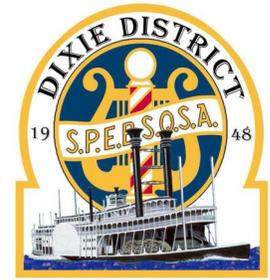




Dixie Town Crier

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



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Jim Moore reporting

Atlanta Vocal Project and Big Chicken Chorus

Preserving harmony for the next generation



The Atlanta Vocal Project and the Big Chicken Chorus performed in a concert with and for the choral students of three elementary schools and Cooper Middle School in Powder Springs, Georgia. Lars Grevstad, who is an assistant director of the AVP, and director of the Big Chicken, and who is also the choral director at Cooper Middle School, organized the event. Over 275 enthusiastic students and a standing room only audience of over 600 enthralled adults were introduced to barbershop music. The finale was a Lars arrangement of "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" with all 325 singers participating. It was described by the school principal as "It was the best student concert that I have ever attended. If you weren't able to attend, you missed our student's creative choreography and Lars' running man and flips on the stage."

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Welcome Christmas



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Chorus**

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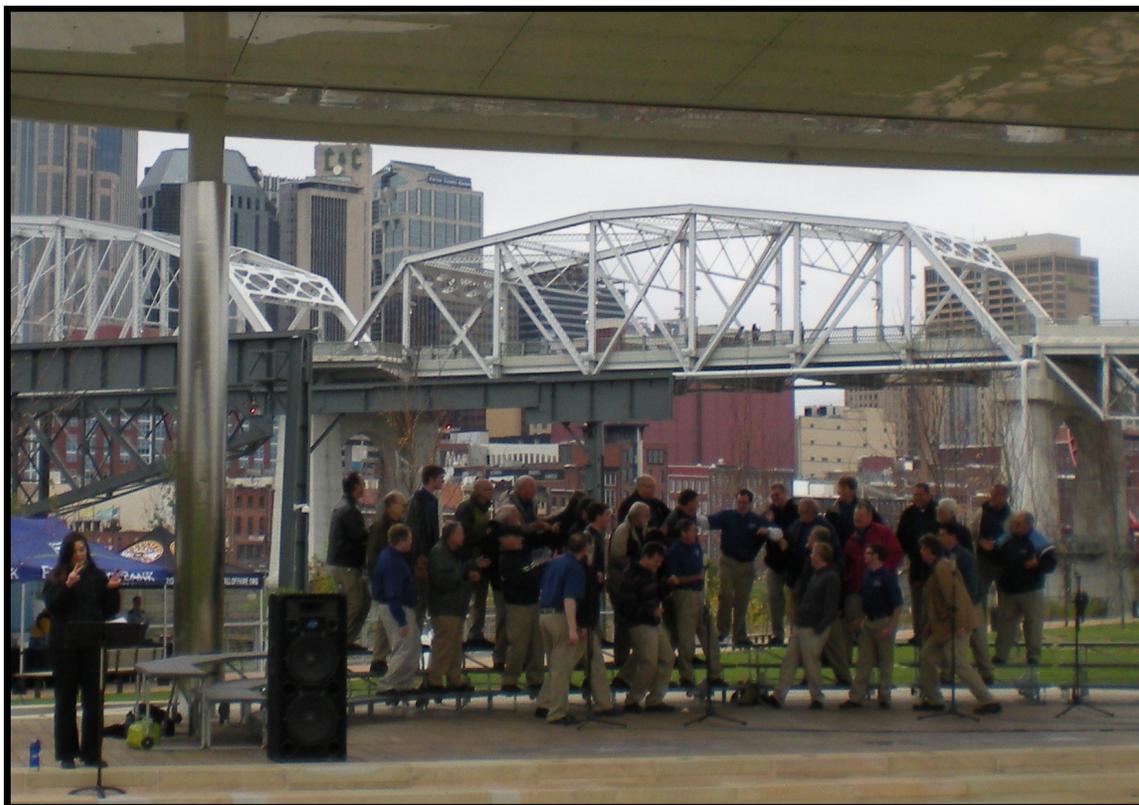
Nashville Chapter, David Belden reporting

Still time to get tickets for “Welcome Christmas”

Tickets remain on sale for the Music City Chorus holiday show “Welcome Christmas” on December 8. (See information on page 2).

The Music City Chorus blends more than 70 voices into what a cappella enthusiasts from around the globe can instantly recognize as ‘the Music City Chorus sound.’ “Welcome Christmas” brings that unique sound to the stage in Nashville with a holiday experience that will delight the entire family with both vocal excellence and humor.

“Welcome Christmas” also brings to the TPAC stage Christy Sutherland, one of Nashville’s best loved gospel recording artists. Known for her multiple appearances at the Grand Ole Opry, for the past three years Christy has starred on the Louise Mandrell Christmas extravaganzas in Nashville. It is an honor for the Music City Chorus to share the stage with Christy Sutherland as we bring you our gift of the very best in traditional and contemporary holiday music.



THE SHOW MUST GO ON—When the Nashville Arts Commission planned its first “Nashville Sings” choral festival for late October they certainly did not envision temperatures in the 40’s with a strong wind to make it feel even worse. Nevertheless, members of the Music City Chorus faced the frigid environment to put on a quality show for those brave enough to come to be entertained in beautiful downtown Nashville. Barbershoppers are a hearty bunch who never miss a chance to expose the public to the harmony we love!

Leadership Academy Is Drawing Near!

Bob Davenport & Jim DeBusman, Co-Deans

District Leadership Academy

We hope your chapter is planning to send your 2013 chapter officers to the District Leadership Academy in Nashville, TN on Saturday, November 17 at the **Tennessee Technology Center (TTC)**, located at 100 White Bridge Pike, Nashville, TN 37209. Registration for the Academy is still available on the District website – www.dixiedistrict.org. You can register online or your chapter secretary can mail in registration forms for all of your chapter officers along with a check made payable to **Dixie District, BHS**. The forms and payment should be sent to Bob Davenport – 4813 Hopedale Drive, Nashville, TN 37211. The cost is \$50/person.

The Academy will feature training in each officer track by highly-qualified instructors from within the District who will prepare you for success in 2013! Here is a list of the faculty who will provide the training:

President/EVP (combined class): Dwain Chambers

Secretary: Russell Bell

Treasurer: Curt Douglass

VP Chapter Development (Membership): Charlie Davenport

VP Marketing/PR: Bob Davenport

VP Music & Performance: Jim DeBusman

VP Youth in Harmony: Jim Moore

Lodging will be at the **Holiday Inn Express West** – 5612 Lenox Avenue, Nashville, TN 37209, one mile from TTC. The deadline for reserving rooms in the Academy block has passed, but you can still reserve a room with one king bed or two double beds by calling 615-353-0700 and use the code DDW (Dixie District Workshop).

We will be sending out more information about the Academy in the next week, so watch for information on the District Members yahoogroup and from your chapter secretary. Please contact Bob Davenport (615-331-7377 or tenorbob@comcast.net) or Jim DeBusman (615-957-3198 or jdebusman@att.net) if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you in Nashville on November 17!



MARIETTA BIG

CHICKEN CHORUS

Christmas Show

*Everywhere,
Everywhere,*

**Christmas
Tonight!**

Saturday, December 8, 2012
2 Big Shows at 3:30pm & 7:30pm

At Cobb County Civic Center Jennie T. Anderson Theater

Tickets on sale soon! For information and tickets: www.bigchickenchorus.org
Also you may call the BCC hotline: 770-438-9752 for information and tickets

Heart of Georgia Chapter, Bob head reporting

“Operation Harold Hill” a great success!

The Heart of Georgia Chorus took “Operation Harold Hill” to heart and held a four-week “Learn To Sing” class for our current membership. Then we held a six-week class for prospective new members.

A great deal of effort was used in advertising and promotion of the program. We sent out approximately 100 letters of invitation to local churches in three counties, along with flyers to businesses and neighborhoods.

We also put ads in several newspapers and had big signs in front of the church where we meet. We appreciate the support we get from Christ United Methodist Church of Warner Robins, GA. We also provide “Entertainment” for their quarterly blood drives.

The result was a class of eight (8) students. That may not sound like much, but when you have a chorus of less than twenty (20), that’s a potential of over 40%. Not too shabby.



Instruction was provided by Trace Odom. With her many years of experience in directing and teaching music she was an excellent choice. We all benefited from her knowledge. At the end of each class, one of our quartets would demonstrate the techniques she covered in the class. Then the class members were invited to join the chorus for the last half of our rehearsal.

At the end of the class, we provided diplomas and “I SING” buttons to each class member. We also presented Trace with a “Certificate of Appreciation” for her enormous effort and the time spent preparing for the class. We look forward to each of the class members joining our chorus, providing “new blood” and enhancing the sound of our chorus.

Welcome to all!



We will be holding another class in the March-April time frame. Should you be close enough, please feel free to contact us, via our web site www.hogchorus.org or phone 478-345-7464.

Greater Metro Atlanta Chapter, Dave Whitehead reporting

Stone Mountain Chorus establishes ongoing relationship with high school

Last summer the Stone Mountain Chorus established a relationship with Monsignor Donovan High School of Athens, GA. As previously reported, the chorus presented an hour show to a group of the students at a retreat at Unicoi State Park near Helen, GA.

The next day one of the chapter's quartets, "Up Front," and the chorus Music Director, Dylan Oxford, put on some workshops for the students.

The Unicoi event lead to another performance on October 16th at the high school in Athens. Dixie District's 9th place quartet, "Harmony Express," was invited to perform for the entire school at an assembly. The purpose of these performances has been to interest the student body in music and to start a choral program at the school. The principal, Patrick Yuran, is a big fan of barbershop and he wants the children to be exposed to a cappella and barbershop. "Harmony Express" entertained the students for about a half hour with a diverse mixture of genres explaining to the audience just how many types of music can be sung. The enthusiasm from the students was incredible and one of the noticeable things was how the excitement grew as the songs entered into the tag.

Next up is for the chapter to provide a quartet or VLQ to sing the National Anthem at some up coming sporting events. The chapter enjoys promoting our hobby to the public but especially to the younger generation.



Pictured are (from left to right) Doug Longerbone, Baritone; William Poole, Bass; Derek Mitchell, Lead and Mark Hyde, Tenor.

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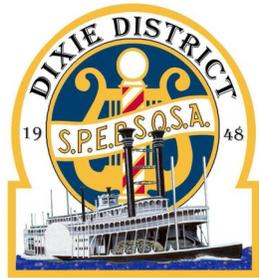
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david.belden@comcast.net

GEORGIA SPIRIT YOUTH CHORUS

The Atlanta Vocal Project is again sponsoring *GEORGIA SPIRIT*, a youth chorus that will compete in the 6th annual International Youth Barbershop Chorus Festival in Orlando, January 11, 2013. Singers from ages 14 – 30 are still being accepted, and just need to be able to attend Sunday rehearsals in Atlanta. For more information, contact Jim Moore at JamesT_Moore@bellsouth.net or 404-664-4658.

**The Dixie District wishes
our friends in the**

***Song of Atlanta
Show Chorus***

and the

Metro Nashville Chorus

**Best of Luck at the
2012 Sweet Adelines
International Chorus
Contest in Denver!**

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AND QUARTET NEWS FOR THE DECEMBER 1 ISSUE
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SEND YOUR NEWS TO
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