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## An Update on 'Spring Sing!'

In our last Carolinas Crooner, we announced the in-person Spring Sing! convention - including in-person contests to qualify our quartet representatives to the 2021 BHS International convention in Cleveland. Since that time, BHS has announced that the 2021 International convention is fully cancelled. As a result, there is no need to hold a quartet convention in May, and the Spring Sing! is cancelled.

Replacing it, the Carolinas Barbershop Society leaders are discussing plans for a District-wide cookout to be held later in the summer featuring a lot of singing, virtual chorus performances and a show. Stay tuned to future issues for more information. In the interim, see the announcement of the Carolinas Video Showcase below.

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**District Website URL Updated to 'https:/'**

To improve security, the URL for the Carolinas Harmony Society has changed to <https://www.carolinasdistrict.org>. Please update your bookmarks.

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## Carolinas Video Showcase Announced

by *Bill Adams, VP-Music & Performance*

Many groups have been working on video performances. To showcase your work, the Carolinas Harmony Society is creating a **Carolinas Video Showcase**. All quartets and choruses are encouraged to submit videos of up to 10 minutes in length. The videos will be compiled into a single video to be published on YouTube.

[Click here for more information](#)

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## BHS Updates Guidance for COVID-19

The Barbershop Harmony Society updated portions of its [COVID-19 Interim Guidance](#), including a **draft of a claims release form related to face-to-face meetings**, CDC language and terminology, insurance considerations, and vaccine references and links.

Please note that regarding the question about liability for members or patrons with the COVID-19 virus, BHS writes:

*"Ultimately the answer to that question is a legal one that we (Harmony Hall) or our insurer cannot answer with any confidence. As a practical matter, our insurance policies continue to provide appropriate general liability coverages for our singing communities but unfortunately, communicable disease coverage is no longer available on the Society policy and was eliminated by the Society's underwriter with our 2021 renewal. The changes to the Society's policies follow the industry trend started during the summer of 2020 where carriers refused to continue to cover risks associated with COVID-19 due to the unknown nature of the pandemic and risks associated with the virus. There are no exclusions for pandemics and communicable diseases. The insurance industry is in turmoil around these issues, as liability and causation issues are causing risks to be re-evaluated. As always, we recommend that all singing ensembles follow CDC guidelines together with local and state guidelines."*

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## Deciding to Return to Live Rehearsals

**Chorus Connection** is another resource for chorus leaders. The company's primary business is selling a program for chorus management but it also has a helpful blog with lots of relevant topics. A [recent blog](#) included several considerations related to restarting in-person rehearsals, including:

- Putting together an operational plan and getting buy-in
  - Creating a singer communication plan
  - Suggestions and resources
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## Navigating BHS' New Member Center

[Member Center](#) is the Society's central hub for several services, including managing your membership, chapter rosters and other related info, marketing materials, recruitment guides and a whole lot more. However, it uses tile format that is very different from the old format. To help navigate the new system, BHS has prepared a [helpful 'Welcome' page](#) with resources grouped by category. Additionally, there is a [video recording](#) of one of the orientation sessions BHS held as the new system was being rolled out.

*Tip: although Member Center has the look and feel of the rest of BHS' main site ([www.barbershop.org](http://www.barbershop.org)), it is a separate domain ([www.members.barbershop.org/s/](http://www.members.barbershop.org/s/)). As a result, if you click 'Home' from the Member Center toolbar, you do not return to the overall*

## Carolinas Barbershop Harmony Issues Statement of Social Equity

Click here to see our [Statement on Social Equity](#)

From BHS HQ...

### There's Lots Going On at BHS...

- Have you seen the performances from the [2021 Virtual Midwinter Convention](#)?
- Announcement regarding the [2021 International in Cleveland](#)
- Watch Kevin Keller's excellent series on [The History of the BHS Contest & Judging System](#)
- Updates to [COVID-19 Resources](#) for Chapters

*This information was first communicated in BHS' weekly LiveWire email. [Sign up](#) to receive these emails directly from BHS.*

## [The Calendar](#)

### Your Link to Upcoming District Events and Chapter Shows

Click the link for the official [District Calendar](#). Here's a recap of what's coming up in the next three months. Contact District Secretary Richard Harris at [secretary@carolinasdistrict.org](mailto:secretary@carolinasdistrict.org) to get your chapter show cleared for posting to the District calendar.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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3	4	7	8	9	10
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### Nov. 12-13 - Carolinas Barbershop Harmony Fall Convention

Thanks for reading!

Please feel free to send in letters to the Editor, photos and comments of your opinions and experience to share.

Yours in Harmony,

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