The Chattanooga Choo Choo Barbershop Chorus Presents

Phantom of the Barbershop



Saturday, August 6 7:00 PM

Notre Dame High School

President's Welcome

On behalf of the Choo Choo Chorus, welcome to this year's production of *The Phantom of the Barbershop*. It is our hope to regale you this evening with quality singing and good, wholesome entertainment. Perhaps that old bothersome Phantom will even evoke some shivers during the show as well; however, I'm inclined to believe there will be more laughing than screaming once the curtain is up.

It is always a daunting task to thank everyone for their contributions to a show such as this, but here goes. To the men of the chorus, thanks for all your hard work in preparing for this show and for all the tickets and advertising you sold. Also, a huge thanks to the production crew and all the folks helping out backstage, both our own people and the good folks from Notre Dame High School lending a hand as well. Without the big Fella out front waving his arms, we'd sound really lost, so a big THANK YOU to Paul Blazek, our friendly neighborhood Director. Finally, special tanks to the Choo Choo Belles and all their hard work and understanding in supporting the guys as we enjoy this great hobby we're a part of.

May I offer a very special invitation to all the men in the audience to come and sing with us some evening? We are having a nationwide drive for visitation and attendance in September called "U Can Sing 2". You should be seeing advertising about this in the USA Today paper and locally as well. Come sing with us on Monday evening, September 12 at the former Notre Dame High School on East 8th Street and get a taste of what's hooked all of us and made us fall in love with the beautiful harmonies and lifelong friendships found in Barbershop singing. Hope to see you then.

And now, on with the show!!!!!

Steve Grubb, President Chattanooga Choo Choo Chorus

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What is Barbershop Music?

On Saturday night, April 11, 1938, twenty-five men gathered at a hotel in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at the invitation of two of them to sing in barbershop quartets. As more and more singers appeared in the next few months, Owen C. Cash and Rupert T. Hall founded the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc., abbreviated as SPEBSQSA, a playful poke at the government agencies whose initials and regulations still plague us.

The style of "barbershop", now written as one word, began around 1900. It is not really four-part harmony but, rather, three parts harmonizing to a known melody, unaccompanied by instruments. The lead sings the melody and is joined by the bass, the lowest part, and the tenor, who sings consistently above the lead. The baritone, ranging above and below the melody, puts in the last note. There is usually one harmonizing chord on each melody note, although sometimes one or more voices add more notes. Often musical rules of time, expression, and word theme are sacrificed to create variety and pleasurable tension in order to delay the reaching of the expected chords.

With headquarters now in Kenosha, the "Society," as Barbershoppers refer to it, has grown into a pastime for almost 32,000 men in the U.S. and Canada, as well as for recently affiliated groups in Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Sweden, and other counties. A few hundred choruses and over 2,000 quartets perform regularly in and near their communities and often compete against each other, beginning at the District level and then at the International level.

This year the Society has changed its name to the Barbershop Harmony Society.



In memory of those gone before...our supporters, friends, loved ones and, especially, our fellow chorus members. Keep ringing those chords until we all join you some great day.

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About Our Chorus

Forty-three years ago (May 17, 1962) the Chattanooga (Rock City) Chapter became a charter member of what is now the Barbershop Harmony Society. Today, only one of the original 57 charter members is still with the chapter (Lloyd Gimber).

The Rock City Chorus performed their first show on July 14, 1962 at the new Chattanooga High School auditorium. The Knoxville Smokyland Chorus and Knoxville Sweet Adeline Chorus and the Atlanta Peachtree Chorus along with four quartets, including Dixie District Champions, The Dignitaries, also performed that day.

In 1975 the chorus name was changed to The Mountain City Chorus and in 1982 the name was changed finally to The Choo Choo Chorus. The Chorus has had as many as 62 members in 1963 and as few as 12 members in 1970 and currently has 46 members.

Of ten different musical directors beginning with Dick Clem, our current director, Paul Blazek, has been director for the longest time (17 years). Thirty-two chapter quartets have competed for Dixie District honors over the years but only one quartet, The Chattanooga Shoe Shine Boys, has ever won a Dixie District Quartet Championship(1981).

From its inception the chorus has been busy singing in the Chattanooga area. With two contests each year, an annual show, a Christmas show and singing in the community, the men get their barbershop "fix" and provide audiences with lots of entertainment opportunities. With performances ranging from entertaining at a nursing home or retirement center to singing the National Anthem at sporting events to performing with the Chattanooga Symphony to various outdoor events, even providing strolling quartets for the Riverbend Festival, the chapter provides ample chances for men to indulge the inner "ham" while making people happy. An added benefit is health improvements as the result of singing - we've had men performing with us into their 90's!

The vision for the future is continued efforts for preservation of barbershop music, entertainment of patrons, help for service projects, and continued friendship with fellow barbershoppers.



Chattanooga Choo Choo Chorus

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Chattanooga Chapter Barbershop Harmony Society Paul Blazek, Director Chuck Wilson, Assistant Director

Leads

Pat Crowe Frank Delaney Earl Fraser Steve Grubb Tom Keegan J.W. Kirk Lamar Owens Bernard Peek Richard Poole Bill Slack Peter Snyder Hobby Thomas Steve Wixson

Baritones

Beau Christian Brooks Gist Johnny Jackson John Johnston Benny Malone David Reynolds Claude Walker Chuck Wilson

Basses

Paul Blazek JerryBradwell Lebron Brock **Roger Coffman David Collins** Jay Correll **Erby Erwin Randy Felder Gary Fisher** Lloyd Gimber J.N. Howard Wayne Pruett **Daniel Randolph Clyde Rogers** Lonnie Satterfield W.C. Strickland **Clarence Wall** Mark Williams

Tenors

Dan Bruns Niles Fowler Fred Jesse Argyle Kaufman Barry Owens Ron Satterfield

Phantom of the Barbershop

WOW !.... just reading the title one could almost hear the theme "Dum Dum Dah Dum" And those famous lines:

"Who knows what evil lurks in the minds of men?".....

OOP's..... Wrong character, wrong show.... That was the "Shadow", wasn't it?

But if you have attended our other shows you know there is a predisposition of somehow getting the wrong characters popping up in the act. Who ever would have thought that "The Mad Hatter", "Roadrunner", "The Easter Bunny" and a couple of stray "Dwarfs had the audacity to barge into our 2003 Christmas show?

Getting back to the Phantom.... Lurking in the shadows of that dimly lit theater, we see a Baritone ! Armed with a bag of "Acme Products Dirty Tricks", left behind by the "Roadrunner's" arch enemy, the "Coyote". A Baritone? And what is that, one may ask?

The" Baritone"...It is a known fact of Barbershop heredity; the "Baritone" is on the lower rung of the scale in four part harmony musical respectability. The low man on the totem pole, the bottom of the pecking order. The one who only sings the notes left over that the Tenor, Lead and Bass deem as not necessary to their blend of harmony. Tonight we see a poor deluded baritone seeking revenge on those he perceived had the audacity to shun him.

Ah... but I digress... tonight we have the good fortune to see Steve Grubb in a reprise of his role as that spurned baritone.... Gastrol Komplaine, A.K.A. "Windy".

(Hmmmm...With a pseudonym such as that I wonder if they are trying to tell us something...? but then it's not as stigmatizing as "Gassy".)

He's Baaaack.... yes, Thom Benson channel 3's TV personality and weatherman enjoyed being our MC at our last show, so he has returned in a dual capacity as MC and the voice of the off stage announcer trading jibes with the "Phantom." But let's take a look to recognize some of the hard working talent behind the curtain that makes these shows great. Steve Wixson is our set designer extraordinaire. We are blessed to have a member in our chorus with so many talents. Beyond artistic set design, he is also a talented singer and recognized as an international champion "Bones" player. W.C. Strickland also helps Steve with the set. There is a big Barbershopper thanks to Millennium Packaging Solutions for providing materials. Teresa Scott returns as director. She directed our Christmas presentation "It's a Wonderful Barbershop Life". This time she won't have to herd as many egos and characters to their spots on stage. So she has retired the cattle prod.

Thanks to the guys in the chorus. You wouldn't call them the unsung members of the show Cuz they are singing !! ... let's give them thanks and support for their vocal talents they share with us tonight

Pat Crowe, Script Writer



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Phantom of the Barbershop Cast

Phantom	Steve Grubb
Announcer	Thom Benson
Verizon Guy	Pat Crowe

Quartets

Scenic City Sound

Ron Satterfield-Tenor Lamar Owens-Lead W.C. Strickland-Bass Brooks Gist-Baritone

Four Guys

Dan Bruns-Tenor Hobby Thomas-Lead Paul Blazek-Bass Johnny Jackson-Baritone

Rock City 4

Fred Jesse-Tenor Bill Slack-Lead David Collins-Bass Benny Malone-Baritone

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Phantom of the Barbershop

Act I

Scene 1 The Phanton	n
Chattanooga Choo Choo	Choo Choo Chorus
Old Folks at Home	Choo Choo Chorus

Scene 2	The Pantom's Wrath
While Strolling Throug	gh the Park Choo Choo Chorus
Old Fashion Girl in a G	ingham Gown Choo Choo Chorus
Scene 3	A Knotty Problem
Play a Simple Melody	Choo Choo Chorus
Scene 4	Out! Darn Spot
Lulu's Back in Town	Choo Choo Chorus

Scene 5

An Explosive Situation

Intermission

Parade of Chapter Quartets

Act II

Scene 1	What a Card!	
Alexander's Ragtime I	Band	Choo Choo Chorus
Always	•••••	Choo Choo Chorus

Scene 2 AYank Minstrel Montage Choo Choo Chorus Rock City Four Quartet

Scene 3 A Smashing Success Scenic City Sound Quartet

Scene 4Revenge of the BaritoneNight Time in Dixie LandChoo Choous



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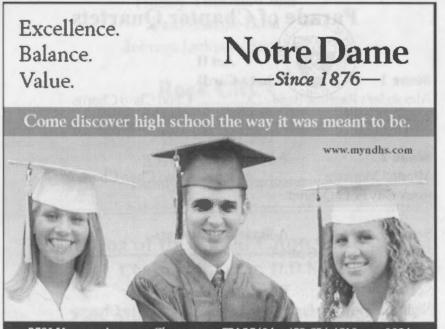
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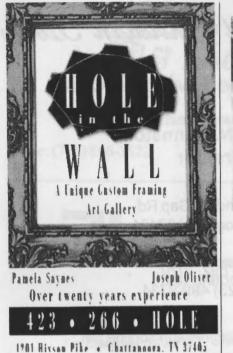
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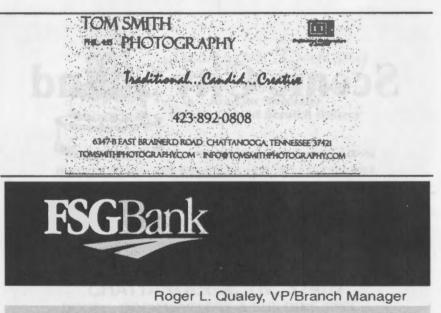
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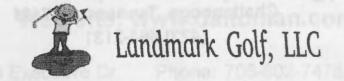
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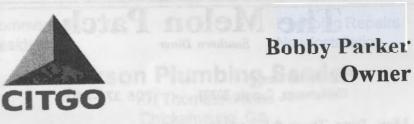
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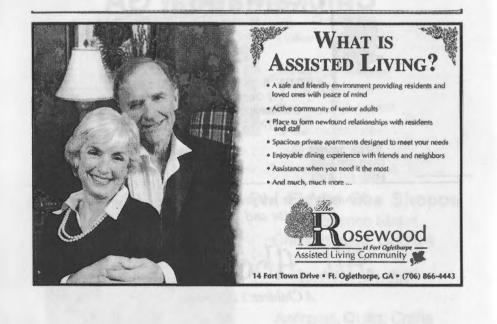
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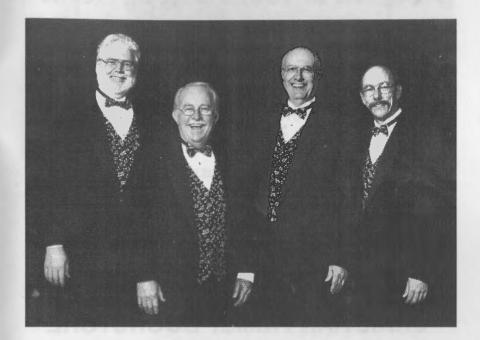
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