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

- **Soundtrack and Heart of Carolina to Represent Carolinas in Virtual International Convention**
- **BHS Virtual International Convention Features Shows, Live Afterglows - and Fireworks!**
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Soundtrack and Heart of Carolina Represent Carolinas in BHS Virtual Festivals

The Barbershop Harmony Society's [2021 Virtual International Convention](#) kicks off this week, and Carolinas Barbershop Harmony is well represented.

Soundtrack quartet (Buck Hinman, Jay Lusk, Patrick Blaha, and Michael Adams) is appearing second in the quartet festival. Heart of Carolina A Cappella, the mixed chorus from the Central Carolina chapter under the direction of Bill Adams, will appear in session #3 of the chorus festival.

The festivals are open to all ensembles and are part of the virtual convention. The performances videos will be played in virtual theaters within the convention grounds. There will not be an official winner, but performances will be rated using the common choral scale of Superior, Excellent, or Outstanding. Join in the fun to cheer on our fellow Carolinans!

BHS Virtual International Convention Happens This Week

Following the model used for the virtual Midwinter convention this past January, the **2021 Virtual International Convention** happens this week. It features a mix of video and live performances, shows, woodshedding, afterglows, and fireworks on Saturday night. If you did not attend the virtual Midwinter, think of it as a role-playing convention. Once you create your avatar, you 'stroll' around the convention grounds, popping into theaters for shows or touring the exhibits ('buildings') of various districts or other organizations. Just like in real life, you will bump into folks you know and can have a conversation with them over your computer.

In addition to the quartet and chorus festivals described above, some of the best singing will happen in the Live Afterglows and in shows held Thursday thru Saturday evenings. Performers in the afterglows include Crossroads, Interstate Rivals, Ringmasters, Lemon Squeezy, Vocal Spectrum, and Signature.

[Click here to get the schedule of events for the Virtual Convention](#)

District Fall Convention Will be November 12-13th in Flat Rock/Hendersonville, NC

VP-Events Rusty Kirkpatrick and the Asheville chapter have secured the facilities that will be used for our 2021 Fall convention.

The contests will be held at the Blue Ridge Conference Hall, located at 49 E. Campus Drive in Flat Rock, NC. This is on the campus of Blue Ridge Community College.

Hotel rooms are reserved for us at the nearby Cascades Mountain Resort, located at 102 Sugarloaf Road in Hendersonville (about a 4 mile drive).

Rooms are being reserved for us at the nightly rate of \$125. Call the hotel directly at (828) 595-8155, and press '0' to reach the front desk. The hotel is holding all rooms for us thru **August 11**. After that, half of the hotel rooms will be released to other guests and it will become harder to obtain a room. There are only 100 rooms at the hotel, so do not wait!

Chorus and Quartet Contest Announced for Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 (Reminder)

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 Catawba Valley CC or another 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

For more information, contact [Warren Fuson](#).

From BHS HQ...

There's Lots Going On at BHS...

- [Virtual Harmony University](#) is July 17-August 7. Like last year, there are individual seminars for educators, arrangers, performers, directors, chapter leaders, and those looking to improve their vocal coaching toolkits. There is also the opportunity for remote coaching for quartets. Alternatively, you can customize your program by selecting individual electives.
- 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
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3	4	7	8	9	10
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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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