

The Pitch

Greater Montreal Chapter



The Little Chorus that could!

2005 NED Great Small Chorus Champions
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2006 Mountain Division Small Chorus Champions

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COMING UP - ROB'S REQUIRED EVENTS*

~~August 1, 2 & 3, 2006 OutGames Choral Contest Details to follow~~ ← CANCELLED

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 ← **NOTE DATE!**

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 Rob as soon as you know you will miss any rehearsal or event.

COMING UP - OPTIONAL, BUT FUN and EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

Saturday, August 19, 2006 Wheaton's Corn/Salad/Chocolate Dessert Party ← **NEW**

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

January 21-28, 2007 Mid Winter Convention Albuquerque, NM

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

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

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a cash advance.

Phillips' Phearless Prognostications

My fearless predictions for the top five quartets and choruses in this year's contests were pretty accurate.

My lists.

Quartet Top 5

1. Vocal Spectrum, CSD (2nd going in) **They won!**
2. MaxQ, SWD (1st going in!) **They came 2nd!**
3. O.C. Times, FWD (3rd going in) **They came 3rd!**
4. Metropolis, FWD (4th going in) **They came 4th!**
5. MatriX, JAD (9th going in) **I blew that one.**

I also predicted the **Men in Black** would finish in the Top 20 this year and they did, coming 17th.

The 6 (six)-point difference between 1st and 2nd is the closest ever in a quartet contest

Chorus Top 5

I thought that there weren't likely to be many changes in the chorus contest, and the top 5 going into the contest would hold their positions. I was wrong. The Vocal Majority ballad wasn't as strong as we have come to expect, and Westminster were phenomenal, leading to a 17 point margin for the VMs 11th Gold, but wait for 2007!

1. Vocal Majority, Dallas Metro, SWD **They won**
2. The Northern Lights, Toronto, ONT **They came 3rd**
3. Westminster Chorus, FWD **They came 2nd!**
4. New Tradition, Northbrook, ILL **They came 4th!**
5. **Midwest Vocal Express, Greendale, PIO WOW!**
6. The Alliance, Greater Central Ohio, JAD **Fish!**

The fish of Greendale were the hit of the contest, pushing the excellent performance of The Alliance to 6th place.

To get the Mini-Pitch by email, send your email address to
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We sing every Monday at Église St-Sixte
1895, rue de l'Église, St. Laurent, Quebec

Performing last allowed the webcast crew to come up with the Fish Cam and the Turtle Cam. The audience loved them and the applause went on for a long time. If you saw it, you know what I mean. If you didn't, ask me about it.

Sign up today to go to Denver next year so you can see the contests in person! What a battle it will be in 2007.

Membership Scoreboard

New members = 2 Members in process = 0 Current = 33

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

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.

New Membership Director and Assistant Director Announced

Welcome two new staff members to your Society! Charlie Davenport and Drew Ellis will lead the membership and member services department as director and assistant director, respectively.

Charlie and Drew will work with staff and volunteers to develop effective member recruiting methods; to execute annual membership drives and workshops; to foster better chapter and district communications; and to guide chapters through chartering and incorporation. Charlie will begin his duties Sept. 1; Drew will join him in January 2007.

"These two men bring complementary experience to our organisation and a strong background in barbershop harmony," commented Barbershop Harmony Society Chief Executive Officer Ed Watson. "Since the growth of and service to our membership is our number-one priority, that is where we will concentrate our manpower and efforts."

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

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

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!