

The Burlingtone



The Voice of the Green Mountain Chorus of the Barbershop Harmony Society since 1947

We meet Tuesdays at 7:00 PM at St. Francis Xavier School, Winooski, Vermont-Call 879-3105

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Director's Corner—

First, let me thank all those who were able to attend the Memorial service for Carl Phillips this past Saturday. I know it meant a lot to the family.

Now on to the task at hand: Halifax and the District Contest. I believe the main challenge we face is the same on both songs, but for different reasons! The challenge is visual involvement! On Little Pal it's very easy to get stuck with the same facial expression and a bland one at that! You are involved in the song, but the faces aren't reflecting it consistently. Refresh your face on every breath. Think about the words you're singing and it should help you keep making subtle changes in your expression.

On *Rockabye* the reason that visual involvement is a challenge is because you're worried and it shows on your face! You're worried about remembering #1 and #2; you're worried about where the next breath is; you're worried about where your next note is. Well it's time to put aside your worries and concentrate on performing a wonderfully entertaining song! But it will only be entertaining if we visually make it so. The good news is that we're not talking fancy choreography, we're talking about facial and body involvement. On this song you can't go wrong with a smile so refresh your smile on every breath! Yes, we have a lot to remember on this song, but we can't let the audience know it!

Let's show the folks in Halifax our best!

Greg Morrill, Director

2005 NED Fall Contests & Convention "Halifax Harmony Experience"

HALIFAX CONVENTION COMPETITORS' FACT SHEET

Created by Mark Radcliffe, 9/16/05; Edited for the Burlington chapter by **Ray**

For a full copy of the original Fact Sheet, refer to Mark Radcliffe's 9/20/05 e-mail to the NED Mountain Group. Or send an e-mail today to C. Church for a full copy. The following web site will have also this Fact Sheet and any last minute updates: <http://www.hhe2005.ca>

9/26/2005

MAPS & DIRECTIONS

Road maps to Halifax can be found at: <http://www.mapquest.com>

For example, you may use:

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps/map.adp?address=&city=Halifax&state=NS&zipcode=&country=CA&title=%20Halifax%2c%20NS%20CA&cid=lfmaplink2>

When you arrive in Halifax and register for the Convention, your "registration kit bags" will contain good maps of downtown Halifax. City maps may also be found at: <http://www.hhe2005.ca/visitors-maps.php>

Our best shot at a downtown Halifax map is attached at the end of this article.

Convention Registration

The Convention Registration Desk will be located in the Delta Halifax Hotel Lobby, 1990 Barrington Street, Halifax on Thursday from 9:00 am - 5:00 p.m.

After then the Convention Registration Desk will be located in the Highland Lounge at the (WTCC) World Trade and Convention Centre, 1800 Argyle St., Halifax (one Block from the Headquarters Hotel - you can get there without going outside) on Friday from 8:00 am - 10:00 p.m. (or until the end of the Quartet Semi-Finals), and on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until the Chorus Contest Intermission. Please note that the WTCC is attached to the Metro Centre, where the Contests will be held.

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

The headquarters hotel is the Delta Halifax, 1990 Barrington Street, Scotia Square, Halifax.

(<http://www.magicaljourneys.com/Canada/hotels-novascotia-halifax-delta.html>).

PRINCE GEORGE HOTEL

Many in the Burlington chapter are staying at the Prince George, located at 1725 Market Street. It is conveniently located in the heart of downtown Halifax and is connected to the World Trade and Convention Centre via Pedway. The hotel's phone number is (902) 425-1986. Further questions?, feel free to contact the hotel concierge for information and service at:

concierge@princegeorgehotel.com.

SUN SHED

The Sunrise Division's version of the "NED Shed" will be set up in the Metro Centre at the Carmichael Street entrance for the purpose of selling Barbershop Harmony Society merchandise.

VENUES

All the contests and the Saturday night show ("Parade Of Champions") will be held at the Halifax Metro Centre, 5284 Duke St., Halifax. It is also bordered by Brunswick St., Carmichael St. and Argyle St. The spectator's entrance for all events held in the Metro Centre will be through the doors on Carmichael Street. Contestants' preparation rooms, Judges room and Registration area will be held at the World Trade and Convention Centre, 1800 Argyle St. The Thursday night show ("Celebration Of Harmony") will be held at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium in the Dalhousie University Arts Centre, 6101 University Ave. Halifax. It is also bordered by Seymour St. and Henry St.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday-29-September

12:00 noon - St. John's NL "Anchorman" Chorus performs at Grand Parade Sq.
07:30 p.m. - "Celebration of Harmony" Show at Rebecca Cohn Auditorium

Friday-30-September

12:00 noon - Mass Sing at Grand Parade Square
02:00 p.m. - Quartet Semi-Finals at Metro Centre

Saturday-1-October

10:00 a.m. - Chorus Contest at Metro Centre
06:30 p.m. - Quartet Finals at Metro Centre
08:00 p.m. - "Parade of Champions" Show at Metro Centre
10:00 p.m. - Afterglow at Metro Centre

Sunday-2-October

11:00 a.m. - Church Service at St. Matthews United Church

Thursday @ Noon - Grand Parade Square Performance

There will be a presentation given by the "Anchormen" Chorus (St. John's, Newfoundland Chapter) starting at 12:00 noon on Thursday in the Grand Parade Square, centrally located in the downtown area, nestled between Argyle and Barrington Streets.

Thursday Evening - "Celebration Of Harmony" Show

This Show starts at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday evening in the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, Dalhousie Arts Centre, with public audience invited to attend. All pre-sold tickets can be picked up in the Rebecca Cohn Lobby. All other Thursday Night tickets will be sold at the Rebecca Cohn Box Office. Please see:
<http://www.hhe2005.ca/prgm-thur.php>

FRIDAY @ NOON - MASS SING

All barbershoppers (and others) will be invited to sing together at an outdoor "mass sing" at 12:00 noon - 12:30 p.m. on Fri-30-Sep in the Grand Parade Square, centrally located in the downtown area, nestled between Argyle and Barrington Streets. Music Directors from the crowd will be asked to direct the familiar old songs we all love to sing.

Friday - Quartet Semi-Finals @ 2:00 and 7:00 p.m.

The quartet semi-finals will be held from 2:00 - 10:00 p.m. on Friday in the Halifax Metro Centre. Quartets will compete to qualify for the top 10 in the Saturday evening finals. Burlington chapter's CVQ will be singing fifth and will be on stage at approximately 2:40 p.m.. here will be a dinner break from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Burlington chapter's High Voltage will be singing seventeenth and will be on stage at approximately 7:15 p.m. Feel free to join HV for dinner after they sing. The 11th place quartet from the Semi-Finals will be the "Mike Testers" for the finals. Sunrise Division quartets will simultaneously compete for their Division awards.

Saturday - Chorus Breakfast

TBD – stay tuned

SATURDAY - CHORUS CONTEST

The Northeastern District Chorus Contest will be held on Saturday in the Metro Centre, starting at 10:00 am. There will be a lunch break from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. All choruses will compete for the NED chorus awards. The Sunrise Division choruses will simultaneously compete for the Sunrise Division awards.

Competitors may dress in their hotel rooms and / or in their assigned preparation rooms. Dressing rooms for female directors will be available in the main floor level Control Rooms, at the north end of the Metro Centre. Or they may dress in the two ladies' washrooms located right next to the Highland Suite chorus preparation rooms in the World Trade & Convention Centre.

Choruses will be assigned to preparation rooms in the Highland Suites in the World Trade and Convention Centre. Enter the WTCC via the front door on 1800 Argyle St. or via the indoor Pedway system from nearby hotels, and guides will direct you to your assigned preparation room. Choruses will be given approximately 90 minutes in their preparation room before moving on to the final warm-up room, quiet area and finally the stage. Photographs will be taken after performing.

The Green Mountain Chorus will be singing 13th at approximately 12:20 p.m., just before the lunch Intermission. Warm-up for the GMC will start at approximately 10:15 a.m. in Highland 10 in the World Trade and Convention Centre, 1800 Argyle St. The exact time we can get into our dressing/warm-up room will depend on the speed of the contest. To be on the safe side, and to allow for getting lost at least once, your N&J (nervous and jerky) acting chorus manager suggests that you target to at/near Highland 10 at 10:00 a.m.

The GMC contest uniform will be black long sleeve shirt, white straight tie, black tux trousers, parsley vest, black shoes & socks. See/contact Tif Crowell at once should you not have all these parts/pieces. Those staying in nearby hotels may wish to dress in their hotel room. Since multiple quartets/choruses will be using the same preparation rooms, coat racks will be placed outside of the preparation rooms for competitors to use at their convenience. Competitors may leave their clothes, garment bags, etc. on the coat racks in the hallways outside of their preparation rooms, where volunteers will look after their belongings.

One might consider wearing their GMC travel uniform (green shirt, khaki trousers, etc.) during the day on Saturday when not competing. Here are some contest miscellaneous items:

- a) More than likely Jerry Walter will be bringing stage make-up – please use.
- b) There will be NO front curtain between the competitors and the audience.
- c) Photographs will be taken of all competing groups right after their performance when they leave the stage. The photo team will take orders and produce all the photographs to be available for sale later on Saturday at the Registration Desk and possibly various other locations. Cost is \$20 CDN, paid in cash or major credit card, for each 8" x 10" photo. There will be no time for payment when the photos are actually being shot. Payment will be made afterwards when the pictures have been developed.
- d) There will be NO evaluation sessions from the judges except for the Sunrise Division quartets and choruses.
- e) Score sheets will be distributed on Saturday after the Chorus contest and after the Quartet finals.

SATURDAY EVENING – QUARTET FINALS AND “PARADE OF CHAMPIONS” SHOW

The Finals will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday in the Halifax Metro Centre. The top 10 quartets from the Semi-Finals will compete for the championship. The 11th place quartet from the Semi-Finals will be the "Mike Testers" for the Finals. The newly crowned quartet Champion will be asked to sing on the Saturday night "Parade Of Champions"

Show, starting at 8:00 p.m. This show will also include performances by the outgoing quartet champs, International College Champs "Men In Black", the newly crowned chorus, etc, etc.

Saturday Evening - Afterglow

Sunrise Division chapters are hosting a traditional Sunrise Division Afterglow immediately following the conclusion of the "Parade of Champions" Show on Saturday Night. Everyone is invited. It will be held in the Metro Centre Sports Bar and Mezzanine area, adjacent to the POC Show area. There will be a cash bar, lots of "munchies" and a few surprises, starting at about 10:30 p.m. and running for a few hours! BTV editor's note: if this afterglow is anything like the traditional Harmony, Inc. Maritime afterglows, it is an event not to be missed!

Sunday - Church Service

There will be an ecumenical Church Service open to all barbershoppers and all others on Sun-2-Oct at 11:00 am, in St. Matthew's United Church, 1479 Barrington St., Halifax

NEXT TUESDAY

Have a safe trip home and we'll see most of you and our new guests in the risers at St. FX School!

Train Riders—

GMC TRAIN Riders: After discussion with VIA, I have realized that we have another better option for parking & boarding the train. Instead of driving into Montreal and taking our cars downtown in rush hour, and dealing with the huge Gare Central station, we can park just outside the city for FREE in long term parking at the Saint- Lambert VIA RAIL station, (about 4 miles from Montreal) which is easier to get to, smaller, and just outside the city. The directions are below, or, if it doesn't come through clearly, put the address below into www.mapquest.com for driving directions.

I think that everybody coming from the US and south of Montreal will benefit by taking this route. The train leaves St. Lambert at 6:52PM, so we will have a little bit more time, and avoid the rush hour traffic and crowds in Montreal. It is actually closer to us, and I spoke with the station manager, and they have NOT had any problems with damage or theft in this staffed station. Montreal is also expensive to park, and the logistics of traveling around and parking are more difficult.

I will be distributing the VIA tickets Tues. night at rehearsal. Most riders will board at Saint-Lambert, the first stop just outside Montreal, which is closer to us and avoids driving into the city during rush hour (and also has free long term parking!) (see previous e-mail for directions or look up station info. @ viarail) or print out at www.mapquest.com)Cont'd.)

Station Address is:

329 AVE. ST-DENIS
SAINT-LAMBERT, QC
J4P 2G5, CANADA

Direction Note: STATION IS VISIBLE BUT NOT ACCESSIBLE FROM ST.DENIS, ACCESS ROAD IS ON VICTORIA BETWEEN GRAND TRUNK & ST.DENIS, ENTRANCE IN FRONT OF 730 VICTORIA.

If for some (good) reason you cannot make it Tues night, please make some arrangement with me or a chorus member to get your train ticket(s) or take your chances to meet me at Saint-lambert station.

Mike Hermann, Train Engineer

Halifax Metro Map

