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NSC May'25 News

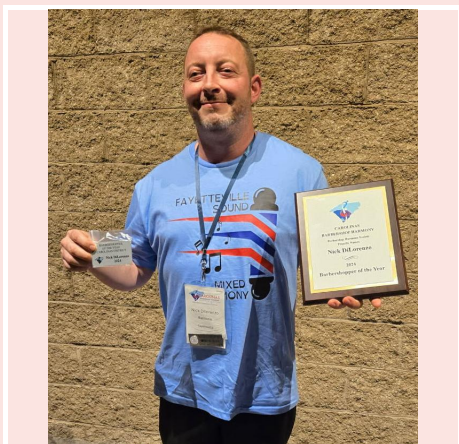
Membership Stats a/o 5/2/2025: NSC Active Membership: 488
NSC Registered Active Quartets: 44 / NSC Registered Active Choruses: 30

May Content is Intense! Grab a beverage & enjoy!

- BOTY: **Barbershopper of the Year!**
- **Spring Sing** - a huge success, and thanks...
- **Seniors Chorus** - Join Us for **Pasadena!**
- Two **HU Scholarships** Available!
- **PVP Upcoming Show**
- NSC Annual Convention **Photo/Video Contest**
- **Greenville Chapter Show**-with Special Guest Surprises
- **LHW-All you need to know-Register NOW!**
- **HX-Discount Registration** Expiring NOW-Check it out!
- **Board Minutes**-too much to print here-on our **Google Drive**
- A reminder about our **Coaching** offerings!
- Where to...plan your next opportunity to **find us Singing!**
- And last but not least, our trusty **Calendar** of upcoming events

BOTY AWARD

Barbershopper of the Year!



You likely know this guy...**Nicholas DeLorenzo, our 2025 BOTY!**
He is so worthy a recipient. *Thank you, Nick*, for all you do, have done, and continue to do to inspire us all!

(Note: There was a speech given, Nick can fill you in on the details, I would think...)

NSC YOUTH

Forecast Quartet Partners with Salem Academy for Youth Event

Carolinas District quartet Forecast organized and hosted their first annual **A Cappella Spring Sing** at **Salem Academy**, the high school for girls in Winston-Salem. This event was open to all high school singers and drew over 60 girls and boys from North Carolina, South Carolina, and Alabama for a one-day barbershop music workshop and showcase performance on March 29. Three custom arrangements of popular songs for young singers were created by Forecast baritone **Travis Murray** and paired with learning tracks by Forecast tenor **Mike Fitch**, who directed the men's, women's, and mixed ensembles. Forecast lead and bass **Tyler Rackly** and **Kevin Jones** joined the event to round out the teaching team with help from experienced vocalist **Mira Fitch**, Greensboro BHS chapter director **Detra Davis**, NSC Board Member **Justin Slack**, and Charlotte Christian School director **Eric Simpson**.

The Carolinas District provided financial support for the event along with generous donations from Heart of Carolina A Cappella, Triad Harmony Express chorus, Greensboro Tarheel Chorus, and the Williams Center. Board member Ken Thomas came all the way from Wilmington to take pictures, and many volunteers from the Winston-Salem BHS chapter helped to make the day a success. Jeff Osborne, NSC President, served as the MC for the sold-out afternoon performance showcase that featured the **Salem Academy A Cappella Singers, Forecast Quartet**, and **over 60 high school students from more than 9 schools throughout the southeast** singing barbershop harmony versions of ABBA's "Take a Chance on Me", One Direction's "What Makes You Beautiful", and the Jason Mraz duet that features Colbie Caillat, "Lucky".

Please contact [Mike Fitch](#) if you have any questions.



Seniors Opportunity

Pasadena, Here We Come!

The Winston-Salem Chapter's "seniors" chorus, **Carolina Harmony Express**, has received an invitation to the **Midwinter International Seniors Chorus Contest!** The contest will be **next January in Pasadena, California**. We are looking for other "seniors" to join as we begin our journey.

Here are some particulars:

- To compete in a "seniors" chorus you must be at least 55 years old as of the Midwinter contest date of January 16, 2026.
- Our "seniors" chorus will be mixed (all voices).
- Robert Cox will be our director.
- Our contest songs will be *Roses of Picardy* and *How Lucky You Are*.
- Monthly Saturday rehearsals will be from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (no lunch break) at Fries Moravian Church in Winston-Salem. The exact dates are still to be determined.
- You will ultimately have to be a member of the Winston-Salem Chapter, but we will worry about that later.

If you think joining us may be for you, please Email **triadharmonyexpress@gmail.com** or call **Ted Leinbach** at 704-519-5428.

2 Harmony University Scholarships Available

The Carolinas District will again offer **TWO Harmony University scholarships** to Carolinas District members for attendance this summer from July 27 to August 3 at the University of Denver, in Denver, CO. Each scholarship recipient will need to spend only \$50 for tuition, and the Carolinas District will pay the remaining tuition cost. Each recipient is responsible for transportation to and from Harmony University. If a recipient desires a single room, that will be an added cost for the recipient.

For detailed information about Harmony University, go to:

2025 Harmony University • Denver | Barbershop Harmony Society

These scholarships are available to front-line and assistant directors as well as other chapter musical leaders. Preference will be given to first-time attendees. Applications will be accepted up to and including **June 13, 2025**. **Click here for the attached Application pdf to apply.**

Harmony University is a life-changing experience. The faculty is fabulous and attendees will have a great time.

Please make sure this opportunity is shared with your membership. Remember, the **application deadline is June 13**. Decisions will be announced in the week after.

I look forward to hearing from you! You are welcome to respond to me at this address or to vp-music@carolinasdistrict.org.

Regards, Tom Parker

[Palmetto Vocal Project Presents](#)

PVP LIVE in 2025, "A Summer Serenade"

Featuring **Brouhaha, "The Quintessentially Quirky Quartet,"** the WBQA 2023 champion, with **ChuckTown Sound, Infinity, and Southern Transfer.**

Show time is **7:30 pm on Saturday June 14, 2025**, at the Lucy Beckham High Performing Arts Center, 1560 Mathis Ferry Rd, Mount Pleasant, SC--just across the bridge from Charleston.

Tickets are \$25 (children 12 and under free) and are available through

Eventbrite, www.palmettovocalproject.com, or any PVP member.

This QR code will take you directly to online ticket sales:

The ticket price increases to \$30 the days of the show and at the door.



[NSC ANNUAL CONVENTION](#)

Random Photo/Video Contest Entries

The photo contest was a huge success, and what fun! Here are just 3 of many

the photos picked at random! And I'm told there were prizes... More to follow in future issues!

Contact [Jason Kekas](#) if you have any questions.



GREENVILLE SHOW

Everyone Loves a BOGO, Right?

Well, that's what we got with the **Greenville NC Chapter show** on Saturday, May 17, 2025. Joining the Carolina Chord Connection were headliners "**Let's Sing!**" and the trio "**The Gazebo Girls**", with (and here's your "buy one get one free") extra guests, "**Harmony Grits**"!

Closing the first half, "Harmony Grits" got the audience laughing with their iconic parody of Linda Ronstadt's "Blue Bayou" (titled 'Blew By You'.) How did this BOGO deal come about? Turns out that Jim Nappier, Grits baritone, has a condo at Indian Beach and was hosting the quartet for a little rehearsing and R&R. Since tenor Steve Tremper was already slated to appear on the Greenville show with Let's Sing!, he approached Rick LaBrune and arranged to have Harmony Grits "crash the party" and join in the fun, which turned into a double header win for the Greenville chapter.

Speaking of Let's Sing!, their performance was heartwarming and impeccable as always. Best of set for me was a new gospel number they picked up from Crossroads called 'There Must Be A City. A pure delight.

The **Carolina Chord Connection**, now mixed and under the direction of Stephen Brand opened with their 'Welcome Song' and provided such classics as 'I Don't Know Why' and 'Goodnight Sweetheart'. President Dan Sprau and his bride Kathy provided the MC work.

The final 'Keep the Whole World Singing' brought all barbershoppers on stage where CSLT rep Paul Martin captured a photo-bomb selfie of the finale. Congratulations Greenville for a great show!





[LHW 2025](#)

Lakeside Harmony Weekend

Quartet and Chorus Coaching!

\$229
Earlybird Special
Includes
Meals and
Lodging!
(Offer Valid Through
June 16 - only one
month left!!)



**LAKESSIDE
HARMONY
WEEKEND 2025**
JULY 18-20

**FURMAN
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HOTELS & LODGING




[Click here for all the details at LakesideHarmony.org.](#)

OR

[Click to go directly to the registration link.](#)

[HU 2025](#)

Lakeside Harmony Explosion at Furman

Harmony Explosion (HX25) is a fun & exciting 3-day immersion in a cappella singing & barbershop harmony for youth!

ONLY ONE DAY LEFT FOR EARLY-BIRD PRICING!

This is a can't miss event-just ask Mike! Early Bird pricing is \$199 per student (\$239 after May 23rd.) Registration includes 3 days/nights housing at Furman University in the dorms, all meals, music, learning tracks, and instruction. Plus a Saturday night public show and camp t-shirt.

Attendance is free for middle and high school music educators and for chaperones whose students attend.

[YOUTH: CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

[EDUCATORS/CHAPERONES: CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

[BoD Minutes](#)

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

The reports from each officer, and the minutes of our Board meetings, are always available for you. The meetings are open, as well. There is SO MUCH ACTIVITY by our BoD, I can't find room to report it all here...so, take a look at our [Google Drive](#) for more!

~Beverly Greene, VP-Communicaitons

[MUSIC](#)

Coaching Available!

Our District Coaching Program is here for you.! Our first session was a great success; we're organizing the next one now. Contact Tom now and schedule some stellar coaching. **Please tell us what you need to know about this program...**

Contact [Tom Parker](#) if you have any questions.

[BHS NEWS](#)

Endless Opportunities to Experience our Best!

1. The latest NEW ADDITION to the opportunities in barbershop is the [Un-Convention in Nashville](#) over THIS WEEKEND! Memorial Weekend, **May 23-25!**
 2. Don't forget a mountaintop experience: our [2025 International in Denver](#), **June 29-July 6!** It's a "don't miss" event, with an enhanced chorus contest draw to make it even better in 2025.
 - 3 Our very own [Lakeside Harmony Weekend \(LHW\)](#) and [Harmony Explosion Camp](#), in partnership with the Southeastern Harmony District, will occur at Furman Univ, SC: **July 18-20 for Adults, July 17-20 for Students**. Register NOW!
 4. As it's often called "The best week in singing", [Harmony University](#) will be held again **July 27 - Aug 3 in Denver**. Classes, coaching, choruses...you name it, you can experience it!
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A quick note from your editor-there is SO MUCH going on in our District! If I missed your news, please accept my apologies. Normal schedule for the Crooner is the 3rd week of the month, immediately following our Board meeting. Send me your news!

Our Calendar

Your Link to Upcoming **District** and BHS Events



Click the link for the official [District Calendar](#), that includes time and place. Here's a recap of what's scheduled to date. Contact District Secretary **Richard Harris** at

secretary@carolinasdistrict.org to get your **chapter show** cleared for posting to the District calendar, etc.

May 23 - 24 - [BHS Un-Convention](#) - Nashville, TN

June 14 - [PVP Live in 2025: A Summer Serenade](#) - Mt Pleasant, SC

June 29 - July 6 - [BHS International Convention](#) - Denver, CO

July 16-20 - [Harmony Explosion Camp](#)- Furman U, SC

July 17-20 - [Lakeside Harmony Weekend](#)- Furman U, SC

July 27-Aug 3 - [BHS Harmony University](#)- Denver, CO

Important Links

[> Carolinas Barbershop Harmony](#)

[> Barbershop Harmony Society \(BHS\)](#)

[> NEW LINK! BHS Free Classes and Tutorials!](#)

[> Previous Carolina Crooners](#)

Please send in letters, photos and comments with your opinions, ideas and experiences to share, and ideas to ponder. We hope to see you at our 2025 Convention and Contest in April!

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