

# Spring Convention and Contests

Winston-Salem, NC March 23-25, 2017

District Spring Convention and Contests returned to Winston-Salem, NC. The convention began on Thursday evening with a Harmony Platoon event. Friday events included more Harmony Platoon, several classes, the President's Circle reception and dinner, and concluded with the first round of the quartet contest.

Saturday featured the chorus contest, quartet contest finals, and the show of champions. The AHSOW room was available each day for chances to woodshed.

Twenty-quartets competed in five contests:

- International Prelim (2 rounds): ***Zero Hour***, with an average score of 79.9, qualified for the International Quartet Contest held this July in Las Vegas, NV.
- District Qualifier (1 round): quartets qualifying for the Carolinas District Quartet Contest at the 2016 Fall Festival were: ***Technically Sound, Midtown, Harmony Grits, Final Countdown, Infinity, Sound Counsel, Anecdote, Collage, Republic, and Ring-tones.***
- Senior International Prelim (1 round): ***Harmony Grits***, with a score of 71.6, qualified to represent the Carolinas District at the International Seniors Quartet Contest, at the Mid-Winter Convention January 2018 in Orange County, CA. (Subsequently, ***Final Countdown*** and ***Sound Counsel*** qualified for at-large bids.)
- Seniors District (1 round): ***Sound Counsel***, with a score of 68.9, were the Carolinas District 2017 District Seniors Quartet Champion.
- Novice Quartet (1 round): ***Anecdote***, with an average score of 66.6, was the Carolinas District 2017 District Novice Quartet Champion.



The chorus contest was held Saturday March 25th with ten choruses competing.

- International Chorus Prelims: **Carolina Vocal Express** (Rocky Mount), will represent the Carolinas District in Orlando, FL in July 2018. CVE, directed by Dale Comer, had 54 men on stage, and scored of 78.9.
- Carolinas District 2017 Chorus Champion: **Palmetto Vocal Project** (Mount Pleasant, SC) directed by George Gipp with 26 men on stage and a score of 77.3.
- Plateau AA Champion: **Palmetto Vocal Project** (Mount Pleasant, SC) directed by George Gipp.
- Plateau A Champion: **Cross Creek Chordsmen** (Fayetteville, NC) directed by Nicholas DiLorenzo with 17 men on stage.
- Most Improved Chorus: **Heart of Carolina Chorus** (Central Carolina) directed by Dr. Bill Adams with 28 men on stage.

Chorus contest awards were presented by Larry Reinhart, District VP –Contest and Judging.

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**International Chorus Rep  
Carolina Vocal Express**  
Accepting the award Dale Comer, Director



**District Chorus Champion  
Plateau AA Champion  
Palmetto Vocal Project**  
Accepting the award George Gipp, Director



**Plateau A Chorus Champion  
Cross Creek Chordsmen**  
Accepting the award Nick DiLorenzo, Director.



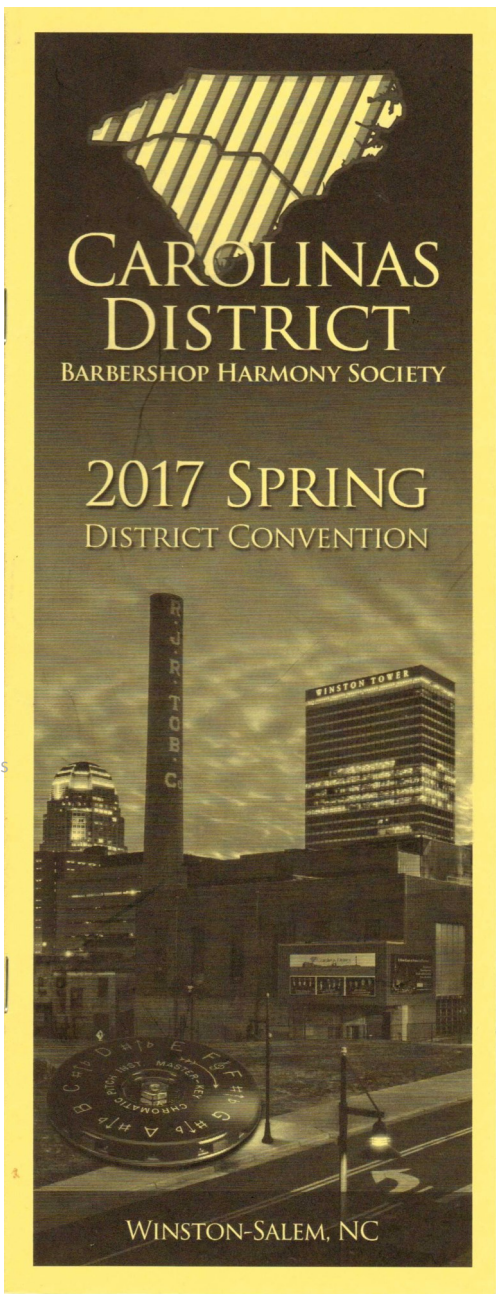
**Most Improved Chorus  
Heart of Carolina Chorus**  
Accepting the award Fran Kucheravy Chapter President.

President Dave Millson presented the Carolinas District 2016 Non-Singing Awards (below L-R): *District Barbershopper of the Year Award (BOTY)* to Mark Stock, *District Unsung Hero Award* to Glenn Ogden, and *District Chapter of Note Award (Membership Recruitment)* to the Pinehurst. Preston Smith and John Arnold accepted the award. [Photos © Ken Thomas]





Scenes around the convention (counterclockwise from top): *Tune it or Die* class, with Steve Delehanty, Music judge; registration, woodshedding in the AHSOW room, one of many quartets that participated in the Harmony Platoon activities.





# Competing Quartets



## *Zero Hour*

### **District Representative 2017 International Contest**

Benjamin Mills (T), Larry Lane (L),  
Scot Gregg (Bs), Mark Rodda (Br)  
Charlotte, NC, Frank Thorne



## *Technically Sound*

Benjamin Mulch (Br), Nathan Vaughan (Bs),  
Calvino Cupini (L), Isaac Stewart (T)  
Charlotte, NC; Hickory, NC;



## *Midtown*

Fern Sicilia (Br), Dan Winer (L),  
Nicholas DiLorenzo (Bs), Scott Feldmann (T)  
Fayetteville, NC; RTP, NC; Grand Rapids, MI;  
The Motor City Metro, MI; Frank Thorne



## *Harmony Grits*

**District Representative 2017 Seniors International Contest**  
Steve Tremper (T), Wally Miles (L),  
Ted Leinbach (Bs), Jim Nappier (Br)  
Charlotte, NC; Research Triangle Park, NC; Winston-Salem, NC



### **District Representative 2017 Seniors International**

## *Final Countdown*

Steve Curulla (T), Chuck Villier (L),  
Dale Comer (Bs), Mark Rodda (Br)  
Charlotte, NC; Tampa, FL; Lincoln, NE



## *Infinity*

Kevin Gillett (T), Thomas Nawrocki (Bs),  
Lewis Law, Jr, (L), Mikey Mancuso (Br)  
Charleston, SC; Mount Pleasant, SC





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***Sound Counsel***

Fred Conrad (T), Glenn Ogden (Bs),  
Nate Pendley (L), Gerry Davis (Br)  
Winston-Salem, NC



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***Supersonic***

Justin Slack (T), James Monday (L),  
Kier Klepzig (Bs), Kevin Kehres (Br)  
Asheville, NC



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***Anecdote***

**District Novice Champion**  
Todd Hudson (T), Joseph Dryer (L),  
Michael Adams (Bs), Adam Bridges (Br)  
Central Carolina, NC



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***Collage***

Martin Hill (T), Kenneth Maes (L),  
David Lybrand (Bs), Norman Lockett (Br)  
Upstate South Carolina, SC



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***Republic***

Thomas Paul (T), Robert Pucciariello (L),  
David Box (Bs), Scott Monster (Br)  
Mount Pleasant, SC



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***Ringtones***

Research Triangle Park, Raleigh, NC  
Paul Martin (T), Bob Inskeep (L),  
Warren Fuson (Bs), Gary Thorn (Br)



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***The KeyNotes***

Rick Sirmons (Br), Michael Stehlik (Bs),  
 Randall Freeman (L), Buzz Johnston (T)  
 Mount Pleasant, SC;  
 Greater Indianapolis, IN; Frank Thorne



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***Lucky Four Us***

Bill Williams (T), Alan Parker (L),  
 Rob Alexander (Bs), Richard Franklin  
 Winston-Salem, NC



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***Sage Advice***

John Bell (T), George Simolin (L),  
 John Earnhardt (Bs), Rob Armstrong (Br)  
 Charlotte, NC



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***HarmonyWorks***

Steve Curulla (T), Nicholas Roe (L),  
 Randy Hagan (Bs), Jim Eddings (Br)  
 Asheville, NC; Charlotte, NC; Greater Gaston, NC



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***Vintage Four***

Jim Cheesman (Br), Brian Franck (Bs),  
 Duke Andrus (L), Mike Dorsey (T)  
 Hilton Head Island, SC, East Cleveland, OH



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***Chapter Two***

Al Brylowe (T), Wayne Massetti (L),  
 Stephen Robb (Bs), Brian Giersch (Br)  
 New Bern, NC





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***Carolina Blend***

Richard Carey, (Br) Michael Rush (Bs),  
Norman Lockett (L), John Ryan (T)  
Upstate South Carolina, SC



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***Notables***

Richard Rosenberger (T), Josh Stoddard (L),  
Chris Middleton, (Bs) Kason Kekas (Br)  
Central Carolina, NC



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***Hazardous Moving Parts***

***Mic Testers***

Bill Menendez (T), Tom Martyn (Br),  
Larry Reinhart (L), Jim Benson (Bs)  
Wilmington, NC



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***Let's Sing!***

For Score Evaluation Only  
Steve Tremper (T), Mark Chandler (L),  
Greg Zink (Bs), Joe Doub, Jr. (Br)  
Greensboro, NC; Research Triangle Park, NC;  
Winston-Salem, NC

***Competing Choruses***



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District Representative to 2018 International Chorus Contest  
***Carolina Vocal Express***—Rocky Mount, NC—Dale Comer Directing





**District Chorus Champion**  
*Palmetto Vocal Project – Mount Pleasant, SC – George Gipp Directing*



**District Most Improved Chorus**  
*Heart of Carolina Chorus – Central Carolina, NC – Dr. Bill Adams Directing*



**Gold Standard Chorus – Charlotte, NC – Larry Lane Directing**





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**Triad Harmony Express** — Winston-Salem, NC — Robert Cox Directing



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**Cross Creek Chordsmen** — Fayetteville, NC — Nicholas DiLorenzo Directing



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**Tarheel Chorus** — Greensboro, NC — John Peeler Directing





*Land of the Sky Chorus – Asheville, NC – Kevin Kehres, Directing*



*The Southern Gentlemen – New Bern, NC – Jonathan Brinson Directing*



*Hilton Head Lighthouse Chorus – Hilton Head Island, SC – Duke Andrus Directing*