

The Pitch

Greater Montreal Chapter



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COMING UP - ROB'S REQUIRED EVENTS*

Monday, September 11, 2006 *Guest Night* Église St-Sixte

October 13-14, 2006 *Fall Forward 2006* Church of St. Augustine, 176 Westcliffe, Pointe Claire

October 27-29, 2006 *60th District Convention and Contest* Providence, RI

December 2, 2006 *Christmas Benefit Concert* Église St-Sixte

December 10, 2006 *Performance at Montreal Museum of Fine Arts* Time to be confirmed

December 16, 2006 *CarolCade* First and Last stops Gare Centrale

April 13-15, 2007 *Western Regional Convention* Albany NY area [Location to be determined]

October 12-14, 2007 *Fall Forward 2007* Ermitage St-Croix, Pierrefonds

October 19-21, 2007 *District Convention and Contest* Montreal, Quebec

*NOTE: It is your duty to inform your Section Leader as soon as you know you will miss any rehearsal or event.

COMING UP - OPTIONAL, BUT FUN and EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

Saturday, September 30, 2006 *Hanover, NH Chapter Show with Realtime* Tickets on sale NOW!

January 21-28, 2007 *Mid Winter Convention* Albuquerque, NM (Featuring a "Traditional Quartet Contest")

July 1-8, 2007 *69th Annual Barbershop Harmony Society International Convention* Denver, CO

July 29-August 5, 2007 *Harmony University*, Missouri Western State University, St. Joseph, MO

June 29-July 6, 2008 *70th Annual Barbershop Harmony Society International Convention* Nashville, TN

June 28-July 5, 2009 *71st Annual Barbershop Harmony Society International Convention* Anaheim, CA

June 27-July 4, 2010 *72nd Annual Barbershop Harmony Society International Convention* Philadelphia, PA

July 3-July 10, 2011 *73rd Annual Barbershop Harmony Society International Convention* Kansas City, MO

The golden years: When actions creak louder than words.

***Men in Black* makes it through!**

Help our stars become StarTomorrow winners!

***StarTomorrow: Men in Black* move into next phase of competition**

Men in Black survived the first phase of competition in the StarTomorrow talent contest, NBC's first offering of a full national series online. (<http://www.startomorrow.com>) Winners will be awarded a recording deal with Grammy-winning producer and songwriter David Foster and his recording company.

Next phase of competition should begin in about three weeks. Watch the Society homepage — <http://www.barbershop.org> — for more news on when and how to vote for Men in Black.

While voting in support of Men in Black is greatly encouraged, please be sure to follow voting rules carefully. **Attempts to bypass the voting rules may cause Men in Black to be pulled from competition!**

Stay tuned...

While the Search continues...

we are very pleased that **Lindsay Chartier** and **Drew Wheaton** have agreed to co-direct us.

The position of permanent Co-Directors was offered to them, but other commitments made that impossible for them at this time. **Lindsay** is the Director of Montreal City Voices, the Montreal Chapter of Harmony Inc. and **Drew** is just beginning his degree in music education from McGill University. We are very pleased that they will be sharing their talents with us for the immediate future.

To get the Mini-Pitch by email, send your email address to imphillips@videotron.ca

We sing every Monday at Église St-Sixte
1895, rue de l'Église, St. Laurent, Quebec

The Board will be meeting before tonight's rehearsal for an update on the continuing search for a permanent musical director.

Wheaton's hosted the world, again!

On Saturday, the barbershop world congregated in the back yard of the Wheatons for their Annual Salad, Chocolate Dessert and Corn Roast.

The day started out warm and ended up with a little rain, but the food and drink was abundant. A lot of people attended, but not many from our Chapter. You missed a great party, guys.

There was lots of corn, hot dogs and singing. There were 29 salads registered and 49 chocolate desserts. Yum!

Guests attending the Wheaton's bash came from as far away as Maine, Massachusetts, Ottawa and other exotic locations.

Goodbye and Good Luck, Rob.

Last Monday's rehearsal was different in many ways. We did warm up, we did sing, but we did most of it at the T.A. Vern (that's Tavern for the uninitiated!)

Our President, **Bert Brossoit**, had arranged a "last supper" for our departing musical director, **Robert J. Mance**.

We dragged Rob to the T.A. Verne, along with our guests and better halves, etc.

There was time to eat, time to sing and time to remember, and it was a fun night. It was also a rare occasion, since we had a director leaving, but there were no hard feelings on either side of this departure.

The Chapter and Chorus are happy that Rob is leaving on good terms, and wish him every bit of good luck in his quest for his Masters Degree.

Membership Scoreboard. We started at 32

New members = 2 Members in process = 1 Current = 30

Last week: Guests = 0 Returning = 1 Follow ups = 0

We welcomed **Vittorio (Vito) Salvatore** again last Monday. There is a great chance that we can say, "He is going to join us, and be a great asset."

Talk to somebody about barbershop this week! Our target for members this year is for a 7 member NET INCREASE by the end of 2006. We have had a couple of members, who forgot to pay their dues, so we are down in membership!

Murphy's Laws of Computing

There are probably thousands of these, but here are 10 to start.

1. When computing, whatever happens, behave as though you meant it to happen.
2. When you get to the point where you really understand your computer, it's probably obsolete.
3. The first place to look for information is in the section of the manual where you least expect to find it.
4. When the going gets tough, upgrade.
5. For every action, there is an equal and opposite malfunction.
6. To err is human . . . to blame your computer for your mistakes is even more human, it is downright natural.
7. He who laughs last probably made a back-up.
8. If at first you do not succeed, blame your computer.
9. A complex system that does not work is invariably found to have evolved from a simpler system that worked just fine.
10. The number one cause of computer problems is computer solutions.

Here is our current repertoire list: [mp3] means that the mp3 file is on the *Members' Only* web site

Beautiful Dreamer [mp3]	Orange Coloured Sky [mp3]
Before The Parade Passes By [mp3]	Overture [mp3]
Chances Are [mp3]	Que reste-t-il de nos amours [mp3]
Exactly Like You [mp3]	Sixteen Tons [mp3]
Give My Regards To Broadway [mp3]	The Impossible Dream [mp3]
Hello [mp3]	The Star Spangled Banner
Hello Mary Lou [mp3]	Tonight [mp3]
It Don't Mean A Thing [mp3]	Witchcraft [mp3]
Keep The Whole World Singing [mp3]	You'll Never Walk Alone [mp3]
O Canada	Hush-a-Bye Mountain [mp3]
Happy Go Lucky Lane [mp3]	What Child is this/Child of the Poor [mp3]

Practice is something we do at home, every day, between rehearsals!

Rehearsal is what we do Monday evenings, where we reinforce what we have been practising every day!