

The Pitch

Greater Montreal Chapter



The Little Chorus that could!

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COMING UP - ROB'S REQUIRED EVENTS*

Saturday, February 4, 2006 *Great Northern Harmony Workshop* Champlain College, St-Lambert. ← **NEW**
Saturday April 22, 2006, *Mountain Division Contest* Burlington, VT [Location to be determined]
Saturday, June 3, 2006 *Annual Show with Vocal Spectrum*, Salle Pierre Mercure
October 6-8, 2006 *Fall Forward 2006* Ermitage St-Croix, Pierrefonds [Thanksgiving Weekend]
October 20-22, 2006 *60th District Convention and Contest* Providence, RI
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 Rob as soon as you know you will miss any rehearsal or event.

COMING UP - OPTIONAL, BUT FUN and EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

Saturday, January 6, 2006 *COTS*, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Warwick, RI
Saturday, January 14, 2006 *Installation Day in Morin Heights* ← **Date confirmed See Article On Page 2**
July 2-9, 2006 *68th Annual Barbershop Harmony Society International Convention* Indianapolis, IN
July 1-8, 2007 *69th Annual Barbershop Harmony Society International Convention* Denver, CO
June 29-July 6, 2008 *70th Annual Barbershop Harmony Society International Convention* Nashville, TN

It's what you learn, after you know it all that counts.

New Location and Lower Price!

The Installation and Dinner moved.

Our new President, **Bert Brossoit**, has found a great location for our Installation and Awards Day. *Auberge Le Refuge Morin Heights* is a Spa and Inn with a small dining room that will nicely accommodate us.

Dinner will cost \$26.00 per person tax and service included, and we can bring our own beer and wine!

Driving Directions From Montreal:

- 15 North towards St Jerome
 - Get off at EXIT 60 turn left to cross over the highway
 - Right on 364 WEST towards Morin-Heights
 - Left on 329 SOUTH this road is also called "Village"
- Auberge Le Refuge is immediately on your left.

For those that don't want to drive back to Montreal after imbibing, rooms are available starting at \$85.00/night. Call 1-866-996-1796 for reservations and information.

Please let Murray imphillips@videotron.ca know if you will be there.

Great Northern Harmony Workshop

Once again this year we are going to be coached at the Great Northern Harmony Workshop.

Everyone should plan to be there for the full day, as we will be receiving coaching as a chorus for the full day, by **Steve Tramack**, Director of the Granite Statesman. The day starts at 8:00 AM with registration. The day will finish at 6:00 PM, after the mini-concert by the participating quartets and choruses. Please make sure you are there!

Registration is \$55.00 before January 16, 2006, complete your forms and hand in your money tonight, or it will cost you \$65.00

Music for 2006

By Stan Blicher, Vice-President, Music & Performance

There is exciting new music coming in 2006. Among the 'regular' numbers, look for the following songs:

"Exactly Like You," "Happy Go Lucky Lane," "Hush-A-Bye Mountain," "Blue Velvet," "J'entends le moulin,"

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

“This Is The Moment,” “Yesterday I Heard The Rain” and possibly an 8 part arrangements of “Undecided.”

Among the Holiday Music, look for: “Carol of The Bells,” “Little Drummer Boy,” “Chanukah Medley,” “Masters In The Hall,” “In The Bleak Mid-Winter,” “We Three Kings,” “Mr. Grinch,” and an 8 part arrangement of “I Wonder As I Wander.”

We also plan to revive “Que Reste’t’til de nos amours”.

We have a lot to look forward to. We will all have to learn our music well and quickly in order to meet this ambitious addition to our repertoire.

Membership Scoreboard

Member Type	Count Dec 31, 2005	Count This week
Regular	23	23
Student	1	1
Senior	6	6
Life	0	0
Other	2	2
Total	32	32

Have you talked to somebody about barbershop this week!

Our target for members this year is for a 7 member NET INCREASE by the end of 2006.

MEMBERSHIP starts with ME!

Chapter Commitment Contract.

We will be discussing a Chapter Commitment Contract at our meeting. This is really just a way of formalising the things that we do as members of the Chapter and the Chorus.

Here is our current repertoire list:

[mp3] means that the mp3 file is on the *Members' Only* web site

Beautiful Dreamer [mp3]	Overture [mp3]
Before The Parade Passes By [mp3]	Que reste-t-il de nos amours [mp3]
Chances Are [mp3]	Sixteen Tons [mp3]
Give My Regards To Broadway [mp3]	The Impossible Dream [mp3]
Hello [mp3]	The Star Spangled Banner
Hello Mary Lou [mp3]	This Is The Moment ← Coming Soon
It Don't Mean A Thing [mp3]	Tonight [mp3]
Keep The Whole World Singing [mp3]	Witchcraft [mp3]
O Canada	You'll Never Walk Alone [mp3]
Orange Coloured Sky [mp3]	Secret Love 8-part. [mp3]
Let There Be Peace On Earth 8-part. [mp3]	And So To Sleep Again 8-part. [mp3]

This is not meant to exclude anyone in any way, but rather it is intended to get everyone focused on the same goals.

We all want to sing better, perform our best, and entertain our audiences. If we all agree to work together toward those goals, then we will improve and we will have fun doing it.

The items in the “contract” are mostly things we have been doing, but there are some new ideas, like regularly recording ourselves *for our own personal review*, asking for help if we need it, and helping others, if we are asked.

We are asking for a commitment to bring in new members, to being on time for rehearsal, performances, etc. These are things that we need to do to make the chapter and chorus improve and grow. Let's do them together!

January Chapter Dues are due

Anyone who is behind on your 2005 chapter dues, please pay them TONIGHT. We really need the money. If necessary names will be published, and we don't want that. If you aren't sure if you owe money, ask! **Alan Mackenzie** and **Al Mahoney** can tell you.

Dues for 2006 will be due as of tonight's rehearsal, on January 9, 2006. You can pay \$180.00 all at once, or \$15.00 per month, or \$45.00 per quarter, or even \$90.00 semi-annually, but you need to pay them.

Name for the Newsletter

Thank you to **Alan Kenley** for replying with a couple of suggestions for the name of this newsletter. He was the only person that did. After weighing the choices, and asking my trusted advisor, **Mary**, for advice, I decided to make a small, but important change, so the first person to identify the change wins the “find the name change” contest.

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!