

# The Pitch

## Greater Montreal Chapter



**MONTREAL ISLAND CITY CHORUS**  
*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 and Ardesco, Salle Pierre Mercure [3 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 27-29, 2006** 60<sup>th</sup> District Convention and Contest Providence, RI ← **NOTE CORRECTION OF DATE!**

**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** 68<sup>th</sup> 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** 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Barbershop Harmony Society International Convention Denver, CO

**June 29-July 6, 2008** 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Barbershop Harmony Society International Convention Nashville, TN

***Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.***

## Society welcomes two staff members

### ***Two music educators join the headquarters staff at Harmony Hall.***

Experienced music educators **James Estes** and **Mike O'Neill** have accepted positions with the Music and Education staff of the Barbershop Harmony Society.

Both new staff members are “graduates” of the Society’s collegiate quartet program. James, of Fond du Lac, Wis., will be responsible for student activities development beginning June 15. Beginning May 30, Mike, of Fort Worth, Texas, will specialize in chorus director development.

James Estes currently is choral director at Fond du Lac High School and conducts the Fond du Lac Children’s Choir. An eight-year member of the Society, he directs the Pride of the Valley Chorus in Appleton, Wis., and is assistant director for the Midwest Vocal Express in Greendale, Wis. In addition, he serves on the Society’s Student Activities Committee and is a candidate Singing

judge. He holds a bachelor’s degree in music education from Lawrence University, and is a member of MENC: The National Association for Music Education and the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA.)

Mike O’Neill, an 11-year Society member, served as director of choral activities at Central High School in Keller, Texas, and as music director at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Fort Worth. He recently sang baritone on the international stage with *Vantage Point*, and earned a gold medal in the 1999 MBNA America Collegiate Quartet Contest as bass of *Station 59*. Mike served on the Society’s Young Men In Harmony Committee and on the COTS faculty. He holds a bachelor’s degree in music education from the University of Florida and a master’s degree in choral conducting from the University of North Texas, and is a member of the Texas Music Educators Association and the ACDA.

The appointments come after a months-long search for a music educator to replace Rick Spencer, after he accepted the position of director of music education and services in

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

January. "We had a field of many very strong candidates," Rick said. "We are fortunate to have James and Mike on our team."

An additional vacancy was created by the departure of **Bill Rashleigh**, who resigned this week. "We thank Bill for his long service and many contributions and wish him well in future endeavors," said **Ed Watson**, Society executive director. "We also look forward to working with James and Mike. We expect they will contribute greatly to our organization and its growth."

## Membership Scoreboard

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

**Last week:** Guests = 2 Returning = 0 Follow ups = 1

We welcomed **Jack Trottenberg** and **Andrew Mangal** from *Ardesco* to our rehearsal. 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.

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

## "A Night to Remember" is June 3.

This year's show is only **3** weeks away **Bert Brossoit** is the ticket manager. This is the time to tell people we are again the Small Chorus Champs of the Mountain Division, and that our guest quartet *Vocal Spectrum*, is going into International ranked as #2. We also have added *Ardesco*, a talented a cappella group from McGill.

See Bert **tonight** to reassess the value of the tickets you still have.

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. Flyers are available online.**

It can be done, and there is no time like the present, so just do it! See **Murray** or **Steve!** Talk up our show with your friends and acquaintances. Tickets are \$25.00 each.

## Time to Renew!

If you have a June 30 renewal date, you can go to the Members Only section and renew online. You can also send your payment by snail mail to:

The Barbershop Harmony Society  
Dues Renewal  
7930 SHERIDAN RD  
KENOSHA WI 53143

The Society's Canadian Exchange Rate for the second quarter is \$1.0994.

In either case, you should think about starting to *Easy-Pay* your dues. Have your dues spread out over 12 months and charged to your credit card or your bank account.

## Songs for the Show

*Watch this space!*

**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!