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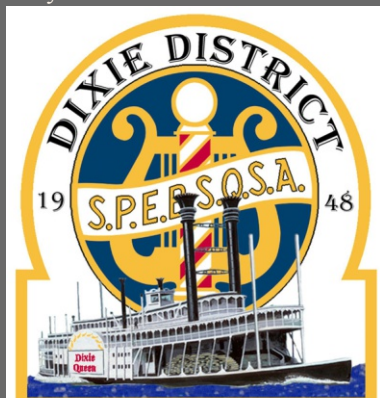
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Vision

The Dixie District is committed to enriching lives in every generation and community through the lifelong benefits of the barbershop style and other forms of a cappella singing.

Mission

The Dixie District SPEBSQSA, Inc., a charitable and nonprofit organization:

- Enriches lives through singing.
- Perpetuates and celebrates the barbershop harmony style.
- Serves each new generation of singers through support of vocal music education.
- Serves audiences through an uplifting, wholesome variety of a cappella musical entertainment.
- Helps our members by sharing fellowship, performance skills and leadership development.
- Helps build better communities and a better world by bonding diverse people through the pure fun of a cappella harmony as we keep the whole world singing!

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The Prez Sez...



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We are rapidly approaching our Fall Convention and Contest weekend in Atlanta on October 23-25. We have 23 quartets and 13 choruses competing. Those of you who were at the convention last Fall know what a great venue the Crowne Plaza at Ravinia provides for us. The contest venue and housing are all under

one roof, and, in addition to the hotel dining options, there are several restaurants that are only a short walk or drive away. Get registered and come on over for a great weekend! Registration information is on the District's website at www.dixiedistrict.org.

Our Spring 2016 convention will be in the town of Oxford, AL. Oxford is located on I-20 between Birmingham and Atlanta, a few miles east of the Talladega Superspeedway. Start making plans to attend what will certainly be an exciting contest. The dates are March 18-20, 2016.

Congratulations to Dixie's 2015 International competitors. We can all be very proud of how well represented Dixie was at this International. We had 5 representatives in the quartet contest – A Mighty Wind, MC4, Boardwalk, Prelude, and RedZone. Loop 10 was our collegiate contest competitor. And we all celebrated the Nashville Chapter's 5th place chorus finish — congratulations Music City Chorus!

I would like to say thank you to everyone

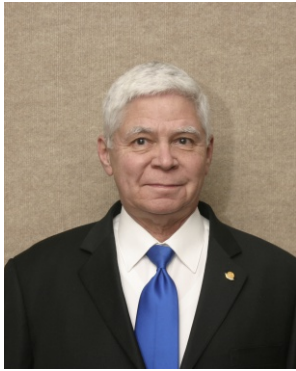
who had a part in making the 2015 Harmony Explosion Camp a huge success. It was the largest HEX camp that we have hosted. See Jim Moore's article in this issue for all the details. Also, be sure to look at the great camp photos supplied by Jim Moore and Becki Hine.

Safe travels to you, and I look forward to seeing each of you in Atlanta in just a few weeks!

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2015 Harmony Explosion Camp: Dixie's Biggest Yet!



Jim Moore
VP Youth In
Harmony

One hundred forty young singers had the time of their lives at the 2015 Harmony Explosion Camp. The camp was held July 16 through 19 at the University of Tennessee in Chattanooga. The boys and girls came from 5 different states and represented a total of 28 middle schools, high schools, and colleges.

totaling around \$6,500, the event essentially broke even. The only Chapters that donated scholarships directly were **Atlanta Metro (Atlanta Vocal Project)** and the **Marietta Chapter**. Two individuals, **Chris Susalka** and **Lars Grevstad**, also sponsored campers.

Thanks to all of the Dixie Barbershoppers who support Harmony Foundation and who make this camp possible through their Donor's Choice contributions. The camp continues to grow, and already plans are being made for the 2016 camp, where around 200 attendees are expected.

Singing could be heard everywhere. From check-in until after check-out, tags and songs rang wherever there were campers. They sang for each other on Friday night, and they sang for the public on Saturday night. A nearly-full Roland W. Hayes Concert Hall was the site of a two-hour show that featured school groups, camp quartets, the 70-voice boys chorus, the 70-voice girls chorus, the music educators VLQ, the college singers VLQ, quartets **Ballistic!**, **The Academy**, and **A Mighty Wind**, and the combined choruses – 163 strong – in the final song.

This was the largest camp ever in the Dixie District. The Clinicians, Clay and Becki Hine, and Dusty Schleier, were an excellent team. Each had an exceptional 1.5 hour clinic with the teachers. The teaching quartets were excellent and gave a master class on Friday for all campers.

This year's registration fee remained \$100. The cost to put on this camp was around \$29,000. Still, with the Harmony Foundation grant of \$6,000, the District carryover funds, show ticket sales, and Donor's Choice funds

Convention Hotel Information

Make Your Reservations Now!

**Crowne Plaza Atlanta Perimeter at
Ravinia
4355 Ashford Dunwoody Road
Atlanta, GA 30346**

**Regular Room Rate: \$99
Concierge Level Rate: \$119**

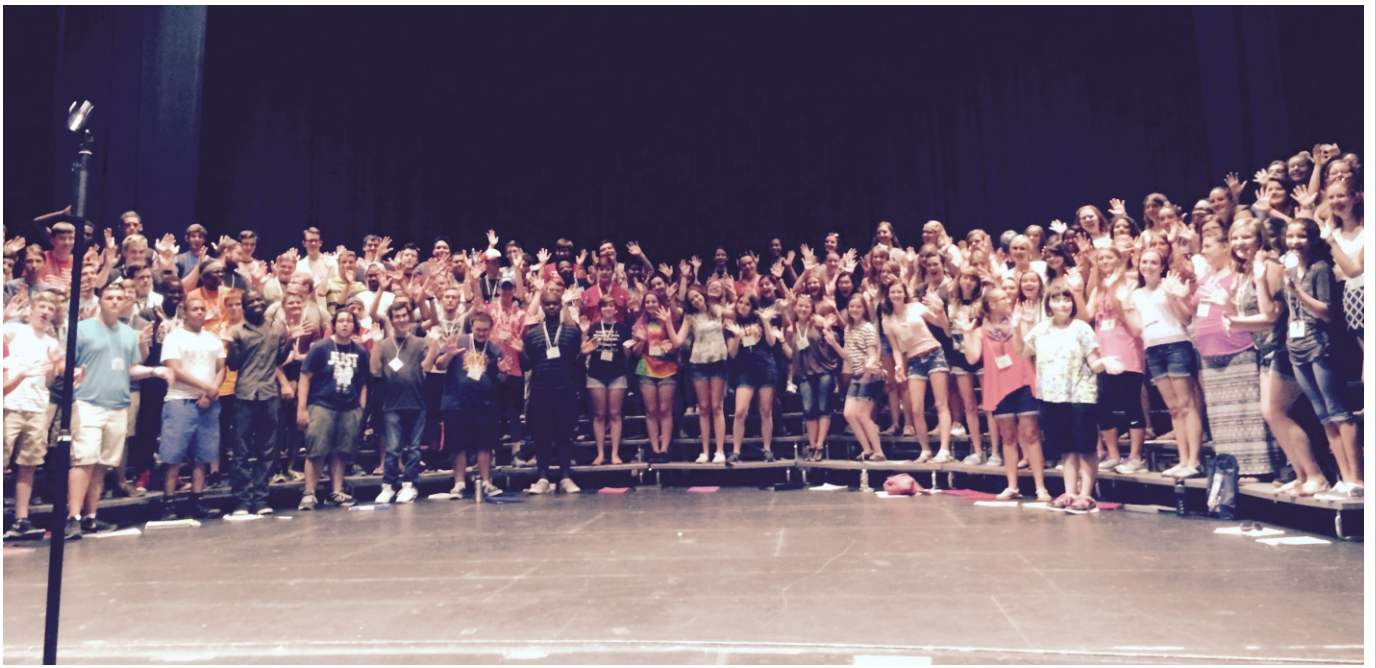
**Phone Reservations: 1-888-233-9527
Group code: DDX**

Use this link for
[**Online reservations**](#)



Harmony Explosion
Camp Scrapbook
Photos by Becki Hine
and Jim Moore







Congratulations to The Music City Chorus
Nashville, TN
5th Place Bronze Medal Chorus Champions!



Congratulations to our 2015 Pittsburgh International Competitors



A Mighty Wind

Boardwalk



MC4



Prelude



RedZone



Loop 10
Collegiate Representatives

It's Fall Contest Time In Dixie!



Jim Sams
VP Contest and
Judging

The time is upon us to gather for the 2015 International Chorus Prelims and Dixie Quartet Contest. Like last year, this convention will be held under ONE ROOF and will be very convenient for all attendees. We will have a Dixie Quartet Championship, Seniors Quartet Prelim, a Senior Quartet Championship, a Novice Quartet Championship, an International Chorus Prelim, 3 Chorus Plateau winners, and a Most Improved Chorus Award available. We will also offer a Score for Evaluations Only session for those choruses who do not wish to compete but would like a score and a 60-minute coaching session or 45-minute evaluation session. The Evaluation Only option is also available for quartets.

Here are the coaching/evaluation options that our quartets and choruses will be enjoying, along with the judging panel that will be on tap for our contest.

- 1) No Evaluation or Coaching
- 2) Evaluation Only-3 judges 15 min each
- 3) Coaching-3 judges 20 min each
- 4) Coaching-2 judges (SNG/PRS) 30 min each
- 5) Coaching-2 judges (SNG/MUS) 30 min each
- 6) Coaching-2 judges (MUS/PRS) 30 min each
- 7) Your choice of judges (based on 1st come, 1st served) for options 4-7

Judges who are on the Official Panel: MUS- Justin Miller and Jeff Taylor; PRS-Joe Connelly and Gary Steinkamp; SNG-Jim DeBusman and Matt Gifford. Each of these men is highly qualified to provide an excellent coaching/evaluation session. Justin directs the Westminster Chorus. Jeff is an international competitor and has a PhD in Music. Joe Connelly is well known to you all, and Gary Steinkamp is an international quartet performer and chorus director. Jim Debusman is an outstanding vocal coach and former Dixie District leader. And the award winner for the judge who has travelled the farthest, Matt Gifford, is the bass of the 2014 International Champion Musical Island Boys. With this panel, everyone will be a winner during the coaching/evaluation sessions!

I hope you all have a grand experience. Bring your family and friends and enjoy the very best that Dixie has to offer!

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Plan Ahead...

10/23-10/25	Fall Convention Atlanta, GA
11/15	Greater Atlanta Chapter Show
12/5	Nashville Chapter Show
12/12-13	Marietta, GA Chapter Show
2016 3/18-3/20	Spring Convention and Contests Oxford, AL
4/30	Greater Atlanta Chapter Show