

RMD Weekly

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RMD FALL CONVENTION FIVE WEEKS AWAY

Please advise all members to register soon for the Fall Convention to take advantage of the "Early Bird" discount. To add to the Convention FUN, there will be a massed sing (directed by RMD President Rod Sgrignoli) and there will also be an "open mic" at the registration area where quartets can "bust a chord" and everyone can enjoy listening. We are working on establishing faculty for the kick-off of "Barber Pole University" and if that can be established, conventioners will have the opportunity to earn their "degree" in singing "BarberPole Cat" songs. The Barbershopper Shop will have items with the new District logo (which you'll want to wear at Albuquerque and Denver next year, to boast your pride in the host District for BOTH International Conventions).

Convention details:

RMD Barbershop Harmony Society
Fall Convention October 6-7, 2006
Northridge High School
2430 N. Hillfield Road
Layton, Utah

FRIDAY, 10-06-2006

11:00 am – 6:00 pm Registration / Barbershopper Shop in Hilton Garden Inn (HQ Hotel).

6:30 pm Registration opens in Northridge High School & House opens for Quartet Semi-Finals.

7:00 pm – 10:15 pm Quartet Semi-Finals begin.

10:15 pm Quartet Semi-Finals end. Clear Auditorium.

10:45 pm Evaluations of eliminated Quartets in HQ Hotel Judges rooms.

Note: Evaluations begin 30 minutes after the actual close of the contest.

SATURDAY, 10-07-2006

9:00 am – 11:30 am Registration and Barbershopper Shop in Hilton Garden Inn (HQ Hotel)

9:00 am Open Mic for Quartets (Adjacent to Registration)

10:30 am Massed Sing (Adjacent to Registration)

11:00 am Barbershop Shop closed..

11:30 am Open Mic closes for Quartets.

11:30 am House opens for RMD Chorus Contest, Northridge High School

12:00 noon Chorus Contest begins in Northridge High School

2:45 pm Chorus Contest results.

3:00 pm Clear Auditorium, Chorus evaluations begin.

3:30 pm – 5:30 pm Barbershopper Shop open.

6:30 pm House opens for RMD Quartet Finals.

7:00 pm Quartet Finals begin.

10:00 pm Contest over clear auditorium.

10:30 pm Evaluations for Quartet Finalists in HQ Hotel Judges rooms.
Note: Evaluations start 30 minutes after the actual close of the contest.

10:40 pm Afterglow at HQ Hotel.

BUFFALO BILLS – ERA CONTEST AT MID-WINTER IN ALBUQUERQUE

Sing em the old way at MidWinter! Think you've got the chops of the Buffalo Bills? How would you do judged by the standards of THEIR day?

So, what's this Buffalo Bills-Era Contest, then? What's that about? Well, get ready, friends, for a new way to have an old blast. Your Society has left no stone unturned to assemble a double panel of judges from the past, judges in the five categories of Harmony Accuracy, Balance and Blend, Voice Expression, Arrangement, and Stage Presence. In addition, there will be two timers and a Panel Secretary. We will equip each and every one of these judges with a genuine # 2 pencil and they will set about to determine, from a field of ten finalist quartets, the finest performers of songs and styles from the 1940s and 1950s. It will take you back to a different day, a different time, and a different way. Come one, come all, to the greatest show on earth!

You may be wondering about the contest rules and how your quartet may enter this momentous event. You need not be a registered quartet to enter, but each contestant must be a member of the Society in good standing and have a registration to MidWinter. A mere \$20.00 will cover cost of mailing the competitors a CD of potential songs and list of worthy arrangements for this contest, as well as other information that could help you win! To start the process, just go to the Barbershop Harmony Society website and look for the Buffalo Bills-Era entry button. If you don't see it, use the search function and search under Buffalo Bills-Era Contest. There you will find the contest entry form and instructions to send it in with the low, low fee of \$20.00. The contest will be held Saturday afternoon, 27th of January, so it's not too soon to get started!

It's all about fun, excitement and singing that YOU can do. The Barbershop Quartet Preservation Association, (www.bqpa.com) a recently recognized subsidiary of the Barbershop Harmony Society, will be sponsoring this contest and rumor has it that they have set the top prizes at \$3,000.00 for 1st, \$2,000.00 for 2nd, and \$1,000.00 for 3rd. So come to MidWinter to sing, to perform, to compete, or just to listen. It's the land of enchantment! See more at www.Barbershop.org or the latest "LiveWire".

RMD quartets...bring a handful of "vintage" songs to Albuquerque, and let's have some good old-fashioned FUN !!!

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