



Dixie Town Crier

Dixie's monthly chapter newsletter
dedicated to the original town crier,
Chuck Witherspoon

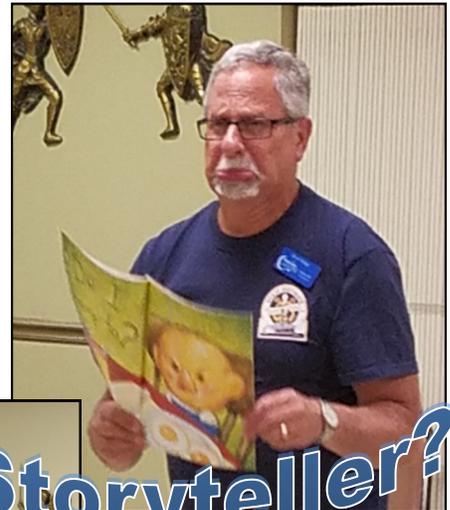


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More Than Just Singing!



As the Music City Chorus prepares to perform at the Barbershop Harmony International Convention in Nashville in July, members have been sharing children's stories during rehearsals to better understand what it takes to be a good storyteller.



What Makes a Good Storyteller?



SOUND OF TENNESSEE

PRESENTS

SPRING SHOW 2016

FEATURING SPECIAL GUEST QUARTET

BOARDWALK

SATURDAY

June 11th, 7PM

Doors Open at 6:30PM

Pangle Hall

340 Church St NE, 37311

soundoftn.org



**TICKETS
ON SALE**
\$15

Cleveland, Tennessee

APPALACHIAN EXPRESS CHORUS



The Appalachian Express Chorus (Northeast Tennessee Chapter) sang at the Spring Garden Fair at Exchange Place Living History Farm, 4812 Orebank Road in Kingsport on April 30, 2016. The Fair focuses on springtime activities on an 1850s farm and the sale of thousands of plants, garden accessories and related crafts, with an emphasis on herbs, native, and heirloom plants. Each year the Fair features garden walks and talks, children's activities, traditional music, and baked goods.



The Appalachian Express Chorus presented its annual Spring Fling Show on May 24 at the Lamp Light Theater in Kingsport, TN.

BHS International Convention in Nashville

Many Positions Still Unfilled: Will YOU Help?

A pink banner with white, hand-drawn text that reads "VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!". The banner is slightly wrinkled and is placed on a teal background.

The Barbershop Harmony Society returns to the heart of the Dixie District in July 2016. The Nashville Chapter is officially the host chapter, but in order to make this convention the best convention ever, we need the help of all Dixie District chapters.

The number of volunteers needed to man all of the convention activities is, quite simply, huge. Volunteer work shifts are kept to four hours whenever possible, but limited-hours shifts means there are more shifts available. Any Dixie District barbershopper (and family and friends) is eligible to volunteer—whether you are coming to Nashville for the week or simply want to come to town for a day to work one of the competitions.

Howard McAdory, Volunteer Coordinator, notes some of the major needs. “The bulk of the need that we have is for people to work the Auditorium Front of House. This will either be pulling a curtain closed during contestants' performances or helping to keep folks quiet in the areas just outside of the arena. It is fairly easy work; we just need lots of people to cover all of the entrances,” McAdory explained.

“Another area that we need help with is registration. There are several different shifts either helping with registration for the convention or handling will call for some of the sessions or AIC shows,” continued McAdory.

While all the positions are done on a volunteer basis, those who sign up online in advance will receive an official convention volunteer shirt.

It is easy to sign up. Just go to www.barbershop.org/Nashville, and click on the VOLUNTEERS NEEDED sign.

McAdory summed up the plea to our fellow Dixie District barbershoppers. “The Nashville chapter would be eternally grateful to any and all who can help us make this the greatest International Convention yet!”

Are **YOU** Coming to the Nashville International Convention This July?



Volunteers are needed in a variety of capacities and venues through the week!

Will YOU Help?

Select your volunteer position, date and time at:

www.barbershop.org/Nashville

Sunday, July 3

Barbershop Champions Headline Nashville Pre-Convention Show

An all-star lineup has been announced for the pre-international convention show hosted by the Music City Chorus on July 3.

Headlining the impressive list of guest performers will be **Instant Classic**, the current BHS quartet champions. But they will not be the only gold medalists on the marquee. **Ringmasters** will be bringing their gold medal style to Nashville.

But the list doesn't end there. Representing Sweet Adelines International will be their 2016 Queens of Harmony **Speed of Sound**.

Still not enough bling on that stage? How about **Lemon Squeezy**, 2012 Collegiate Champions and bronze medalists at the Pittsburgh contest last year. Or **Blindside**, the 2014 Pan Pacific Youth Barbershop Quartet Champions. And then add in **Stockholm Syndrome** who placed 12th in Pittsburgh.

But wait ... there's more!!! Also clanging their medals in their hometown will be the bronze medal winning members of the **Music City Chorus!**

And just for fun, why not ask **Lunch Break** to MC the show (and to present some all new material)!!

Tickets are now on sale through Eventbrite with a direct link from the Music City Chorus website: www.musiccitychorus.org. Whether you will be staying the week in Nashville for the international convention or simply driving in for this special show, this is the one show Dixie District barbershoppers will not want to miss. With barbershoppers arriving in the city from around the world, you are encouraged to



The Music City Chorus sang in a joint concert appearance with the Ohio Northern University Choir May. The Ohio Northern University was on a national tour. The group is directed by Dr. Ben Ayling, a barbershop singer himself and a member of the gold-medal winning quarter **The Ritz**. **The Ritz** will be celebrating the 25-year anniversary of their championship during the international convention in Nashville in July.

MUSIC CITY CHORUS PRESENTS
2016
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A REALLY AWESOME
BARBERSHOP SHOW



Blindside

Ringmasters

Stockholm Syndrome

Also featuring Music City Chorus

And Lunch Break as Emcee

Instant Classic

Speed of Sound

Lemon Squeezy

Sunday, July 3 @ 6:00pm

IN NASHVILLE! At the Grand Lodge of Tennessee Auditorium, Next door to BHS Headquarters, downtown at the Corner of 7th and Broadway

\$35 General Admission by June 1 (\$45 after June 1)

\$75 VIP (includes front reserved seating and quartet meet and greet before the show)

Purchase trickets at www.musiccitychorus.org

*additional fees may apply

The Dixie District of the Barbershop Harmony Society and Harmony Foundation is sponsoring the 2016 Harmony Explosion Co-ed Camp



A 3 day camp for young men and women in high school (and their teachers) who like to sing a cappella in 4-part harmony

Clay Hine - Director of Atlanta Vocal Project, and Beeki Hine - Director of Song of Atlanta Show Chorus, clinicians. The Academy (2014 International Collegiate Quartet Champions), and an award-winning girls quartet as teaching quartets.

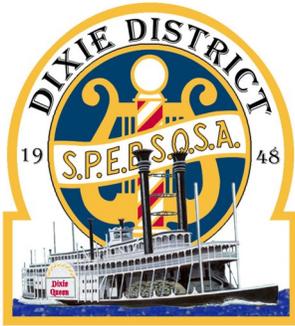
**Thursday, July 14 through Saturday, July 16, 2016
at the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga**

Note! The cost for a camper is a \$125 fee. Music Educators who attend will be granted a full scholarship. Please register early - Registrations will be limited. Registration includes:

Three days and three nights in the dormitory, all meals on site, sheet music and learning tracks, t-shirt, workshops on vocal techniques, song presentation, and rehearsal of four songs for performance on Saturday night show for friends and relatives. Show will include performances by some of the best quartets and choruses in the Barbershop Harmony Society.

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2016 Dixie District Calendar

BHS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

July 3-10, 2016

Nashville, TN

DIXIE HARMONY EXPLOSION CAMP

July 14-17, 2016

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

BHS HARMONY UNIVERSITY

July 24-31, 2016

Belmont University in Nashville, TN

DIXIE DISTRICT FALL CONVENTION

October 7-9, 2016

Dunwoody, GA