

RMD Weekly

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IMPORTANT TIME-SENSITIVE CONTENTS IN THIS ISSUE

The printed edition of the Vocal Expressions is ready to be mailed, but we cannot obtain mailing labels from Kenosha at this moment on account of computer system woes due to the change-over in progress. The Vocal Expressions issue is posted on the RMD website www.RMDsing.org and you are asked to PLEASE inform EVERY member to either read it online, or, if no internet access, have somebody print it from the website.

Of course, time sensitive information about Spring Convention (April 27-28 in Ogden) and Rocky Mountain Harmony College (Feb 2-3 in Estes Park) is contained.

Regarding RM-HC, "early bird" registration deadline is Jan 26. Forms are on the district website (and were attached to a previous issue of RMD Weekly, so you should have them). Please note that at least one of the forms has a DATE TYPO. The correct dates ARE Friday Feb 2 and Sat Feb 3, 2007.

Please inform quartets that coaching will be available commencing at 3:00 PM on Friday Feb 2 (for those who wish to get a "head-start"). Coaching will be available during all of the class sessions: Friday evening, Saturday morning, and two afternoon sessions. Coaching faculty will include "GOTCHA!" and "Antique Gold" (Senior quartet champs) as well as Dave Ellis, Chris Richards, Anthony Pennington, Jeff Click, and his wife Anne.

Quartets are invited to the annual Friday night "Bratwurst Social"...a fun evening of "beer 'n brats" and singing and socializing with other quartets in the RMD (immediately following the evening class session). So get your quartet signed up (even "pick-up" quartets for Singing Valentines can benefit from coaching, and join the fun!).

You've got Jim DeBusman as the "dean" of the school, and other faculty teaching all you could ever want to learn about music and performance, including two new songs.

We're also rolling out "Harmony University" where you have the opportunity to earn "degrees" by proficient singing of the original BarberPole Cat catalog and also the "new PoleCat" songs from the Harmony Classics series ("I'm Sittin' On Top Of The World", "Hello Mary Lou", etc.). Dave Waddell (T), Kevin Pape (L), Jim Cole (Br), and James Harper (Bs) will serve as the "qualifying quartet" with whom you will sing. Those seeking "advanced degrees" will qualify on more than one part. It's a HOOT, and another FABULOUS reason to come up to beautiful Estes Park for the weekend.

Then, there's the Saturday night show. ALWAYS a spectacular evening, and here you have TWO gold medal quartets as headliners. And it keeps going...at the great afterglow.

DIRECTOR'S COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS...FEBRUARY DEADLINE

Because of the Society website reconstruction, I was not able to obtain the exact date of the Director's College scholarship application deadline...but it IS in February. DON'T MISS IT.

Scholarships are allocated to front-line directors who have NEVER been to Director's College first, and then to other directors (and associate directors) on a priority basis. To find out more, call headquarters: 800-876-7464. If you have a Director who would qualify, or MIGHT qualify, you need to look into this IMMEDIATELY.

CHAPTER COUNSELORS NEEDED

The following chapters are WITHOUT a Chapter Counselor: Cache Valley, Colby, Ogallala, Scottsbluff, New MexiChords, Santa Fe. If you know ANYONE who might be a good candidate for a Chapter Counselor (perhaps a past chapter President?) please contact CSLT VP Lee Taylor at: jaquarbari@msn.com

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