

The Chattanooga Chapter
of the
Barbershop Harmony Society
(SPEBSQSA)
Presents

The Gifts Of Christmas



Featuring
The Choo Choo Chorus

**Combined Cleveland and
Chattanooga Community Christmas Chorus**

Chapter Quartets:
**Chattanooga, Scenic City Sound,
Rock City 4, Classic Harmony, Four Grand**

Friday December 11, 2009 7:30 PM
Girls Preparatory School
Chattanooga, TN

Joy To The World

Joy to the World, the Lord is come, let Earth receive her King!
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing!

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love!

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O Come, All Ye Faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels,
O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n above.
Glory to God, glory in the highest!
O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Silent Night

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright.
'Round yon virgin mother and Child,
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heav'nly peace, sleep in heav'nly peace.

President's Welcome

Welcome to the Choo Choo Chorus production of "The Gifts Of Christmas", the 2009 Christmas show of the Chattanooga chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society.

In spite of economic hardships and the everyday troubles of the world, this season seems to bring out the best in a lot of people. You see more people smiling on the streets or humming Christmas songs in the stores and offices. Almost 100 years ago, during World War I, there was a temporary truce at Christmas time with German and Allied troops singing Silent Night and other carols together in the trenches.

Once again, this year, we are donating the net proceeds of this show to the Walter E. Boehm Birth Defects Center. Thanks for being here and helping us support this wonderful cause. Take some time tonight, while enjoying the concert, to consider your personal "Gifts of Christmas" – if you feel the urge to make an additional contribution to the Center, you'll find baskets as you leave the auditorium.

Thanks again; enjoy the show!

Lebron Brock, President
Choo Choo Chorus

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Tom Hagler

A Merry Christmas Note from the Chairman

The Choo Choo Chorus is so pleased that you are with us tonight to celebrate the birthday of a humble carpenter from Jerusalem, Emmanuel, The Prince of Peace, The Son of God.

Our theme this year is The Gifts of Christmas. The gifts we share are not those you find under the tree but those you find within your heart. The Gift of the Season, The Gift of Family, The Gift of Laughter and The Gift of Jesus.

The chorus has been rehearsing since October to bring you what we hope will be the best concert you'll hear this Christmas.

We welcome the Community Christmas Chorus of men from the area who came in just to add to your holiday pleasure.

Your presence and support is much appreciated and we hope you will take note of our sponsors listed in this program. Your patronage of their businesses helps us and helps them.

We are especially proud to again be associated with the Walter Boehm Birth Defects Center. This is our third year of giving our net proceeds to this fine organization that assists families of children with birth defects. Your support just might mean the difference in the quality of life for these special children.

Sit back, relax and we will be especially pleased if we see more than just a couple of feet keeping time with the music.

We give special thanks to the ladies who work so hard to support us through their love for their husbands...the ChooChoo Belles.

Now...on with the show.

Gary L. Fisher

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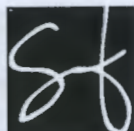
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About Our Chorus

Forty-seven years ago (May 17, 1962) the Chattanooga (Rock City) Chapter became a charter member of what is now the Barbershop Harmony Society.

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 43 members.

Of ten different musical directors beginning with Dick Clem, our current director, Paul Blazek, has been director for the longest time (22 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 performances in and around 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.

Choo Choo Chorus



Choo Choo Chorus

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

Leads

Matt Blazek
 Pat Crowe
 Frank Delaney
 David Fleury
 Steve Grubb
 Tom Keegan
 JW Kirk
 Lamar Owens
 Bill Slack
 Art Southerlin
 Hobby Thomas
 Steve Wixson

Basses

Paul Blazek
 Jerry Bradwell
 Lebron Brock
 Lucien Claiborne
 Roger Coffman
 David Collins
 Karl Dommert
 Erby Erwin
 Gary Fisher
 Steve Milling
 Dave Rack
 Daniel Randolph
 Clyde Rogers
 WC Strickland
 Ed Thornton
 Clarence Wall

Tenors

Wally Bigbee
 Wally Edmondson
 Niles Fowler
 Fred Jesse
 Barry Owens
 David White

Baritones

Beau Christian
 Dustin Dotzler
 Brooks Gist
 Johnny Jackson
 John Johnston
 Benny Malone
 Chuck Wilson

Community Chorus Members

• Douglas Alexander
 • Bryan Brown
 • Pete Snyder
 • Marty Massengale
 • Jerry Moore
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 • Wendell Whitmire
 • Gene Huelman
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Find us on the web at
<http://www.choochoochorus.org>

Quartets

Chattanoogaogs

Wally Edmondson, Tenor
David Fleury, Lead
Beau Christian, Baritone
Gary Fisher, Bass

Scenic City Sound

Fred Jesse, Tenor
Lamar Owens, Lead
Brooks Gist, Baritone
WC Strickland, Bass

Rock City 4

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

Classic Harmony

Barry Owens, Tenor
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The Gifts Of Christmas

Act I

Winter Wonderland - Choo Choo Chorus
Let It Snow - Choo Choo Chorus
Jingle Bell Rock - Chattanoogaogs
It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas - Scenic City Sound
Diddy-Squat - Scenic City Sound
I'll Be Home For Christmas - Rock City 4
Coventry Carol - Choo Choo Chorus
Angels We Have Heard On High - Choo Choo Chorus
Two Front Teeth - Rock City 4
Christmas Chopsticks - Classic Harmony
Silver Bells - Classic Harmony
Chipmunk Christmas Song - Four Grand
Home For The Holidays - Four Grand
We Want To Wish You A Merry Christmas - Choo Choo Chorus

Intermission

Act II

Combined Cleveland and
Chattanooga Community Christmas Choruses
Jingle Bells
White Christmas
Veni, Veni Emmanuel
It Came Upon The Midnight Clear
I Saw Three Ships
Mary Had A Baby
The Christmas Song
The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year

Audience Participation

(see inside front cover for lyrics)

Merry Christmas!