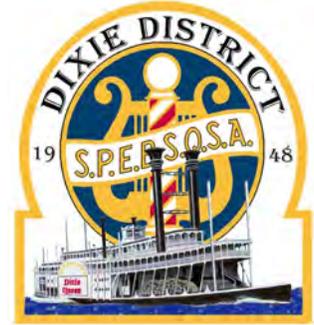




Dixie Town Crier

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

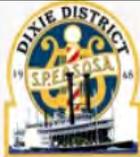


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*See You In
Oxford, Alabama!*

Register Online at:
www.dixiedistrict.org



Dixie District Spring Convention



Oxford, Alabama • March 18-20, 2016

International Quartet Preliminaries • Dixie Chorus Championship
Youth Quartet Contest • House of Delegates

Contest Venue

Oxford Performing Arts Center

100 Choccolocco St. • Oxford, AL 36203

Map to the Contest Venue

Headquarters Hotel **Hilton Garden Inn**

280 Colonial Drive • Oxford, AL 36203

256-831-0083

Book by March 4 to receive the Convention
Rate

Hotel Rates: \$95.00 plus tax (includes breakfast)
Use Rate Code "BSX"

Online hotel reservations are not available, please
call the hotel direct.

Home2 Suites

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256-831-7008

Book by March 4 to receive the Convention
Rate

Hotel Rates: \$95.00 plus tax (includes breakfast)
Use Rate Code "BQD"

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Nashville Chapter Announces Pre-International Convention Show Featuring an All-Star, Bling-Wearing Lineup for July 3

By David Belden

An all-star lineup has been announced for the pre-international convention show hosted by the Music City Chorus on July 3.

Headlining the impressive list of guest performers will be **Instant Classic**, the current BHS quartet champions. But they will not be the only gold medalists on the marquee. **Ringmasters** will be bringing their gold medal style to Nashville.

But the list doesn't end there. Representing Sweet Adelines International will be their 2016 Queens of Harmony **Speed of Sound**.

Still not enough bling on that stage? How about **Lemon Squeezy**, 2012 Collegiate Champions and bronze medalists at the Pittsburgh contest last year. Or **Blindside**, the 2014 Pan Pacific Youth Barbershop Quartet Champions. And then add in **Stockholm Syndrome** who placed 12th in Pittsburgh.

But wait ... there's more!!! Also clanging their medals in their hometown will be the bronze medal winning members of the **Music City Chorus!**

And just for fun, why not ask **Lunch Break** to MC the show (and to present some all new material)!!

Tickets are now on sale through Eventbrite with a direct link from the Music City Chorus website: www.musiccitychorus.org. Whether you will be staying the week in Nashville for the international convention or simply driving in for this special show, this is the one show Dixie District barbershoppers will not want to miss. With barbershoppers arriving in the city from around the world, you are encouraged to purchase tickets early as this is expected to be a sellout performance.



A SPECIAL SINGING VALENTINE—A quartet of young men from the Music City Chorus entertained Olive Davenport, mother of Dixie District President Charlie Davenport, on Valentine's Day ... which was also her 101st birthday!

MUSIC CITY CHORUS PRESENTS

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A REALLY AWESOME BARBERSHOP SHOW



Blindside

Ringmasters

Stockholm Syndrome

Also featuring Music City Chorus

And Lunch Break as Emcee

Instant Classic

Speed of Sound

Lemon Squeezy

Sunday, July 3 @ 6:00pm

IN NASHVILLE! At the Grand Lodge of Tennessee Auditorium,
Next door to BHS Headquarters, downtown at the Corner of 7th and Broadway

\$35 General Admission by June 1 (\$45 after June 1)
\$75 VIP (includes front reserved seating and quartet meet and greet before the show)
Purchase trickets at www.musiccitychorus.org

*additional fees may apply

Central Alabama Chapter Helps Dedicate Restored Lyric Theatre

By Frank Holmes

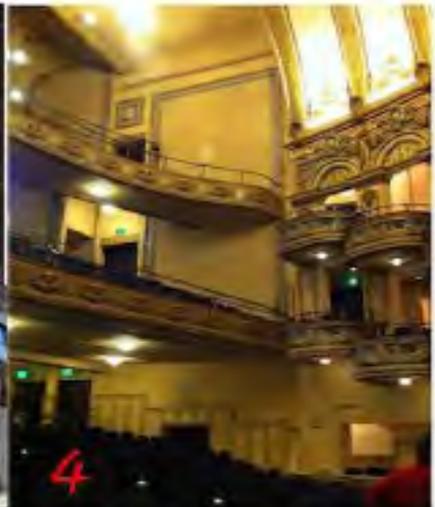
Voices of the South became the first act in 65 years to perform on the stage of the newly renovated **Lyric Theatre** as they took the stage for the theatre's Dedication Ceremony on January 9 in Birmingham.

Donors, laborers and Birmingham Landmarks board and staff gathered with city officials and other visitors in the theatre for the dedication ceremony that included a preview of what is to come when the doors officially open. Everything old is new again.

"What an honor to be singing with **Voices** at the Invitation-Only Dedication Show," says Tony Ivey, a **Voices** bass. "The talent that has crossed this stage in the past is mind-blowing and we will be the first performers in more than six decades. History is being made here."

The **Lyric**, which was built in 1914, was originally a Vaudeville theatre and hosted such performers as Al Jolson, the Marx Brothers, Mae West, Buster Keaton, and Will Rogers. It was converted into a movie theater in 1954 and was closed in the mid-1980s. It remained shuttered until its purchase by Birmingham Landmarks, the non-profit group that also restored the **Alabama Theatre**. Birmingham Landmarks raised \$11.2 million to renovate the theatre. Restoration work began in 2014.





Voices of the South — The first act in 65 years to grace the stage of renovated Lyric Theatre



- 1. New *Lyric* sits across the street from *The Alabama*.
- 2.-3. The new *Lyric* — dilapidated *Lyric*.
- 4. Its majestic interior seating.
- 5. Marquee displays the Dedication show.
- 6. Four chorus members about to enter.
- 7. *Voices* on stage.
- 8. *Voices* brings down the house.

Singing Valentines

from the Stone Mountain Chorus

The Stone Mountain Chorus (Greater Atlanta Chapter) continued our run of delivering Singing Valentines. This year we made deliveries over a three day period so we could include schools and offices on Friday (prior to Valentine's Day). Always offering the best bang for their buck to get "brownie points" for being the unique gift and the recipient being the envy of the office for the rest of the day.



Delivering all over the Greater Atlanta area, we brought love and happiness to dozens. We delivered to both women and men this year. Some of the guys were more surprised that their woman had ordered something like this for them. They were certainly the talk of the office following our deliveries. Sadly, the guys didn't want their pictures taken and shared.

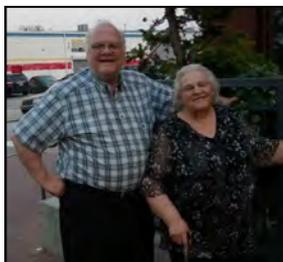


Some deliveries also celebrated special moments as one recipient (Mary) was also celebrating her 100th birthday!

With the help of Up Front, Four Bass Hit, Mike and the Testers, and Clueless we had quartets staffed every day to meet the demand to bring harmony, love, and smiles to sweethearts of our patrons.



Happy Valentine's Day from the Stone Mountain Chorus!



Thoughts and prayers for Larry Crabb, charter member of Greater Atlanta Chapter (formerly Stone Mountain Chapter) and more "man of note" (56) than most. Larry Crabb is recovering from surgery (Feb 2nd) to remove colon cancer. Prayers for Larry and his family are requested from all around the Dixie District and Barbershop Harmony Society.

Vocal Spectrum Is Coming to Atlanta!

By Paul Schultz, Atlanta Vocal Project



2006 International Quartet Champions – Vocal Spectrum

On Saturday, May 14th, you will want to be in Atlanta to experience the incredible vocals talents of Vocal Spectrum, as they join Atlanta Vocal Project on stage for our annual spring show as we present *The Songs of Disney!* We will have one show starting at 4:00pm.

This will be Vocal Spectrum's first performance in Georgia. If you don't live in the Atlanta metro area, it will still be worth the drive to Atlanta. You will not want to miss the incredible talents of Tim Waurick (T), Eric Dalbey (L), Jonny Moroni (Br) and Chris Hallam (Bs).

Did you know that Vocal Spectrum was the first barbershop quartet in history to win all three gold medals? They are the 2004 Collegiate Quartet Champions, 2006 International Quartet Champions and they have also won gold medals with the Ambassadors of Harmony chorus.

With a heavy emphasis on Disney music, you will hear many new songs AVP has been working to perfect for the past year. We actually had a unique opportunity this past September to perform some of these songs at Disney World. But don't worry, AVP will also be showcasing a few of the audience's favorites we've performed over the years. Vocal Spectrum will also be performing a selection of Disney tunes from their vast repertoire of songs.

We hope you can join us in Atlanta for this incredible Disney song spectacular. Don't miss your chance to see Vocal Spectrum perform live in Atlanta on Saturday, May 14th. You can purchase tickets to the show online through our website at www.atlantavocalproject.com.

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**Saturday April 30, 2016
7:00 PM**



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**For more information call:
(205) 345-5805**

The Dixie District of the Barbershop Harmony Society and Harmony Foundation is sponsoring the 2016 Harmony Explosion Co-ed Camp



A 3 day camp for young men and women in high school (and their teachers) who like to sing a cappella in 4-part harmony

Clay Hine - Director of Atlanta Vocal Project, and Becki Hine - Director of Song of Atlanta Show Chorus, clinicians. The Academy (2014 International Collegiate Quartet Champions), and an award-winning girls quartet as teaching quartets.

**Thursday, July 14 through Saturday, July 16, 2016
at the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga**

Note! The cost for a camper is a \$125 fee. Music Educators who attend will be granted a full scholarship. Please register early - Registrations will be limited. Registration includes:

Three days and three nights in the dormitory, all meals on site, sheet music and learning tracks, t-shirt, workshops on vocal techniques, song presentation, and rehearsal of four songs for performance on Saturday night show for friends and relatives. Show will include performances by some of the best quartets and choruses in the Barbershop Harmony Society.

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Barbershop Day at GHS

Gosnell High School Auditorium

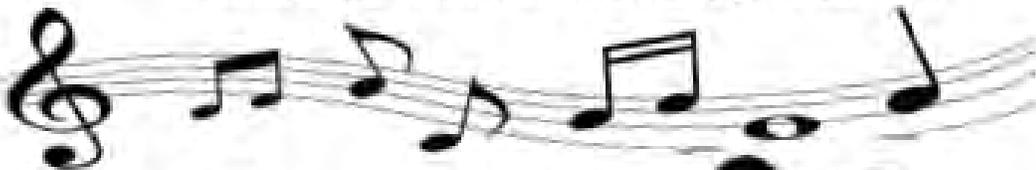
Saturday, March 12, 2016

Open to men of all ages who love to sing...

- ♫ **Receive vocal training.**
- ♫ **Sing *a cappella* harmony.**
- ♫ **Sing in a chorus on the Show.**

8:30 a.m. Registration. Lunch will be provided.

**5:00 p.m. Show: One-hour free Show
open to the public to include the
*Memphis Men of Harmony Chorus.***



Come Sing with Us!

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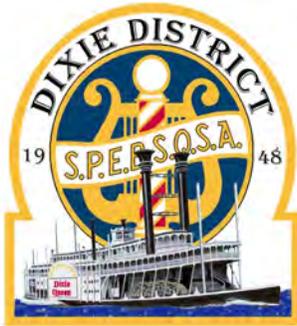
Quartets from the Stone Mountain Chorus

SATURDAY • APRIL 30 • 3:00 PM

Mountain Park United Methodist Church
1405 Rockbridge Rd SW • Stone Mountain, GA 30087

Tickets are \$15 at the door
Pre-sale tickets \$12 • Groups/Students/Seniors \$10

www.stonemountainchorus.org



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2016 Dixie District Calendar

DIXIE DISTRICT SPRING CONVENTION

March 18-20, 2016

Oxford, AL

BHS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

July 3-10, 2016

Nashville, TN

DIXIE HARMONY EXPLOSION CAMP

July 14-17, 2016

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

BHS HARMONY UNIVERSITY

July 24-31, 2016

Belmont University in Nashville, TN

DIXIE DISTRICT FALL CONVENTION

October 7-9, 2016

Dunwoody, GA