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Dick Labrecque BOTY 2003!

Fran Sheridan recognized for 53 years service!

by Jerry Walter, Editor



Photo - Jerry Walter

Dick Labrecque shows off his BOTY plaque at the recent installation and awards banquet held at the Holiday Inn in South Burlington.

At the annual installation and awards banquet held January 23, the main event was the announcement of Dick Labrecque as winner of the 2003 Barbershopper Of The Year. Dick joins Charlie Church and Don Pierce as being the only active chapter members to have won the presti-

gious award twice since its inception in 1975. Dick was BOTY in 1989.

Dick was also the "star" in the officer's installation as he became the 49th Chapter President and was installed by Northeastern District President Alan Lamson in a ceremony using song titles as its theme.

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Vermont's A Cappella Summit is this weekend!

by Charlie Church

This weekend we have the rare opportunity to both present and observe some of the best *a cappella* groups in the northeast. The Vermont A Cappella Summit is being held on the University of Vermont campus Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

A major GMC event is coming up this weekend - the Vermont A Cappella Summit on March 5 through 7. GMC members get free admission to all events. A chapter roster will be at the "will call" ticket window. In addition, the GMC and its quartets are signed up for an hour's performance on Sunday afternoon, March 7 - details are below.

The major features of the Vermont A Cappella Summit are:

- o Friday Night, March 5, 2004 - 7:30 p.m. at the Ira Allen Chapel, 26

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Chapter Barbershopper of the year 2003

Dick Labrecque

Division Barbershopper of the year 2000

Charlie Church

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University Place, Burlington. The International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella (college competition), semifinals for the New England/Central Canada region. Our current NED college champs, Men In Black, will be competing in this semifinal collegiate event. Please plan on being there to cheer them on.

o Saturday, March 6th and 7th - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the UVM Music School, 392 South Prospect Street, Redstone Campus, Burlington. Workshops ranging from song writing, vocal techniques, music business, arranging to presentation technique. [See insert page 3.] Contact the chorus manager or chapter president should you have questions. The Barre-Tones will be performing during a Vermont A Cappella Showcase sometime between 2 and 4 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

o Saturday Night. March 6th, 2004 - 7:30 p.m. at Ira Allen Chapel. The main event entitled "Rasing Voices" - performances by four professional a cappella groups from the Northeast US and Canada. There will be an afterglow at the Sheraton following this event - should be fun!

o Sunday, March 7th - Brunch 9:00 to 11:00 at the Sheraton, more workshops (at Ira Allen Chapel) and a GMC performance from 2 to 3 p.m. in the Campus Center (CC) Theatre. [See page 4 for GMC details.]

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[Officers are listed in the side-bar on this page.]

The other major award was made to Fran Sheridan who was recognized for his 53 years of service to the chapter including serving as chapter President in 1961 and chapter Historian for many years. Fran is one of the 13 active members who also had the privilege of serving as chapter president.

International Championship for College a cappella

The winner of Friday night's contest go to the finals April 25 in Town Hall, New York City. Entrants are:

University of Hartford Men in Black
University of Maine Steiners
Syracuse University GrooveStand
Boston University Terpsichore
McGill University Effusion
University of New Hampshire No-tables

Saturday Showcase, 1 - 3 p.m.

UVM Music School Recital Hall,
392 S. Prospect St.

Entertainers include:

The UVM Cat's Meow
Womensing
Leland Grey Union High School
The Barre-Tones

Raising Voices, Saturday 7:30 Ira Allen Chapel

Entertainers include:

The GrooveBarbers -- This quartet includes three graduates of **Rockapella**, features Sean Altman, a founding member and CASA prize winning composer and performer.

Harmonytryx -- A ladies quintet from New Jersey has been entertaining for over 10 years.

La Bande Magnétik -- A mixed quintet from Montréal has been thrilling audiences since 1987.

Ball in the House -- A six man vocal Band from Boston.

Bring money as each group will likely have CDs for your listening pleasure.

Join all of the *a cappella* crowd at the Sheraton following the show until 1 a.m.

Sunday Barbershop Showcase, 2:00 p.m.

Featuring the Green Mountain Chorus and quartets plus The Long and Short Of It (from Barre, Vermont) in the CV Theater below the main chapel of Ira Allen Chapel.

Vermont A Cappella Summit

Tickets: Friday and Saturday evenings \$20 per event / Students w/ID \$15
 Saturday and Sunday workshops and show cases \$20 for all/ Students w/ID \$15.
 All events tickets: \$50 / Students w/ID \$35
 Burlington (Green Mountain Chorus) members: free admission to all events.

	FRIDAY	SATURDAY				SUNDAY			
	Ira Allen Chapel	Classroom	Ballroom	Recital Hall	Ira Allen Chapel	CV Theater	Classroom	Waterman Q 113 Computer Lab	
		UVM Music School				Main Campus			
8:30 AM		Registration in Lobby							
9:00 AM			Vocal Placement with David Neiwern			Brunch at the Sheraton			
9:30 AM									
10:00 AM		Songwriting with Sean Altman	Get Out of Your Own Way with Heather Finley						
10:30 AM									
11:00 AM		Women in A Cappella Panel Discussion							
11:30 AM									
12:00 PM	access	BREAK				access			
12:30 PM						Improvisation with Bill Shontz	Getting Started and Keeping it Together		
1:00 PM								Video Workshop	
1:30 PM				Showcase		BREAK			
2:00 PM	Sound Set Up					Green Mountain Chorus Showcase			
2:30 PM									
3:00 PM		Music Business with Ball in the House		Masterclass with panel		Sound Engineering	Intro to Vocal Percussion with Joe Antonoli		
3:30 PM									
4:00 PM	ICCA groups meeting	Arranging with Susan Borg	Harmonizing with the GrooveBarbers		Ball in the House sound check 4-4:40pm	Is VACS a Good Thing? – Panel Discussion			
4:30 PM					La Bande Magnetik sound check 4:40-5:20pm				
5:00 PM	10 minute group sound checks				Harmonytrix sound check 5:20-6pm				
5:30 PM					GrooveBarbers sound check 6-6:40pm				
6:00 PM	SMC Hearing Voices Sound								
6:30 PM									
7:00 PM	Doors open				Doors open				
7:30 PM					Concert begins w. GrooveBarbers				
8:00 PM	ICCA				Harmonytrix				
8:30 PM	New England / Central Canada				Intermission 10 min. La Bande Magnetik				
9:00 PM	Semi-Finals				Ball in the House				
9:30 PM									
10:00 PM					AFTERGLOW until 1am				

DIRECTOR's

C O N T E R New Year's resolutions!

by *Greg Morrill, Music Director*
[Despite the tardiness of this column prepared in early January, the message still is timely. Ed.]

Happy New Year! As usual I'm here to talk you into making a Barbershop New Year's Resolution. In particular I want each Green Mountain Chorus member to resolve to attend at least one of the educational offerings the Society provides in 2004. Coming right up is the education day in Montreal. It's the easiest to get to (despite the fact that the event always coincides with some of the worst weather!) and I hope we have a great turnout!

In chronological order, there's also Harmony College in St Joseph, Missouri. This is the ultimate educational/fun experience available to Barbershoppers! Every barbershopper owes it to himself to attend this at least once. It's a unbelievable week of wall-to-wall music. Our chapter hasn't been represented for a few years and that's a shame.

Then there's the Harmony College Northeast held on an August weekend typically in the Springfield, Massachusetts, area. Again, a wonderful opportunity relatively close by.

As a chapter we made great progress last year! These educational opportunities can help the chapter continue that progress, but only if we take advantage of them! Make your resolution now and start planning which you will attend.

Song list for Sunday

- o Happy Days
- o Alexander's Rag Time Band
- o Muskrat Ramble
- o Way Down Yonder in New Orleans
- o South Rampart Street Parade
- o Darkness On The Delta
- Quartet (CVQ)
- o Roses of Picardy
- o Good-bye, Dixie, Good-bye
- o That Lucky Old Sun
- Quartet (The Long And Short of It)
- o The Lion Sleeps Tonight
- o Bye, Bye, Love
- o Hello Mary Lou
- o Battle Hymn of the Republic
- o God Bless America

Show Program Ad Contest!

by *Jerry Huetz*

The ad sales campaign for the program for the annual show started last Tuesday, 2/24/04. We are getting an earlier start this year, so hopefully we can put this baby to bed sooner. I would guess that between Barre/Montpelier and Chittenden county we can sell 100 ads for the program.

There will be a contest between a Blue Team (Basses and Tenors) and a Gold Team (Leads and Baritones). The team selling the **most** ads wins a prize; the individual selling the **most** ads wins a prize; the individual selling the **most \$\$\$** in ads wins a prize. An ad sales kit has been made up for each member. If you haven't received yours yet, please get one next week.

This essentially is a PR OPPORTUNITY for the chapter; that is, first and foremost, we are talking about our ANNUAL SHOW—Chorus, Chordiac Arrest, Jazz Band, local quartets, etc.—a great night of entertainment. Whether the person we approach buys an ad or not, we are performing a very important function just by talking up the show. Believe me, if you do this, the ad sales will follow.

Details for Sunday's Show

GMC warm-up will be at 12:30 p.m. in the Martin Luther King Room underneath the Ira Allen Chapel, 26 University Place. Enter the building from the Colchester Avenue parking lot. Turn right upon entering. The warm-up room will be on your left. We dressed in this same room a few years back when the GMC did a First Night performance at Ira Allen Chapel.

Uniform will be white tux shirt, black tux trousers, paisley bow ties and vests, and black shoes & socks.

We are in desperate need of Lead and Bass singers.

Quartets "CVQ" and "The Long And Short Of It" (Barre-Tones) will augment the GMC performance. Friends and relatives attending the show will find the Campus Center Theatre further down the hall from where we will be warming up. GMC contact person for this event is Charlie Church.

20 Week Club Winners

Date	Winner	No	Seller
12/16	Andy Farrington	206	A. Farrington
12/23	Mike Morin	12	D. Brochu
12/30	Jesse Ouimette	151	C. Church
01/06	Cookie Wallbridge	127	D. Pierce
01/13	Dominic St Pierre	244	D. Labrecque
01/20	Aaron Richards	241	G Brunell
01/27			
02/03	Judy Huetz	203	J. Huetz
02/10	John Baxendale	134	E. Bechtel
02/17	Pat Heise	193	C. Church
02/24			



- March 5 - 7 (Fri. - Sun.) -- Vermont A Capella Summit University of Vermont See articles page 1 and 3
- March 19-20 (Fri. - Sat.) -- NED Prelims, VLQ and Mountain Division Contests, Schenectady, N.Y. (That's our contest)
- April 13 (Tuesday) -- Possible Early Singout
- April 17-17 (Fri. - Sat.) -- NED Eastern Regional and Contest, Nashua, N.H.
- April 30 (Friday) -- 20 Week Club Banquet
- May 28 (Friday) -- Central Vermont Preview of Annual Show
- May 29 (Saturday) -- Annual Show featuring Chordiac Arrest
- June 27-July 4 (Tues.-Sun.) -- International Convention and Contests - Louisville, Kentucky

