



The Sounds of Harmony®

“Our mission is to perpetuate the institution of Barbershop Harmony, the Barbershop Quartet, and promote and encourage vocal harmony and good fellowship among its members and the community”



September 2009

- News & Notes -

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SoH Calendar 2009

September		
11-12	Fri-Sat*	Carlyle Street Fair
14	Mon	Board Meeting Jim Bostick's office 6:00p.m.
October		
17	Sat*	Scottrade Center Showtime: TBD
31	Sat*	Scottrade Center Showtime: TBD
November		
14	Sat	Scottrade Center Showtime: TBD
27	Fri	Scottrade Center Showtime: TBD

Rehearsals are every Tuesday, at 7:00 PM, at Parkview Church of Nazarene in Fairview Heights, unless specifically noted in this column.

* = Points Event

AOH Guest Night

The Ambassadors of Harmony, 2009 International Chorus Champions, are having a guest night on Thursday, September 24th at 7:00 p.m. Anyone who loves to sing is invited and anyone who just wants to go see a good show is invited as well. Please see Bob Cearnal, Hal Maples, or Steve Martin for more information.

Florissant Christmas Show

I know it's a little bit early before the Christmas season, but Florissant is looking for any singer that would like to join them on stage for their annual Christmas Show on December 12th. If you're interested in participating, please see Mike Dohogne for more information. Thanks.



Birthdays

Jim Bostick – Sept 5th
Mike Dohogne – Sept 27th
Chris Shenuman – Sept 29th

Can't Make the Rehearsal or Performance?

All singing members are encouraged to be at all chorus rehearsals and performances to achieve participation points towards money redemption from the chorus to help with spring contest expenses. Call or email Steven Martin before the rehearsal or performance if you can't make it.
Cell: 618-301-0810
Email: sdmartin79@hotmail.com

Vision Statement:

“To be recognized as the best singing small chorus by the Illinois District and the Community. To be active in the Illinois District and the Community for the propagation of the Barbershop Style”

Notes From the “Ex” Prez

After he's finished reading it, Hal Fletcher hands me a copy of his former district's bulletin, "MID'L ANTICS." In it one can find some interesting articles, usually written by the officers of the district. One such article penned by Roger Tarpy, DVP of Chorus Director Development, contained some thought-provoking information that would apply to all barbershoppers across the Society. It actually pertains to a director of a Sweet Adelines championship director, but it could well apply to Doug Brooks, as well. With your permission, I will paraphrase a few of the suggestions in Roger's article.

To be a good singer--

1. Use lift in your singing. Lack of body movement is the enemy of resonance.
2. Have no vibrato. Relax your muscles, especially in your jaw and tongue, and work on good breath support.
3. Be aware of the interpretive plan. Know where to be soft, speed up, hold a note.
4. Listen to others in your group and other parts to know how your part fits in.
5. Be regular in attendance. If you're gone, the chorus isn't the same without you.
6. Finally, learn all the notes. We have given you the tools. It is your responsibility to use them.

There it is: The secret to success. Now, how about cutting out the article and putting it on your refrigerator for future reference?

Bob Cearnal
Immediate Past President

Quiet, please!

As a courtesy to our **Director** and fellow members, please turn off or set to silent mode, all cell phones, pagers and alarm watches during rehearsal. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



Illinois District Fall Convention

The Illinois District Fall Convention is just around the corner from 25-27 September in Peoria, IL. We will not be competing as a chorus but we will be running the Harmony Marketplace once again. Gerry Bach will be running it and is always looking for help. We do have 6-8 people already signed up to help but if you're still interested in helping out, please let Gerry know. You will unfortunately have to pay for your convention registrations since we are not competing in this contest. If you need additional information on obtaining your registration for this convention, please see either Packy Botula or Steve Martin.

Guest Books

If you happen to bring a guest with you and we have loaned them a guest book for the rehearsal, please make sure that they return it to the chorus prior to the end of the rehearsal. Thanks.

Steven Martin
Membership VP

Guest Night

We are looking at having a guest night in the next month or two, so please be on the lookout for individuals that you would like to bring and share in the music and fellowship with us. Also, just a reminder that wives and family members are always welcome at guest nights and all rehearsals.

Steven Martin
Membership VP

Current Repertoire

Always
Beer Barrel Polka
Bye Bye Blues
Dear Old Girl
God Bless America
Gospel Medley
Hello Mary Lou
Honey's Lovin Arms
I'll Be Seeing You
Java Jive
(Oh Suzanna) Dust Off That Old Piano
Old Folks at Home
Old St. Louie
Precious Lord
Shenandoah
We'll Meet Again
When I'm 64
What a Wonderful World
Yesterday

Scottrade Center Dates

Jim Bostick has attained the following dates for us to work a food booth at the Scottrade Center. Most of these dates are for St. Louis Blues home games. Please mark these dates in your calendar and volunteer for as many as you can. We will need 5-6 volunteers for each booth. We will have sign up sheets when the time comes. These dates are tentative. More information will follow on the Members Only section of our website.

October 17th
October 31st
November 14th
November 27th
December 11th
December 29th
January 16th
January 30th
February 13th
March 21st
Apr 3rd
Apr 9th



Coming this Fall!

The 2009 International Harmony Achievement Award winning
St. Louis Harmony Chorus

and

The 2009 International Championship Quartet

Moxie Ladies

together on one stage for two shows
Save the date, Saturday, September 19,
2009 2:00pm and 7:30pm

Florissant Civic Center Theater

#1 James J. Eagan Dr.

Florissant, MO 63033

Ticket Prices:

\$15.00 for the matinee

\$20.00 for the evening show

Group rates available

Tickets go on sale soon!

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Carlyle Street Fair

We will once again be participating in the Carlyle Street Fair this coming fall. It will be on the 11th and 12th of September. We will be operating a food booth. We will need volunteers to work either a 6 hour shift on the 11th (Friday) or 1 of 3 4-hour shifts on the 12th (Saturday). Sign up sheets will be available this month, so please sign up and help out. We will wear either khaki shorts or pants with the yellow chorus t-shirt. If you don't have one, please see Don Koch for your size.

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