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Greetings! here's what's going on...

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Community Outreach Program Kicks Off June 5 with "Spark Plug" Meeting

The Carolinas Harmony Society is offering this **grant program** to help the chapters of the District develop and implement novel, timely and effective ideas to reach out to their local communities as they restart operations after the COVID-19 shutdowns of 2020/2021. The intent is to help chapters to exchange ideas with other chapters, reintroduce themselves to their communities, and encourage resumption of organized singing in their communities.

The Carolinas Harmony Society will make grants of up to \$1,000 per chapter based on an application that aligns with the criteria of the Grant Program. Depending on the merit of the ideas submitted, it may be possible to pool chapter grants for a combined activity. A chapter applying for this grant program shall identify an individual or group that will act as their grant Spark

Plug(s) that will lead the effort, participate in inter-chapter conferences, write the application, plan and manage the activities that are funded and submit reports as required.

Chapters are requested to provide the contact information for their spark plug(s) to IPP@carolinasdistrict.org. A kickoff meeting is being scheduled for June 05, 2021 from 10am to noon. The full description of the Grant Program and application process and an application form can be found [on the District website](#)

BHS Updates COVID-19 Guidance

In light of the recent updates from the CDC, we are all wondering how to safely sing together again. FYI, several choruses in the Carolinas are already doing so. Click below to see the updated BHS compilation of guidance. This guide includes background information around COVID-19 and updated 'Considerations' starting on page 5 of the guide. In addition to a discussion on in-person rehearsals, there is also a discussion on waivers and HIPAA concerns (spoiler alert: HIPAA does not apply since we are not a health-care related organization.)

[Click here to see the updated guidance.](#)

In-Person Rehearsals Set for Carolina Vocal Express and Sound of the Carolinas

Our District-wide choruses, Carolina Vocal Express (for men) and Sound of the Carolinas (mixed), have set the dates for their in-person rehearsal schedules for the rest of the year:

Carolina Vocal Express (under the direction of Larry Triplett)

- July 10
- August 14
- September 11
- October 2
- October 30

Sound of the Carolinas (under the direction of Kenneth Tice)

- June 26
- July 31
- August 21
- September 25
- October 30

Both choruses are working to prepare for performances at the Fall convention in November. Most rehearsals will be in Pinehurst, though other locations are being sought. For more information contact [Mike Stehlik](#) for CVE and [Bev Greene](#) for Sound of the Carolinas.

2022 International Convention Coming to Charlotte

It's hard to believe, but the next International Convention is going to be right here

in the Carolinas: July 3-10, 2022 in Charlotte. Given the unfortunate need to cancel two years of contests, when we finally get together in Charlotte, it's going to be a blow out. Mark your calendars now!

Chorus and Quartet Contest Announced for Fall 2021 and Spring 2022

by Warren Fuson, VP-Contest & Judging

The Spring convention has historically been where we select our District chorus champion and our qualifiers for International. In late 2019, the Board of Directors and HOD approved a plan to have chorus contests in the Fall to select our District chorus champion. Qualifying for International will still be in the spring. And then COVID hit...

Getting back to a "normal" flow is going to take some time. As we start to plan for future conventions, BHS is working to provide maximum flexibility and opportunities for choruses and quartets to qualify for the 2022 International convention in Charlotte.

Important things to note are:

- Choruses can compete multiple times for international without jeopardizing their previous scores/invitations.
- Choruses will be able to compete in prelims for both Charlotte 2022 and Louisville 2023 next spring.
- There is still a question about having a youth chorus contest in the fall if we end up having the convention on or near CVCC or other college campus.

Fall 2021 Choruses

- International Chorus Prelim for Charlotte 2022 (Score of 78, highest scoring chorus will NOT get invitation if less than 78)
- District Chorus Champion
- Chorus plateau Awards
- Most Improved Chorus
- Youth Chorus???

Quartets

- NSC Men's, Women's & Mixed quartet champions
- District Senior Quartet Contest
- Senior Quartet International Prelims: Mid-Winter 2022
- Novice Quartet contest

Spring 2022 Choruses

- International Chorus Prelim for Charlotte 2022 (Score of 78, highest scoring chorus will NOT get invitation if less than 78)
- International Chorus Prelim for Louisville 2023 (highest scoring chorus and any chorus with score ≥ 81)
- District Youth Chorus Champion

Quartets

- Quartet International Prelims
- Senior Quartet International Prelims: Mid-Winter 2023
- District Youth Quartet Contest

From BHS HQ...

There's Lots Going On at BHS...

- Sing with Westminster at the **BHS Virtual International Convention**, presented online June 30-July 4. The songs you'll be singing are "It Only Takes a Moment" and "Still Crazy After All These Years". [Click here for more information](#).
- Tips for Restoring Your Voice After Lockdown - [the straw technique](#)
- 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 to get your chapter show cleared for posting to the District calendar.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1	2	3
3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	

Jun 30- July 4 - [Virtual International 2021 Convention](#)

October 2 - Next Level Quartet Workshop

Nov. 12-13 - Carolinas Barbershop Harmony Fall Convention

July 3-10, 2022 - International Convention in Charlotte

Important Links

[Carolinas Barbershop Harmony](#)

[Barbershop Harmony Society](#)

[BHS COVID-19 Resources for Barbershoppers](#)

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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