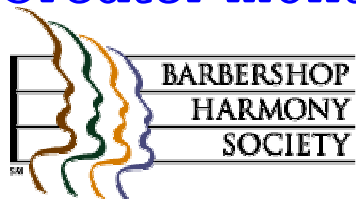


The Pitch

Greater Montreal Chapter



The Little Chorus that could!

2005 NED Great Small Chorus Champions
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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 ← **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

"He often broke into song because he couldn't find the key."

Men In Black on Star Tomorrow!

The NED's own, *Men In Black* the 2005 Collegiate Gold Medal Champs are performing on NBC's *Star Tomorrow* program on (EST) Monday evening 8PM - July 31, on WPTZ Channel 5 Plattsburgh Burlington (Channel 52 on Illico.)

Men in Black reaches for the stars as the quartet moves into the second round of auditions for "StarTomorrow," NBC's first offering of a full national series online.

You can help by going to www.nbc.com/startomorrow and voting for the guys.

This week the guys flew to Los Angeles to tape an audition that is expected to be televised. If all goes well, we'll be seeing our 2005 collegiate champs on an audition special

broadcast Monday, July 31, at 8 p.m. Eastern/7 p.m. Central time on NBC. Then get ready to vote online.

The quartet passed the first audition in New York City for the interactive music competition that will put viewers in exclusive control of choosing the first Internet superstar band, singing group or solo act.

The StarTomorrow web site <http://www.nbc.com/startomorrow> will feature approximately 20 band auditions each week for the first half of the 16-week series. Viewers will evaluate them and vote on which performers will move on to the next round. Canadian Grammy-winning producer and songwriter David Foster and guest judges will offer critiques.

The finalists will then compete in the second half of the series. The format will include covers of pop favourites and original material, but as the series goes deeper into the

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

competition, the focus will shift more to original songs. Winners will be awarded a recording deal with Foster and his recording company.

More to come...meantime vote early and often!

Board Meeting, August 8, 2006

So, all members of the Board take note! We are meeting on Tuesday, August 8, 2006. An agenda, location and starting time will be announced at the meeting tonight.

Membership Scoreboard

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

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

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.

A New Quartet from NED?

Harmonet post by Dave deBronkart

Last night I had a rare opportunity: I saw the debut of a wonderful new quartet, in a wonderful small-town venue.

It was a great moment in my barbershop career. It was the debut performance of One More Time, in Peterborough NH, the home of Thornton Wilder's play "Our Town."

Now THIS is good old-fashioned great-sounding barbershop! (I'm not a die-hard kibber - I just know a fine sound when I hear it.)

From the press release:

"**Terry Clarke** (bass) and **Larry Tully** (baritone), members of The Boston Common, have joined with **Scott Brannon**, former lead of the immensely popular Cincinnati Kids (four times International competition finalists and twice medallists) and **Jamie Carbone** (tenor

of several East Coast champion quartets) to form 'One More Time.'"

(For those who are new to our hobby, Boston Common won the International gold in 1980 - the last time a Northeast District quartet did so. Indeed, they won more International medals than anyone else - 8 - because they placed in the top five 7 times before they got the gold.)

The sound was WONDERFUL! You know the kind of performance where, from the very first chord in the very first song, you know this is going to be special? That's what it was like.

Get your barbershop fix from iTunes

Now you can legally purchase barbershop performances from iTunes.

The first wave of iTunes content from the Barbershop Harmony Society became available in June 2006, and there are now nearly 1,000 tracks from past International Contests online. Every song by every quartet and chorus since '97 will be available! Get a single track for \$0.99US, or a 12-song "volume" of a particular contest session for \$9.99 US. The money will help to fund the Society

How do I access this content and begin downloading barbershop music?

Download and install the free iTunes software.

www.apple.com offers clients for Windows 2000 or XP, and Mac OS X v10.2.8 or v10.3.4 or later, and follow the directions. You'll be listening in no time!

Help plan better Internationals!

For a general survey about Midwinter and International Conventions, please go to the following web address:

<http://www.zoomerang.com/survey.zgi?p=WEB225HRMYXZK3>

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!