



# Dixie Town Crier

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

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## Choruses, Quartets: Time to Register for Fall Convention

The Dixie District Fall Convention is scheduled for October 23-25, 2015. Everything is scheduled to be held under one roof at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 4355 Ashford Dunwoody Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30346. The hotel phone is 770-395-7700.

Information has been emailed to chapter representatives. The cut-off date for CJ-20 entries for this convention is midnight October 2nd. Contests include Dixie Quartet Championship, Seniors Quartet Prelim, a Senior Quartet Champ, a Novice Quartet Championship, an International Chorus Prelim, Chorus Plateau winners and Most Improved Chorus Awards. A Score for Evaluations Only session will also be offered.

Nine different evaluation/coaching options will be offered:

- 1) No Evaluation or Coaching
- 2) Evaluation Only-3 judges 15min each
- 3) Coaching-3 judges 20min each
- 4) Coaching-2 judges (SNG/PRS) 30min each
- 5) Coaching-2 judges (SNG/MUS) 30min each
- 6) Coaching-2 judges (MUS/PRS) 30min each
- 7) Your choice of judges (based on 1st come, 1st served)  
for options 4-6 (Indicate in comment section on CJ-20.)
- 8) Other option if not listed above (Indicate in comment section on CJ-20.)



Judges who are on the Official Panel: MUS- Justin Miller & Jeff Taylor; PRS-Joe Connelly & Gary Steinkamp; SNG-Jim DeBusman & Matt Gifford.

All questions and requests for assistance should be directed to Jim Sams, Contest Administrator via email at [jimsamsca@bellsouth.net](mailto:jimsamsca@bellsouth.net), or by phone to 901-488-3128.

# Tomcats / Steel City 4 / Random, Pretty Good Quartet Tapes TV/Radio Ad

By Ed Wharton

The request came to me via an email link from the (now defunct) **Tomcats** Quartet website – the quartet is defunct – obviously, the website is not! A quartet was needed to tape a TV/Radio commercial for the Academy Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram dealership in Bessemer, AL. Since **Tomcats** were no more, I queried the members of my current quartet – **Steel City 4** – as to their availability on the requested date. Daniel Hipps was just returning to work from his honeymoon trip, and Linc Parrott could not get away from his work on a Thursday afternoon. Matt Harris, and myself were both able to commit. I then propositioned our good friends, fellow chorus members, ex-quartet compatriots, and general, barbershop junkies – Tom Brown and Sonny Holt – and voilà, we had a commercial-ready quartet.



Sonny, Ed, Tom and Matt – Ready for Prime Time!



Five Seconds? Sure, we can do it in five seconds!

The ad-agency guy asked us to look as ‘barbershoppy’ as possible (where did I put that boater and striped vest?!?). I told him what we could do, and he said, “Okay, that’ll work”. The punch line is that the dealership guy says, “At Academy CDJR all you have to do is give us \$49 down,” and the musical talent sings, “And pay the payment on the window!” The preceding taping had used an Elvis impersonator, and he sounded like he was saying the stereotypical “Thank you, thank you very much!” I put together a couple of tag ideas and came up with two alternatives – one 10 seconds long, and one 7 seconds long. After we sang both options, the ad-agency guys said, “That’s great. Let me hear the FIVE SECOND version now!” The 5 second version ended up being the 7 second option – sung really fast!

All said and done, we had a blast and look forward to the big Hollywood contract that is sure to come soon!



*Submitted by Frank Holmes*

## Voices of the South Featured in Bessemer Performance

A number of choral groups from around the Birmingham area including **Voices of the South** sang in a mass chorus at the “I Love America” celebration held at St. Aloysius Church in Bessemer, Alabama.

**Voices of the South** opened the program singing the National Anthem while the colors were presented. Later in the program they sang “God Bless the USA” and “I’ll Walk With God.” They received a standing ovation. The **Voices of the South** performance of the National Anthem was featured in the [alabamanewscenter.com](http://alabamanewscenter.com), an online community newsletter of Alabama Power Company.



**All Chapters, Choruses, and Quartets Are Encouraged to Submit Photos, Articles, and Show Flyers for Publication in the DIXIE TOWN CRIER!**



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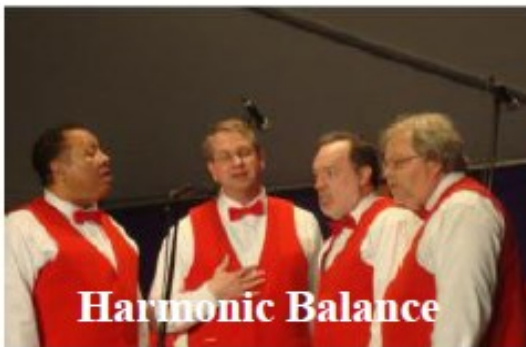




# Heart of Georgia Barbershop Chorus Presents A Night of Barbershop Harmony



**Macon Harmony**



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Additional guests

Confederate Harmony Brigade

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## Recommended READING

### “A Reluctant Teenager, a Barbershop Quartet and a Revelation”

Available online at:

[http://mobile.nytimes.com/2015/08/25/arts/music/a-reluctant-teenager-a-barbershop-quartet-and-a-revelation.html?smid=fb-share&\\_r=0&referrer=](http://mobile.nytimes.com/2015/08/25/arts/music/a-reluctant-teenager-a-barbershop-quartet-and-a-revelation.html?smid=fb-share&_r=0&referrer=)

The  
New York  
Times



This Fall, Harmony Foundation International and the Contest & Judging program are again teaming up to auction off the **Best Seat in the House**. So if you've ever wanted to test out your judging chops, you can bid on a seat in the Judge's pit at your District Contest and be a 'Judge for a Day'.

Register on the [BSITH website](#) and bid for as many contest sessions as you wish. Winners will sit with the judging panel, will be able to (unofficially) score contestants, will discuss the contest afterwards with the judges, and will participate in the evaluation sessions that follow. They will be afforded the same access and privileges as the official panel.

Funds raised by the BSITH program will be applied to the programs and projects supported by Harmony Foundation.

If you have additional questions, contact [BSITH@harmonize.com](mailto:BSITH@harmonize.com).



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# 2015 Dixie District Calendar

## Fall Contest

October 23-25

Dunwoody, Georgia

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TO BE ANNOUNCED

**REGISTRATION  
INFORMATION and  
HOTEL RESERVATION  
INFORMATION for the  
Dixie District Fall Convention  
Was Not Available at Press Time.**

**Please check the Dixie District  
Website SOON for  
This Information!**

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