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## Harmony Explosion

Have you and your male students experienced the buzz of Barbershop Harmony?

This is not just another camp. This is Harmony Explosion Camp, where you and your students will experience the very best of a cappella singing. As a music educator:

You'll gain solid, usable teaching ideas  
You'll discover ways to generate excitement and attract male singers to your program.

Your students will:

Learn about and experience singing a purely American musical art form.  
Entertain for an enthusiastic audience at a gala Saturday evening show.

### More About this Harmony Explosion Camp

The Camp is a three-day musical experience for you and your male students. The dates for the 2008 camp are June 12-14. The venue will be the University of Central Florida in Orlando. The students will sing traditional male choral repertoire in addition to learning some music in the barbershop style. It's a great way for your male students to gain part independence, develop ear-training skills, and to sing in concert with their peers. The barbershop chapters, quartets, and individuals in the Sunshine District of the Barbershop Harmony Society will make every effort to provide full scholarships (at \$150 each), which will cover dorm rooms, meals, music, rehearsal halls, for both students and music educators. This camp also receives financial support from the Harmony Foundation International, which is the charitable arm of the Barbershop Harmony Society.

It is not necessary for music educators to attend this camp with their students. Students may attend without their music educator and conversely music educators may attend without their students.

### Some recent comments from past attendees:

"We've been here every year since it started, and I'm going to keep coming as long as you'll have us here." Scott Houchins, Palm Beach County, FL music educator.

“As a parent of one of the boys here at Harmony Explosion, I just want to say what a fabulous weekend it is, and I want to thank everyone who sponsored it.” Parent attending Harmony Explosion as spoken on the Harmony Explosion 2005 DVD

“The only thing I didn’t like about it is it was too short. It should have lasted at least 3 or 4 more days.” Student attending the 2005 Harmony Explosion Camp as spoken on the Harmony Explosion 2005 DVD.

### **As a music educator what should you do now?**

1. Select students you feel will benefit by attending this Camp.
2. Download and have the selected students complete the Registration and Medical Consent Forms from [www.SunshineDistrict.org/sizzle](http://www.SunshineDistrict.org/sizzle).
3. Send the completed Registrations and Medical Consent Forms to the address on the bottom of the Registration form. Students may also send in the forms.

Registered students and music educators will receive a packet containing the music to be learned and other pertinent information including items to bring to the camp, arrival time, location on campus for check-in and campus emergency phone numbers. As a music educator, whether you attend or not, it would help greatly if you would review the music with your students prior to the camp.

### **Dr. Bill returns as clinician**

Returning as a clinician will be the very popular Dr. Bill Adams from North Carolina. Dr. Bill is a professional music educator, performer, and clinician who inspires the boys to be the very best they can be. Information regarding Dr. Bill can be found on his website <http://www.docadamsmusic.com>

### **Scott Werner joins the team**

Joining Dr. Adams will be Scott Werner, currently Musical Director of the Central Florida Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society. Scott has been a standout in both quartet singing and in chorus directing. In addition to winning many District Gold quartet medals, Scott attained 8 International quartet medals. In the field of chorus directing he led the Alexandria Harmonizers to 12 District Gold medals, 5 International Bronze medals, 3 International Silver medals, and 4 International Gold medals. Scott is the only chorus director in the history of the Society to win both International Chorus and Quartet championships in the same year. Scotty retired from the Alexandria Harmonizers in 2002, moved to the Villages, Florida in 2003 and became one of the founders and the music director of the Central Florida Chapter.

### **Men in Black**

Our teaching quartet will be Men in Black from the Northeastern District. Men in Black formed in 2002 and placed dead last in the International Collegiate Quartet Contest that year. Their inspirational determination to entertain and learn the barbershop style led them to win both the International Collegiate Quartet Championship and the Northeastern

District Championships in 2005. Men in Black is an absolutely remarkable group and we encourage you to learn more about them at their website [www.meninblackquartet.com](http://www.meninblackquartet.com)

Harmony Explosion Camp will be an excellent opportunity to learn about the barbershop style of music and for you to give your students a musical experience they will not forget. This year in addition to a few classes in the art of barbershop harmony, music educators, both male and female, will be given the opportunity to form a mixed chorus with the chaperones who are all barbershoppers or Sweet Adelines. They will learn one song in the barbershop style and will perform on the Saturday evening gala show. What a thrill it will be for your students to see you perform in this musical art form. All registered music educators, male and female, will receive legal music as well as a part dominant CD to simplify the learning process. Gene Cokerof, tenor of the International Champion quartet SunTones, a barbershop arranger, clinician, and chorus director, has agreed to be the clinician and director of this chorus. Of course this will be an optional activity for music educators, and we hope this will become a regular activity of future camps.

### **Frequently asked questions**

When, where, and how much is the Saturday night performance?

The performance will be in the Visual Arts Building Auditorium on the campus of the University of Central Florida in Orlando. Showtime and price will be mailed to all registrants as part of their music packets. Camp attendees do not pay for this show.

When is the camp officially over?

The Camp is officially over after the Saturday evening show. You may leave anytime after that. Questions regarding this may be directed to Bill Bernard or Ken Carter whose names and addresses appear below.

Is there a deadline for registering?

**The deadline for registering is May 1, 2008.** We need to impose this date in order to meet University deadlines for dorm rooms and food as well as to have the music packets in the hands of students and music educators before school adjourns for the summer.

This will be our 10<sup>th</sup> Harmony Explosion Camp and we promise you and your students a great weekend. If you have questions please contact:

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