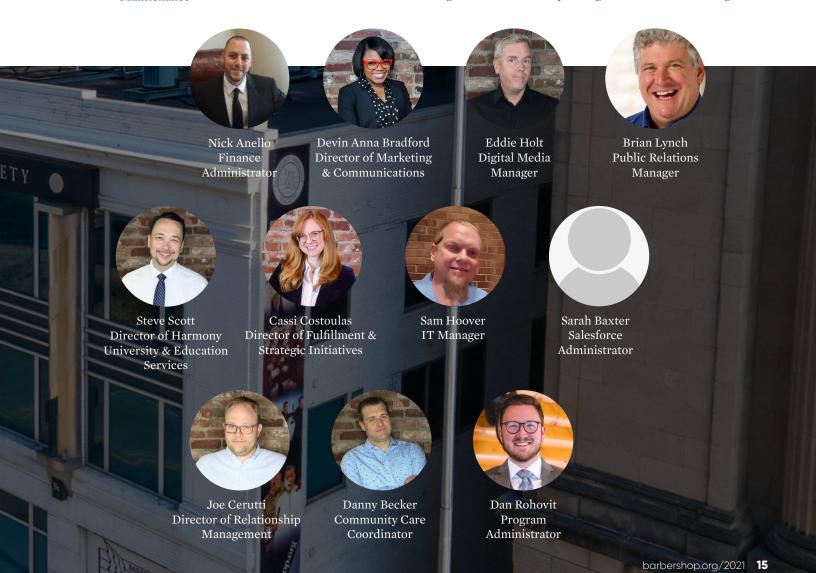
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