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Fall Festival Results - Heart of Carolina, Soundtrack on Top!

Heart of Carolina A Cappella Mixed Chorus and the Heart of Carolina Chorus (men) took first and second place in the 2021 Carolinas Barbershop Harmony chorus contest. Both choruses hail from the Central Carolina chapter and are directed by Bill Adams. The HCA mixed chorus edged their mens' chorus brethren by 1.1 average points per song.

In the quartet contest, Soundtrack (Buck Hinman, Jay Lusk, Patrick Blaha, Michael Adams) won the District quartet Championship their first time out, with an average score of 75.4.

See the score sheets below or on the District contest scores archive.

Aspire to Represent Carolinas in 2022 International Senior Quartet Contest

Aspire (Ted Leinbach, Wally Miles, Rob Hopkins, and Tom Parker) won the senior quartet contest as well as the opportunity to represent the District at the 2022 International Senior quartet contest in Pasadena. The Midwinter contest will take place January 15th, 2022.

District favorites Let's Sing! also qualified to represent the District by submitting a video. Unfortunately, they have recently had to withdraw from the contest. We look forward to seeing them in 2022.

Leadership Academy Set for January 22

by Bev Greene, Dean

Leadership Academy (LeadAc) this year is breaking some rules...and every chapter, every member will benefit. Just by attending the classes, we know you will leave better informed, curious and capable...and you are all invited to participate. *Note - given the current COVID situation, LeadAc will again be virtual via Zoom, making it even easier for you to attend.*

A newsletter dedicated to this year's Leadership Academy will be arriving in your mailbox soon. Please read and respond as requested.

Teasers:

- Besides our in-house experts, we have two special guests/presenters from outside our District:
- A special guest for everyone (General Session) will present the "Practicalities of Leadership" (my term, not his) for Board members, chorus, quartet, and chapter members, whether elected, a rising star, self-appointed, or in denial.
- The second guest will be presenting Chapter Development and Membership, with considerations for Basic Recruiting, Retention, Orientation, Plans for Growth. Something for EVERY MEMBER if not in another class!
- Discover what the term "Singing Communities" has to do with our Chapters and Choruses.

Watch your email for the full information for Jan 22 Leadership Academy...and Thank you!

Greensboro Tarheel Chorus Looking for New Director by John Long

After several years of service, Carole Stephenson has stepped down as the director of the Tarheel Chorus. We thank Carole for her dedication to the chorus.

Please contact John Long at 336-508-0109 if you know of anyone (yourself included) interested in this position.

From BHS HQ...

Feels Like the First Time that Barbershop Opened for Foreigner

from Livewire December 16, 2021

The popular '80s rock band Foreigner has a long tradition of featuring amateur vocal ensembles on their concert stage. For a September 9 performance in Grand Forks, North Dakota, the jukebox heroes turned to the Fargo/Moorhead **Great Plains Harmony Chorus**. The band thought the chorus repertoire was perfect, including "Africa" by Toto, "Sweet Caroline" by Neil Diamond, and "Pretty Woman" by Roy Orbison.

After pre-show COVID testing, the chorus and crew boarded a swanky tour bus for the 70-mile trip and donned tongue-in-cheek "World Tour" t-shirts (with but a single date!) for a hot-blooded performance.

This information was first communicated in BHS' weekly LiveWire email. <u>Sign up</u> to receive these emails directly from BHS.

The Calendar Your Link to Upcoming District Events and Chapter Shows

Click the link for the official <u>District</u> <u>Calendar</u>. Here's a recap of what's coming up in the next three months. Contact District Secretary Richard Harris at <u>secretary@carolinasdistrict.org</u> to get your chapter show cleared for posting to the District calendar.



January 22 - Leadership Academy Feb 5 - Triad Harmony Express Show - Winston Salem Feb 5 - Bull City A Cappella Slam VII - Durham April 1-3 - 2022 Spring Convention - Wadesboro, SC 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 experiences to share.

Yours in Harmony,

Steve Curulla, VP Communications

