

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*

Saturday, June 3, 2006 Annual Show with Vocal Spectrum, Salle Pierre Mercure [4 weeks to go!]

Monday, June 12, 2006 Guest Night Église St-Sixte

Wednesday, June 21, 2006 Mondial Choral Loto-Québec Avant Spectacle, Scene Loto-Québec

Thursday, June 29, 2006 Mondial Choral Loto-Québec Église Ste-Rose, In Concert Series, 19:30 – 22:00

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 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

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

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

The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.

A Legend passes away.

The Barbershop Harmony Society lost a legendary talent, when J. Edward Waesche III, noted arranger, music judge and former Society president, died last Tuesday of cancer at the age of 74.

A "Celebration of Ed Waesche's Life" will be held in the chapel of Princeton University, Waesche's alma mater, at a date to be announced.

Ed's widow, Kate, has requested donations to Harmony Foundation, in lieu of flowers.

"Ed's passing is a tremendous loss," said Ed Watson, executive director of the Barbershop Harmony Society. "Not only did he leave an indelible mark on the Society and the people he met, but he touched the lives of thousands through his music."

Ed Waesche had written some 600 arrangements, many of them performed on the contest stage. He had a long record of leadership in his 49 years as a Barbershopper. He had

served on the Society Board for 10 years and was president in 1998 and 1999. A certified Music category judge, he was a past chair of the Society Contest & Judging Committee and the World Harmony Council. He also had served as a Harmony Foundation trustee. It has been suggested that choruses and quartets that sing Waesche arrangements make a donation in his name.

Ed had been a respected member of the Harmony University faculty for more than 20 years. He had sung with three top-20 quartets over a 20-year span, most recently with The New Yorkers, past Mid-Atlantic quartet champion. Ed was a member of the Manhattan and Five Towns College chapters in New York, the Easton, Pennsylvania, Chapter, and the North Carolina Harmony Brigade.

He lived on Long Island, New York, with his wife, Kate, cats, Darla and Buckwheat, and dog, Lucky. He spent 43 years in the aerospace industry as designer, project engineer and strategic planner.

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

Membership Scoreboard

New members = 2 Members in process = 0

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

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.

Remember: If you recruit 5 members this year, your International, District and Chapter dues for 2007 are **100% fully paid!**

Editor needed for "The Pitch."

This has been seen in the *Mini-Pitch/The Pitch* before, but this time it is becoming urgent. The Phillips mansion is on the market, and when it goes, your editor goes against the flow and "goes East, old man."

Before that happens, it is important to the Chapter to have a willing volunteer to publish a newsletter for the Chapter on a regular basis. Weekly is best, but every two weeks would be fine, even monthly would be great.

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	Secret Love 8-part. [mp3]
Let There Be Peace On Earth 8-part. [mp3]	And So To Sleep Again 8-part. [mp3]
Hush-a-Bye Mountain [mp3]	Blue Velvet [Coming soon!]

Here is a tag by the late, great Ed Waesche.

9. Lonesome Rose

Love will come your way, lone - - - some - - - rose. lone - some lone. lone - some

Ed Waesche, 1985

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!