



Dixie Town Crier

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



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Scott Phillips reporting



Stone Mountain Chorus sings at 2013 SEC basketball tournament

The Stone Mountain Chorus was asked to perform "The Star-Spangled Banner" before two games of the SEC Women's Basketball Tournament in March when they were held at the Arena at Gwinnett Center. Almost the full chorus performed under the direction of Dylan Oxford. The reception by the fans was amazing! As any barbershopper will tell you, the National Anthem is about the song and the meaning behind the song...not so much the performer. After the performance our members were stopped by people all night to let us know how good our performance was.

The Stone Mountain Chorus has been an annual guest at the Gwinnett Center since the Performing Arts



Center opened in the early 1990s. You'll be able to see our show this year on November 15th and 16th with guest quartets A Mighty Wind (Dixie District and members of the Stone Mountain Chorus) and Main Street (Sunshine District).

Gadsden, AL March 9, 2013 Congratulations to...



2013 Dixie District Chorus Champions
RSVP
Germantown, TN



International Qualifier
A Mighty Wind



International Qualifier
Lunch Break



International Qualifier
The Real McCoy



Dixie Collegiate Champions
Phase IV
Nashville, TN

Photos by Tamara King

Scott Phillips reporting

Stone Mountain's Mark Hyde named Dixie District Barbershopper of the Year

The Stone Mountain Chorus (Greater Atlanta Chapter) is pleased to announce our very own Mark Hyde is the recipient of the Dixie District Barbershopper of the Year (BOTY) award. The award was presented to Mark in Gadsden, Alabama during the spring Convention and Contest.



Mark is the tenor for Harmony Express (a chapter quartet). He is currently serving on the Greater Atlanta Chapter Board of Directors as VP of Music & Performance. Mark also handles duties as the chorus Tenor section leader. On top of all these duties Mark still finds the time to be the ongoing webmaster for the chorus. In 2012 Mark also lead the implementation of Groupanizer to help with chorus management and communication. Most recently Mark has also served as the Fall Show Creative Director. Mark also has back-to-back BOTY awards in the Stone Mountain Chorus – Greater Atlanta Chapter for 2011 and 2012.

Mark was the quiet “seen, but not heard” type for many years but has always been a strong supporter of our district. Over the last several years Mark has served as the Dixie District Webmaster. In 2012 many of you might have noticed the complete redesign of the Dixie website.

When not focused on barbershop, Mark's other interests are with local theater performances. Mark has been in several musicals and other theater productions for the last few years.

As you can see Mark wears many hats with the Stone Mountain Chapter, and we are proud of his accomplishments within the district and the recognition this award brings. The next time you see Mark, join us as we say congratulations!

Way to go Mark!



MUSIC CITY CHORUS PRESENTS
LIVIN' THE DREAM

Featuring the Music City Chorus and its fabulous Quartets!

Saturday, April 27th

Matinee 2 p.m. Evening 7 p.m.

Vanderbilt University Blair School of Music
Ingram Hall, 2400 Blakemore Ave. N, Nashville 37212
Free parking nearby in West Garage

Ticket Information

Tickets: \$25 Adults; \$18.75 Seniors 65 and over, \$12.50 Students (with ID)

Order online at: musiccitychorus.org or call 615-200-6193

Group discounts available for 10 or more. Call for details.

Nashville Chapter enjoys weekend in Gadsden

It was quite the weekend for the Nashville Chapter at the Dixie District spring convention in Gadsden, Alabama.

Not only did the Music City Chorus earn a standing ovation as it sang away the district championship trophy it has held for the last year, but the chapter quartets kept the audience abuzz for two days.

Nashville is proud to be the home of **Phase IV**. The quartet won the college quartet championship, which qualified them to compete at the international contest in Toronto.

Also earning the right to compete in Toronto were **Lunch Break** and **The Real McCoy**. Both earned return trips to the international stage after sitting out the contest in 2012. The Nashville Chapter will also be represented in Toronto by the quartet **Round Midnight**, which qualified in the Mid-Atlantic District contest. Lead Wayne Grimmer sings in the Nashville Chapter.

In addition, two other Nashville quartets reached the quartet finals. **7th & Broadway** placed 6th and the **Dinochords** were ninth.

Our friends **A Mighty Wind** also qualified for the international quartet contest, and **RSVP** won the 2013 district chorus championship. Congratulations to both.

David Belden of Nashville Chapter was the recipient of the Chuck Witherspoon Dixie District Bulletin Editor of the Year award. David edits **The Music City Huzzah** weekly newsletter and the Dixie District's monthly **Town Crier**.

The Music City Chorus presents its spring show on April 27. (See show ad on page 4.) The chapter will send a VLQ to sing at Metro Nashville's 50th anniversary celebration on April 6. The Music City Chorus will also sing at the opening of Nashville's multi-million dollar convention center in May.



PHASE IV

Here are some great reasons why YOU should attend the Dixie Lakeside Harmony Weekend this Summer!

By Jim DeBusman, Music and Performance VP

The Dixie Lakeside Harmony Weekend is scheduled for July 19 - 20, 2013 at the University of Huntsville-Alabama.



We want every Dixie District Chapter member and quartet that wants to become a better singer, performer and musician to be there. You also will have the opportunity to sing tags with fellow Dixie District friends you may have not met before.

Let's talk about some of the great classes that are available this year at DLHW.

- **Vocal Production II:** This is a new class. If you want to sing at a higher level, sing better in tune and be an even more competent singer, then this is the class for you.

- **Coaching Apprenticeship Program:** This is another new class this summer. Here's an opportunity to learn from some of the best coaches in our Society. Watch as they help quartets and choruses sing and perform better than they ever have before. Find out how it's done and enjoy the thrill the singers receive.

- **Marketing Your Chapter:** Would you like your chapter to do a better job of being a part of your community? Would you like to know how? Would you like to sell more tickets to your annual show? Would you like to get more paid performances? Then this is the course for you!

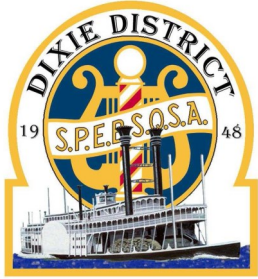
Tag Singing: Learn more tags than you ever thought were possible. Find out that you can sing more than one part. Have fun ringing those chords and enjoying the sound. Don't miss out!!!

Care of the Senior Voice: This is the class for those of you who believe you are "over the hill" and through with quality singing. Learn from Jim DeBusman the many ways you can improve your voice and continue to sing for many years to come.

Tune it or Die! Do you believe you sing in tune? Well . . . take this new class from Lars Grevstad and find out that you can improve your ability to "lock & ring." Many of us who have taken this class find out we can improve our ability to sing in tune.

There are many more courses, plus a great faculty and a wonderful "new" facility. When you add terrific Youth Choruses and the fantastically entertaining "Lunch Break" to the mix, how can you not want to come to the Dixie Lakeside Harmony Weekend?

All you need to do is visit www.dixiedistrict.org and register on line. However, if you do have any questions, please contact Russell Bell, our wonderful Dixie District Secretary at secretary@dixiedistrict.org or 770-439-8249 and leave a message. See you there!



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Stone Mountain Chorus

Presents

*"Music Is in the Air: An Afternoon with
the Stone Mountain Chorus"*

With special guests "A Mighty Wind"
(and their new CD - "Something in the Air")

June 1, 3 p.m.

Mountain Park UMC in Stone Mountain, GA

**Tickets on sale April 15 at www.stonemountainchorus.org
or from any member!**

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AND QUARTET NEWS FOR THE MAY 1 ISSUE
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