

The Pitch

Greater Montreal Chapter



The Little Chorus that could!

2005 Mountain Division Champions
2005 NED Great Small Chorus Champions
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COMING UP - ROB'S REQUIRED EVENTS*

Saturday, February 4, 2006 *Great Northern Harmony Workshop* Champlain College, St-Lambert. ← NOTE
Saturday April 22, 2006, *Mountain Division Contest* Colchester High School, 131 Laker Lane, Colchester VT ← Revised
Saturday, June 3, 2006 *Annual Show with Vocal Spectrum*, Salle Pierre Mercure [13 weeks to go!]
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

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

Despite the cost of living, you've noticed it remains very popular?

Take care of your heart!

First **Rasha Umeljic** was hospitalised, requiring an operation to repair an aneurysm on his aorta. He will off work for three months.

Then **Alan Kenley** checked himself in to the Jewish General with an irregular heat beat. He underwent a bunch of tests, but plans to be back at rehearsal tonight.

On a personal note, I will be celebrating my 6th "New" Birthday tomorrow, since it was January 31, 2000 that I had my heart attack.

Show advertising.

The show is only 13 weeks away! That means we have a bunch of new music to learn, tickets to sell and advertising to sell for the show program. We have budgeted to make a profit on this year's show – something we haven't done for the past four years. One way we can do that is to sell enough advertising that we pay for the costs of the show.

It can be done, and there is no time like the present to start. See **Murray** or **Steve!** We will be taking orders for tickets at the same time. so start to talk up our show with your

friends and acquaintances. The price of the tickets has been reduced to \$20.00 CDN or \$17.50 US.

Rick Spencer Society's Music Man!

Former NED member **Rick Spencer** has been named Director of Music Education and Services.

"Rick Spencer is a fine musician, vocalist, arranger, teacher and extremely well organized," said Joe Liles, a past Executive Director who has served as Interim Director of Music Education the past eight months. "He is in touch with youth and has great vision for the future of the Society. He has already proven himself a good manager. I'm looking forward to working with him in his new capacity."

Membership Scoreboard

NO change since last week. Talk to somebody about barbershop this week! Our target for members this year is for a 7 member NET INCREASE by the end if 2006.

Great Northern Harmony Workshop

Everyone should be there next Saturday, as we will be receiving coaching as a chorus for the full day, by **Steve**

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

Tramack, Director of the Granite Statesman. The day starts at 8:00 AM and will finish at 6:00 PM, after the mini-concert by the participating quartets and choruses. Rick will be at the Great Northern Harmony Workshop.

Personal Commitment Contract.

The Board of Directors for 2006 wants to make sure we are all pulling in the same direction, and have a growing, happy, competitive Chapter and Chorus.

At last Monday’s meeting, our “contract” was explained, and each member was asked to sign up. Most are things we are already doing, and all are intended to help us improve, so if you were away, or haven’t signed yet, ask for a copy.

Recording devices.

As part of our Commitment Contract, we have agreed to personally record ourselves on a regular basis. If you are looking for a new recording device, a copy of a great report done for the Heart of Carolina Chorus is available through the Member’s Only web site. It is a PDF file, or an Excel spread sheet.

Here is our current repertoire list:

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

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| 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 | Secret Love 8-part. [mp3] |
| Let There Be Peace On Earth 8-part. [mp3] | And So To Sleep Again 8-part. [mp3] |

Shadow Of Your Smile *low tag*

Brandon Guyton

The Shad-ow of your smile, when you are gone. when you are gone. are gone.

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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!