

# Sunbeams

The Official Newsletter of the Barbershop Harmony Society  
Orlando 2018 International Convention



## Chorus Competition Today!

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The horse race getting the most attention is *Westminster Chorus* (2015 champ) vs *The Vocal Majority* (2017 silver medalist, 12-time champ). Ever since the latter topped the former in 2006 (the most debated contest outcome of this century), then two choruses have been un-fairly viewed as the new school vs old (both draw heavily from both schools). The last time the two faced off was 2010, when the Vocal Majority posted its highest-ever score of 97.1% and *Westminster* posted *the* highest-ever score of 97.7%, which is still the record. They'll perform within 15 minutes of each other in Session #1, so you won't want to miss it! Without giving away too much, let's add that some other groups are preparing rather ambitious sets that, regardless of how they score, have the potential to be the talk of Orlando.

**“What a Horse race!”**

A little more about the two choruses...

The **Vocal Majority** is a Dallas, Texas-based men's chorus of over 150 singers, billed as "America's Premier Pops Chorus." The VM is the performing chorus of the Dallas Metro chapter of BHS. The VM has won twelve International Chorus Championships, a Barbershop Harmony Society record. The first eleven gold medals (1975, 1979, 1982, 1985, 1988, 1991, 1994, 1997, 2000, 2003, 2006) were earned under the direction of Jim Clancy, who retired from International competition after 2010. The

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### Friday Schedule of Events

**Sing and Serve**  
8:00 am - 11:00 am  
Second Harvest Food Bank

**HFI Legacy of Harmony Event**  
8:00 am - 9:45 am  
Hyatt

**Chorus Session #1**  
10:00 am - 3:30 pm  
OCCC - Hall D

**Everyone In Harmony Chorus**  
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm  
Hyatt - Plaza Ballroom

**Chorus Session #2**  
4:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
OCCC - Hall D

**Platoon “Luck of the Draw” Contest**  
9:30 pm Hyatt  
Celebration 1&2

**Mixed Barbershop Showcase (MBHA)**  
9:30 pm - 1:00 am  
Hyatt - Plaza Ballroom

**Sing with the Champs**  
10:00 pm - 1:00 am  
Hyatt - Regency R&S

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## FINALS PERFORMANCE ORDER

MT - Clutch

1. The Newfangled Four
2. Category 4
3. Throwback
4. Stockholm Syndrome
5. Rooftop Records
6. After Hours
7. Artistic License
8. Quorum
9. Studio 4
10. Signature

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## Chorus Competition

most recent championship, in July 2014, came under the direction of Jim's son Greg Clancy, the current Musical Director of VM.

The **Westminster Chorus** (formerly known as the Harmony Showcase Chorus) is a men's chorus based in Westminster, California. International Chorus Champions of the Barbershop Harmony Society in 2007, 2010, and 2015, and Choir of the world in 2009, they are composed almost entirely of men under the age of 40.

In July 2015, the chorus competed at the BHS International Chorus Championships and earned their third gold medal, scoring an average of 97.5%, the third-highest score in contest history.

Other choruses knocking on the door of International gold are **Parkside Harmony** from Hershey, PA and **Sound of the Rockies** from Denver Mile High, CO. The next set of choruses in a tight group and posing a threat are **Alexandria Harmonizers** from Alexandria VA, **Fog City Singers** from Barbary Coast, CA and **Kentucky Vocal Union** from Elizabethtown, KY.

Having said all that, predictions are like opinions, everyone has one and surprises are always possible!

## TOKYO CHORUS

Barbershop singing is alive and well in Japan. A 40 member chorus and their 5 quartets sing in Tokyo said chorus president **Masanori Yoshimura**. The group is 25 years old and has been coached by **Roger Ross**, **Main Street's** tenor, for the last 9 years. Roger comes to Tokyo three times a year and spends about a week there. Before Roger, their coach was **Gary Steinkamp**. Every other year the Chorus holds a major show and the guest quartets have included **Main Street, Musical Island Boys, Ringmasters, Storm Front** and **Keepsake**. About 2,000 people attend the shows. The day after the show a jam session is held including chorus members and the guest quartets.

According to International Vice President, **Terry Yamamoto**, interest in Barbershop started in 1983 when Disney World in Japan opened and the **Dapper Dans** sang. He said that Tokyo's chorus will probably not go co-ed because members are against it.

by: Parker Collins

## LOST & FOUND

### FOUND

- Registration for Harry Bickford, New York, NY
- Registration for Jeremy Albright, Haslet, TX
- Set of Apple wireless ear buds found during Quartet Quarterfinals session #1
- Costume jewelry: Ring with leaf motif,
- One silver clip-on earring

### LOST

- Credit card with name Nicholas DiLorenzo
- Blue Stetson Cap
- Wallet & other stuff in a Walmart bag lost near Chapin in hallway - Les Richmond
- Lost wallet, credit card, drivers license - David Epstein
- Cell phone - Samsung Galaxy -m Mike Matheiu
- Thin gold band with small diamonds -Lynne Lamy

If you are missing these items or have found things we are looking for, please come by the Convention HQ in W230 A&B just across from Registration to collect them or drop them off.

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Sunday morning July 8, 2018

9 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.

Hyatt - Plaza Room.

**Shane Scott** conducting.

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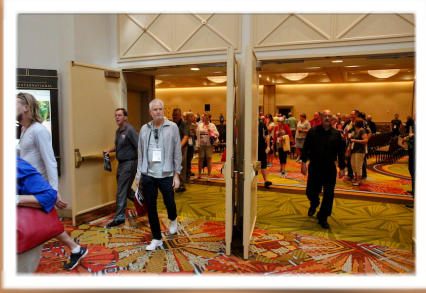


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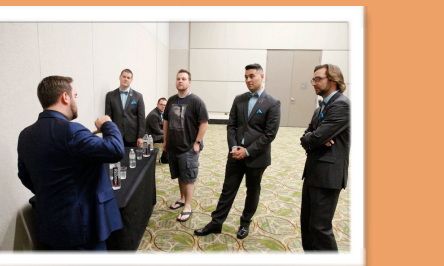
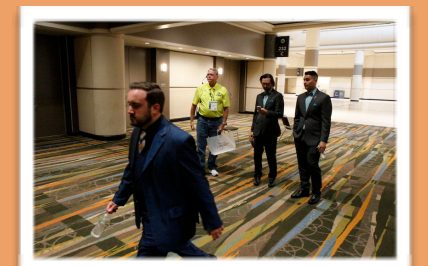
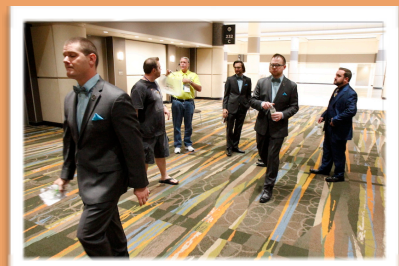
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