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

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## GQ to be Featured Performers and Clinicians at Spring Sing 2022

Looking for even more reasons to attend our Spring convention? Come enjoy performances by GQ, the current 3rd place Sweet Adelines International medalists! GQ will also be coaching the Wade

Hampton Singers in an open rehearsal on Saturday afternoon as well as be available to coach other groups. Lastly, they will be featured performers on our Saturday evening Show of Champions.

[Click here for more information and to register for the convention](#)

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## BOD Approves Open Contest Categories

In 2019, the Carolinas District awarded the first Mixed District Quartet Champion title to Quadrophonic and Heart of Carolina A Cappella Mixed Chorus won the first District Mixed Chorus title. These were titles separate from the Men's quartet and chorus championships. ((Melange, Quadrophonic, and HCA A Cappella had previously won MBHA Mixed ensemble titles.)

At the International level, BHS has recently adopted a single set of contests for all types of groups: men, women, and mixed. This was a change from the prior announcement first made in late 2019 that there would be separate titles for the top men's, women's, and mixed ensembles. However, in the spirit of being an all-encompassing organization where all singers are equal, BHS revisited that decision and decided to eliminate the separate categories in favor of a single contest open to everyone.

Following that example, the BOD of Carolinas Barbershop Harmony discussed and approved a single open contest structure for District contests. Starting this fall, there will be overall quartet, senior quartet, and chorus champion instead of individual titles by type of ensemble. As in the past, the winner of the quartet and senior quartet championship will retire from District competition though they will be able to compete to represent the District at International. The chorus champion will sit out of the District chorus championship competition for one year. They will be able to compete to represent the District at International every year.

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## Enter Your Chorus, Quartet, or VLQ in the Spring Contest

by *Warren Fuson, VP-Contests*



Competitor entry is now open for the Spring competitions. Contests include:

- International qualifications for choruses for both Charlotte 2022 and Louisville 2023
- International qualifications for quartets for Charlotte 2022
- District Youth Collegiate/NextGen Chorus Champion
- District VLQ (Very Large Quartet)
- District Youth Quartet

Contest entry is now done thru [Member Center](#). The deadline is **Friday, March 18th**.

Contact [Warren Fuson](#) if you have any questions.

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**Register for 2022 International Convention in Charlotte - Plus Volunteer Opportunities Open**

Early bird registration rates for the 2022 International Convention in Charlotte have been extended to March 18. After that date, the rate for BHS members will increase from the current discounted rate of \$249 for the all-events pass. Discounted rates for youth 13-25 are available for \$149, and kids under 13 are free. Premium rates for better seating and for BHS donors are also available.



[Click here for more information about the 2022 International Convention](#)

We are also looking for volunteers willing to help make this International convention the best one ever. [Click here for preliminary information about volunteering.](#)

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## Update to COVID Protocols for Indoor Events

The District Board of Directors has updated the COVID protocols for indoor events such as the upcoming Spring Sing. The key changes are:

- All attendees will be required to provide proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 in order to attend. Exemptions are provided with a negative test within 72-hours prior to arriving on-site at the event. A system is being set up to collect this information prior to arriving at the convention.
- All attendees must wear masks in all indoor locations at NSC sanctioned events (for example, conventions, contests, or shows, training or coaching sessions, and afterglows). Mask must be well-fitted, tight-knit cloth or surgical paper covering the mouth and nose.
- Performers will be able to sing without masks on stage and in the warm-up rooms.
- All events (including afterglows and informal gatherings) will be strictly limited to registered or ticketed attendees.

[Click here for the complete details on District COVID protocols.](#)

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## HOD Virtual Meeting - March 12

The District House of Delegates - the governing body of Carolinas Barbershop Harmony - will hold its [online Zoom meeting](#) on Saturday, March 12. This meeting is open to all members. Chapters are encouraged to have a voting member (typically your chapter president or a delegate) present to vote on District matters

Email invitations will be sent to chapter presidents and secretaries as we get closer to the meeting.

See you online!

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From BHS HQ...

## Improve Your Voice Between Rehearsals

*from Livewire January 27, 2022*

With 168 hours in the week, and only two or three dedicated to chorus rehearsal, life has wa-a-a-y too much slack time spent not singing. Explore ways to keep your voice supple, and your mind on the music, in this [story from July 2004](#) (go to page 12).

Did you know? The entire 80+ year run of the magazine is available to BHS members in the [BHS Document Center](#).

*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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**March 12 - [HOD Meeting \(Zoom\)](#)**

**March 19 - ["Dog Tags"](#) hosted by Raleigh Royal A Cappella**

**April 1-2 - 2022 Spring Convention - Walterboro, SC**

**July 3-10 - 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,

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