



Dixie Town Crier

Dixie's monthly chapter newsletter
dedicated to the original town crier,
Chuck Witherspoon



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2019 Fall Convention Highlights



2019 Dixie District
Quartet Champions

Wildfire!

Caleb Hayes (T)
Stephen Goldman (L)
Kevin Mendez (Bar)
Harrison Cooke (B)

Sound Of Tennessee International Chorus Representative



Silver Ring Midwinter Senior Quartet Representative



Bob Davenport (T)
Jimmy Tompkins (L)
Paul Wietlisbach (Bar)
Nick Daley (B)

Goodness Gracious Novice Quartet Champion



Bert Phillips (T)
Logan Brown (L)
Craig Brown (Bar)
Chris Totty (B)

Rock City 4 Super Senior Quartet Champion



Fred Jesse (T)
Bill Slack (L)
Benny Malone (Bar)
W.C. Strickland (B)

Southern Splendor Chorus

Plateau A Chorus Champion



North Georgia Barbershop Singers

Most Improved Chorus



RSVP

Plateau AA Chorus Champion



Contest Photos in this issue are courtesy of Tony Nichols.



The Dixie District Senior Chorus competed to be a chorus representative to the 2020 Midwinter Chorus Invitational. Invitations will be issued when all districts have held their fall contests.



The Music City Chorus, which placed seventh at the 2019 international chorus contest, did not compete in the fall contest, but did present a special three-song set. Their final song was sung in memory of Mark Dickhaus, longtime chorus member who passed away one week after competing in Salt Lake City.

Real Men Sing 2019

The 2019 Real Men Sing clinic was conducted by the **Marietta, GA Chapter** on September 14 at the Marietta Performing Arts Center, with about 190 young men in grades 6-12 and 15 choral directors from area schools in attendance.

Sponsors of this event included the KFC – Big Chicken location, Atlanta Northeast Marriott, the Marietta Kiwanis Club, Marietta Performing Arts Center, and individual donors. The sponsorships provided the funding for the costs of venue rental, clinician and teaching quartet expenses, the acquisition of music and learning tracks, a KFC Dinner, and a custom designed T-shirt that was worn as a uniform by the participants during the performance at the conclusion of the event. Participants paid a nominal registration fee of \$5 per participant.



The event was a one-day vocal clinic conducted by Jimmy Tompkins of Chattanooga, TN and Vincent Sandroni of Parkville, MD. **Wildfire**, the 2019 Next Generation International Varsity Barbershop Quartet Champions, served as a teaching quartet for the high school chorus. **Quadrphonics**, all members **Big Chicken Chorus**, served as a teaching quartet for the middle school chorus.

The free performance following the clinic was a standing room only, enthusiastic audience in the 750 seat theater. The concert included all the clinic participants, **Wildfire**, and the **Big Chicken Chorus**.

The purpose of the event was to encourage and promote the participation by young men in the vocal music programs in their respective schools. Clinic registrants included students from 21 schools in Cobb, Bartow, Carroll, Dougherty, Douglas, and Gordon counties and Marietta City Schools. The participants were separated into a middle school chorus and a high school chorus. Each was instructed in two songs for their performance plus a song which was performed by both choruses in conjunction with the **Big Chicken Chorus**.

Many members of the **Big Chicken Chorus** provided support for the event. Lars Grevstad provided musical leadership and guidance in preparation of the event. Administrative leadership for the day was provided by Jeff Hoffman, Frank Hrach, and about a dozen other chorus members. More than 25 members of the **Big Chicken Chorus** performed on the show following the clinic.

The event received glowing reviews from the participants, choral directors and the audience. Over the past 6 years, this program has served over 950 students representing 44 schools from 13 Georgia Counties. Each of the 6 events has seen a growth in participation, and the 2019 event was proclaimed to be the best to date by many who have attended the program in prior years.

Sounds of Christmastime



Sunday, December 8, 2019 at 3:00 pm

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**950 Forrest Street
Roswell, GA 30075**

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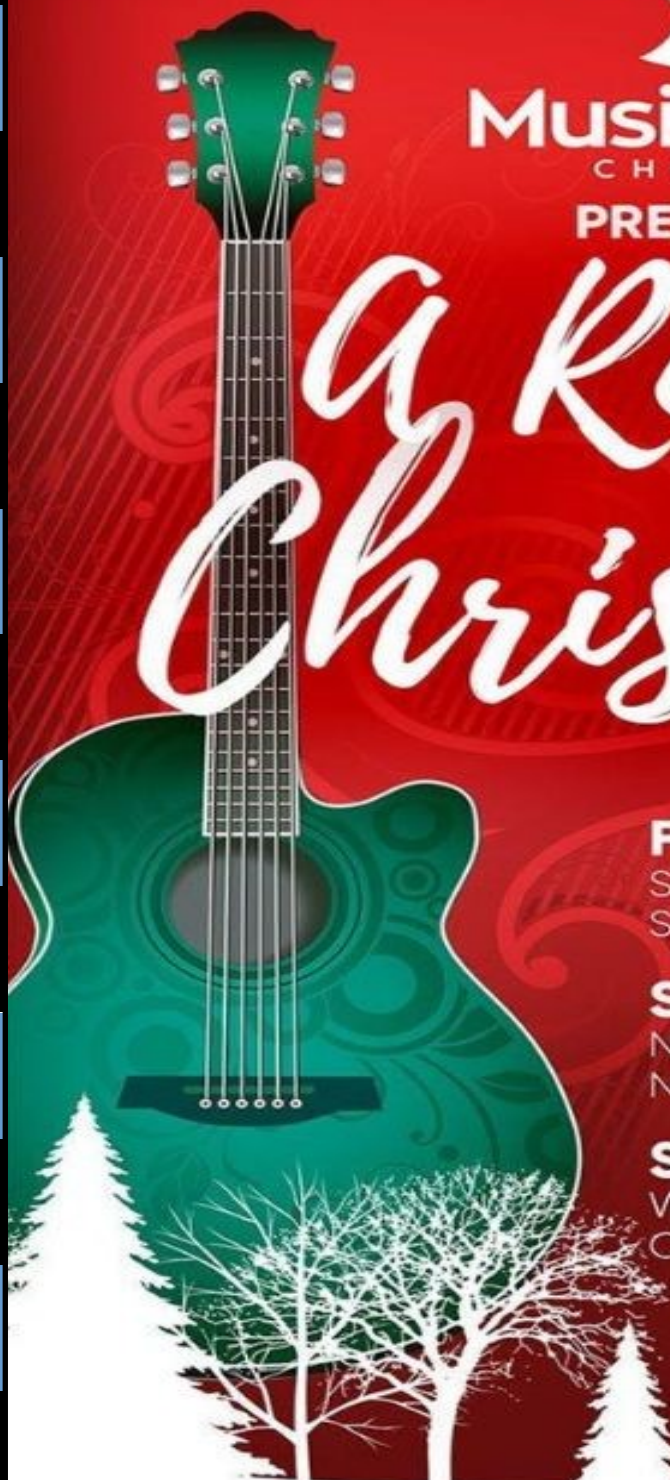
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Music City
CHORUS
PRESENTS

A Rockin Christmas



Friday, Dec 13 @ 7:30 pm
Shelbyville Central High School
Shelbyville, TN

Saturday, Dec 14 @ 3 pm
Nashville School of the Arts
Nashville, TN

Sunday, Dec 15 @ 3 pm
West Creek High School
Clarksville, TN

Purchase Tickets via Link at:
www.musiccitychorus.org



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Congratulations!

Tim Reynolds

Dixie District Hall of Fame 2019

