



## A Publication of Carolinas Barbershop Harmony March-April 2022 - Convention Update



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

- **Thank You Beaufort Chapter for Hosting Spring Sing 2022**
- **Carolina Vocal Express Qualifies for the 2023 International Convention in Louisville**
- **Top Shelf Takes Top Spot in International Quartet Qualifier Contest**
- **Soundtrack Qualifies for NextGen Varsity Quartet Contest**
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### Thank You Beaufort Chapter for Hosting Spring Sing

Almost 300 attendees descended upon Walterboro, SC for our first International qualifier contests in three years. The Beaufort chapter (and friends) were our intrepid hosts for the weekend, and by all accounts served the District well. The refurbished Colleton Civic Center served very nicely as the contest site.

Nine Choruses and seven quartets entertained the audience. Our special guests, GQ, wowed us as well. All in all, it was a great weekend.

Thank you, Beaufort!



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## Carolina Vocal Express Qualifies for 2023 International Contest

Carolina Vocal Express is back on the road to International, this time to Louisville in 2023. CVE, under the direction of Larry Triplett, just edged out Heart of Carolina A Cappella Mixed Chorus by an average score of 75.8 to 75. Heart of Carolina (men's) chorus came in 3rd with an average score of 73.2.

CVE and HCA A Cappella were also competing to qualify for the 2022 International in Charlotte, hoping to achieve - but just missing - the qualifying average score of 76. Note, HCA men's chorus and Palmetto Vocal Project had already qualified for the 2022 contest based on their scores in the 2019 qualifying contest.

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## Top Shelf Tops the Field in 2022 Quartet Qualification Contest

Top Shelf, a new quartet from Charlotte, topped the field of 7 competitors vying for the right to represent Carolinas Barbershop Harmony at the 2022 International Convention - but missed the minimum average score requirement of 76. Top Shelf earned an average score of 72.9, edging out Quadrophonic (70.3) and 7th Dimension (67.9). This was the first contest where men's quartets and mixed quartets (and women's quartets if we had any) were competing directly against each other in the single combined District contest. Interestingly, 4th place finishers Brooklin Kandy would have been 1 point out of second place if they had not incurred Music penalties of over 100 points on their second songs each night. That said, they did win the award for most impressive beard. Sage Advice won the audience's hearts with their rendition of "When the Red, Red, Robin Comes Bob-, Bob-, Bobbin' Along" which featured their (blind) baritone catching a deep fly ball.

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## Soundtrack Qualifies for NextGen Quartet Contest

Our current District quartet champions Soundtrack have qualified for the NextGen Varsity Quartet contest in Charlotte. The NextGen Varsity quartet contest is for quartets where all members are between the ages of 18-26. Qualifications were done via video. Soundtrack's average score of 74.9 ranks them 8th out of the 20 quartets that qualified. The NextGen Varsity contest will be on Wednesday, July 6th.

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## Tom Martyn Inducted into the Hall of Fame; Barbershopper of the Year and Unsung Hero Award Winners Announced

by *Paul Martin, President*

**Hall of Fame** - this award is not presented annually, but is instead reserved for

someone who has provided ongoing and lasting contributions to the Carolinas. Our inductee into the Hall of Fame is the last of the original founders of the district. He literally laid down the law, authoring the Code of Regulations and District Policy Manual. He has served every year on the Board and has held its highest office. He was the driving force that lead the Carolinas charge with the Districts Presidents Council to have a vote in the Society Board Elections, which we now enjoy today. Our inductee for the Carolina's Hall of Fame is **Tom Martyn**.

Barbershopper of the Year - this is the person who stands above all others in their contributions to the Carolina's. The person we honor tonight has brought all his experience to bear as an event organizer, judge, and communicator to present our first virtual Barbershop Convention, complete with a special recognition of our first 10 years. Our **2020 Barbershopper of the Year** is **Steve Curulla**.

**Unsung hero** -This award is presented to the individual whose work behind the scenes have made significant contribution to the success of the district. The individual we honor tonight was the creator of the new Carolina's Barbershop logo we all proudly wear today. He was the driving force for selecting Walterboro as our convention site and is the president of our host chapter. The recipient of the unsung hero award is **Erik Lindstrom**.

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## From BHS HQ...

### Give Your Show an Extreme Makeover

*from Livewire March 17, 2022*

With barbershop coming back to stages everywhere, is your group ready to entertain to the max? Is your approach to staging the show still the same old same old? [Take a closer look](#) at staging styles, emcee roles, and what to do with that show repertoire after the curtain falls, in this round-up from the January 2006 Harmonizer (go to page 19)

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.*

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## 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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|     |     |     | 1   | 2   | 3   |
| 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8   |
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| 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  | 29  |
| 31  |     |     |     | 30  |     |

April 17 - [BOD Meeting \(Zoom\)](#) - to be confirmed

April 30 - Winston Salem Show

July 3-10 - International Convention in Charlotte

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## Important Links

[Carolinas Barbershop Harmony](#)

[Barbershop Harmony Society](#)

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

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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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