



# Dixie Town Crier

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

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## We'll See You in Oxford, Alabama!



## DIXIE DISTRICT FALL CONVENTION

**Oxford, Al • September 22-24, 2017**

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

*Contest Venue*

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# The Big Chicken Chorus

*presents* **Real Men Sing - 2017**  
a **FREE** Concert  
**Massed Chorus**



**The Simple Life**



**Pratt Street Power**  
2016 International  
Youth Quartet Champion

**SATURDAY, September 9<sup>th</sup> - 7PM**

**Marietta Performing Arts Center - 1171 Whitlock Avenue**

a **FREE** Concert

*Marietta Chapter, Frank Hrach reporting*

## 2017 Real Men Sing Performance

**The Big Chicken Chorus** will be presenting its annual “Real Men Sing Performance” at the Marietta Performing Arts Center, 1171 Whitlock Avenue in Marietta on the campus of Marietta High School on Saturday, September 9th at 7 PM. This performance is open to all and admission is FREE.

This performance immediately follows a choral clinic for young men in area middle schools and high schools. In addition to the **Big Chicken Chorus** the performance will include performances by the Middle School clinic participants, the High School clinic participants, and the clinic teaching quartets – **The Simple Life** and **Pratt Street Power**.

**The Simple Life** includes the Clinicians of choral clinic, Michael O'Neill and Kevin Mendez. The quartet boasts a wealth of medals earned in International Competitions, as well as degrees and advanced study in Music Education, Performance, and Choral Conducting.

**Pratt Street Power** is based in Baltimore , MD and is the 2016 International Youth Barbershop Quartet Champions. At the July, 2017 Barbershop Harmony Society International Convention in Las Vegas, the quartet received the coveted “Dealers Choice Award” presented to the quartet that places higher than any other first time competing quartet.

Michael Cumbie, president of the Marietta Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society says, “**The Big Chicken Chorus** is a multi-generational, male chorus of more than 50 voices, singing a cappella, four-part harmony, in the style of a Barbershop Quartet. Our annual Real Men Sing Performance provides an opportunity for the young men in our community to experience the thrill of performing a cappella harmony as part of a large male ensemble. The clinic and performance illustrate the value to be gained by participating in choral music programs provided at area schools.”

Don't miss out on this show, guaranteed to entertain, and witness the enthusiasm of the youth of our community for a cappella harmony.

The members of the **Big Chicken Chorus** will serve as role models to attest to singing as a lifelong endeavor.

Your presence and support will provide the encouragement these young men need to continue to participate in choral music programs that will benefit them through graduation and beyond.

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THE MARIETTA CHAPTER OF THE BARBERSHOP HARMONY SOCIETY

# BIG CHICKEN CHORUS



Saturday, December 9, 2017 3:00pm  
Sunday, December 10, 2017 3:00pm



MARIETTA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER  
Marietta High School • 1171 Whitlock Avenue • Marietta, GA 30064



ORDER TICKETS ONLINE: [www.BigChickenChorus.org](http://www.BigChickenChorus.org)  
OR CALL: 470-349-0550

**"Early Bird" pricing**  
(until December 1)

**VIP Seating**

Available \$30 each (both shows)

**Group Discounts**  
(10 or more tickets)

**Senior Discounts (55+)**

**Student Discounts (6-26)**

**Children (under 6) FREE!**  
(Must have ticket)

**All seats \$25 at the door**  
(day of the show)

"Since Vintage Mix participated in our International Convention in Pittsburgh 2015, these four young adults (yes quadruplets) have been entertaining our barbershop audiences all across the country with their joy of barbershop harmony and beautiful music. They are an inspiration to all generations who love to sing and for those interested in singing for the first time".

-Marty Monson, CEO - Barbershop Harmony Society

VINTAGE MIX is a mixed quartet of 16-year old quadruplets that enjoy singing Barbershop Harmony, A Cappella, Standards' Show Tunes, Spirituals and Jazz selections. Based in Milwaukee, WI, **Vintage Mix** has had many opportunities to perform locally and nationally including: Pittsburgh: **2015 International Barbershop Convention**; Reno, **2016 Mid-Winter Barbershop Convention**; Nashville: **2016 International Barbershop Convention**; San Antonio: **2017 Mid-Winter Barbershop Convention**; on the **USS Milwaukee**; the **Chicago Toy and Game Fair**; **WoodSongs Old-Time Radio Hour**; **Cannery Ballroom**; the **Grand Ole Opry** in Nashville; and most recently on nationally syndicated news show **Fox & Friends** out of New York. We are sure you will enjoy this young, talented quartet!

*Marietta Chapter, Frank Hrach reporting*

## “Have Yourself A Merry-etta Christmas”

The **Big Chicken Chorus** will be presenting two performances of its Annual show titled, “*Have Yourself A Merry-etta Christmas*” at the Marietta Performing Arts Center, 1171 Whitlock Avenue in Marietta on the campus of Marietta High School on Saturday, December 9th at 3 PM and Sunday, December 10th at 3 PM.

In addition to the **Big Chicken Chorus** and its chapter quartets, the show will include performances by the feature guest quartet – **Vintage Mix**, and the **Marietta High School Blue Devil Sound**.

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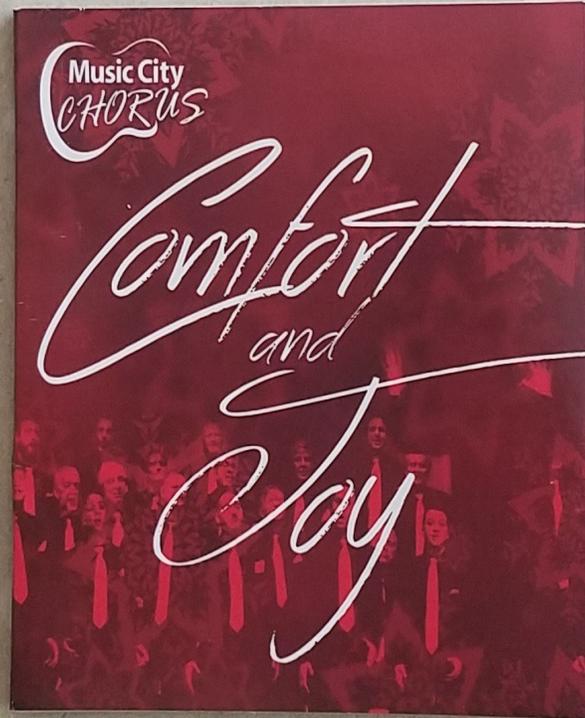
“Early Bird” pricing for “*Have Yourself A Merry-etta Christmas*” is available until December 1; discounts for groups of 10 or more, seniors (55+), Students (6-26), Children Under 6 are FREE, and available until December 10; VIP seating is available at \$30 for each performance.

Don’t miss out on this show, guaranteed to get you into the Holiday spirit. Tickets to the show can be purchased online at [www.BigChickenChorus.org](http://www.BigChickenChorus.org) or by phone at 470 349-0550. We also encourage you to join our contact list by texting “BCC2015” to 22828 and to “Like Us” on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/BigChickenChorus](http://www.facebook.com/BigChickenChorus).





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## THE DIXIE TOWN CRIER

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[david.belden@comcast.net](mailto:david.belden@comcast.net)

The advertisement has a red background. On the left, there are green pine branches with three large red Christmas ornaments and yellow ribbons. The text is as follows:

Music City  
CHORUS

# 2017 Christmas Show

*Save the Date!*  
*Saturday December 9, 2017*

The Music City Chorus  
*Presents*  
*Comfort and Joy*

Tickets available soon!