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On behalf of the Choo Choo Chorus, let me welcome you to our annual show. It has been said that the third time's a charm and we believe you'll find that to be the case this afternoon. Today marks the third time we've dedicated a show to music associated with Walt Disney, and this one is clearly our best effort. Of course, having the Humdingers as our special guests doesn't hurt.

Everyone across the globe knows the name of Walt Disney, and the one word most associated with the world he was able to produce is MAGIC! All of us either have or still do believe in magic, and it's because of all the great musical productions his company has provided us. So sit back and be a kid for the next hour or so and let tonight be a magical time for everyone.

Before we raise the curtain, let me take a moment to thank everyone who played a part in making this event come together - the people performing on stage, those behind the scenes, our long suffering Director, and most importantly our families that let us enjoy this wonderful hobby.

And now, on with the show!!!

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ABOUT THE CHOO CHOO CHORUS

Fifty-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.



CHORUS

Bob Radel

| Pete Jones | Bob Robbins | Rich Wilson |
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| Dan Kopf | Wilbur Strickland | Steve Wixson |
| Benny Malone | Matt Van Stelle | Jerry Wright |
| Rich Ptacin | Clarence Wall | |
| David Rack | Wendell Whitmire | |

Chuck Wilson

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 32 members.

Of ten different musical directors beginning with Dick Clem, our current director, Paul Blazek, has been director for the longest time (32 years). Thirty-two chapter quartets have competed for Dixie District honors over the years and one quartet, the Chattanooga Shoe Shine Boys, 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 opportunities to entertain. With performances ranging from entertaining at a nursing home or retirement center to singing the National Anthem at sporting events, Memorial and Veterans Day ceremonies at the National Cemetery, several Special Olympics events, to performing with the Chattanooga Symphony, the chapter provides ample chances for men to indulge their 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.

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Chattanooguys

Wally Edmondson, Dave Fleury, Barry Arp, and Beau Christian

Reson 8

Brenda Hobbs, Christine Fish, Susie Norman, Lisa McFall, Dan Bullock, Jim Frank, Pete Jones, and Matt Van Stelle

OUR CHORUS DIRECTOR - PAUL BLAZEK

Paul Blazek celebrates 32 years as our Director. Paul was born in Chicago, Illinois. He moved to Nashville in 1965 and then to Chattanooga in 1977. He and his wife Lindy have four children, Mary Kathryn, Melissa, Megan, and Matt, and grandchildren Maddie and Caleb. Matt and son-in-law David Grass have sung with the chorus at various times.

Paul joined the Nashville chapter in 1976 and sang in his first barbershop contest at the Cow Palace in San Francisco International that same year. He also competed with Nashville at '77 Philadelphia International and '78 Cincinnati International, and rejoined the Music City Chorus to compete at the International level six times since 2010 and achieve Fifth Place International Bronze Medalist status twice, once with his grandson Caleb.

He has been a member of several quartets: Round Mound of Sound (Nashville), Backstage, Stage II, Four Guys, Honchos (Chattanooga), and Forecasting Chords. Paul has attended Harmony College many times, attended the first Director's College in 1990, and many Society-sponsored schools over the years. He was Director of Tullahoma, TN chapter in 1984-85, assistant director of the Chattanooga chapter in 1985-86, and director of the Chattanooga chapter since 1987. He is currently on the Dixie District Board of Directors as Executive Vice-President. In his spare time, Paul is database administrator for TXI Systems, Inc.

ASSOCIATE CHORUS DIRECTOR - CHUCK WILSON

Associate Director Chuck Wilson has been a member of the Chattanooga Choo Choo Barbershop Chorus since 1990 and the Associate Director since 2003. He was the baritone for Classic Harmony quartet for 20 years and is currently singing baritone with Fourcasting Chords. He attended the Barbershop Harmony Society's Harmony College/Director's College and is a Certified Chorus Director. He has an Associate Degree (Music Emphasis) from Chattanooga State Community College and has been the Minister of Music at Riverside Baptist Church in Lookout Valley since 2015. "Thank you, Melissa, for letting me enjoy this wonderful hobby."



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PROGRAM

Tonight's program consists of performances by the Choo Choo Chorus, local quartets, Fourcasting Chords, The Histones, Rock City 4, and our Special Guest Quartet, The Humdingers

ACT I

Mickey Mouse March - Chorus
Ten Feet Off the Ground - Rock City Four
A Dream Is A Wish Your Heart Makes - Chattanooguys
A Whole New World - Reson 8
When She Loved Me - Chorus

(Young Girl - Madeleine Grass, Teenage Girl - Aria Tompkins)
Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah - Chattanooguys
Remember Me - Fourcasting Chords
Give a Little Whistle - Rock City Four
When You Wish Upon a Star - Chorus
(Sleeping Boy - Caleb Grass)
Go the Distance - The Histones
Almost There - Fourcasting Chords
Can You Feel The Love Tonight - Chorus

INTERMISSION

The Humdingers

Circle Of Life - Chorus
(Soloist - Matt Van Stelle, Drummer - Wally Edmondson)
(Chanters - Bob Radel, Wendel Whitmire, and Chuck Wilson)

Mickey Mouse March - Ensemble

A MUSICAL QUIZ

Do You Know Your Disney Productions

Match the Songs on the opposite page to the following productions. Write the name of each song next to the production below. Two lucky winners will win 2 tickets each to our Christmas Show.

| 1. The Lion King | |
|---|-------------|
| 2. Toy Story 2 | |
| 3. Pinocchio | |
| 4. Mickey Mouse Club | |
| 5. Aladdin | |
| 6. Song of the South | |
| 7. Coco | |
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| 9. Cinderella | |
| 10. Hercules | |
| 11. The Princess and The Frog | |
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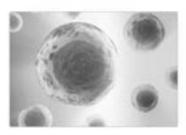
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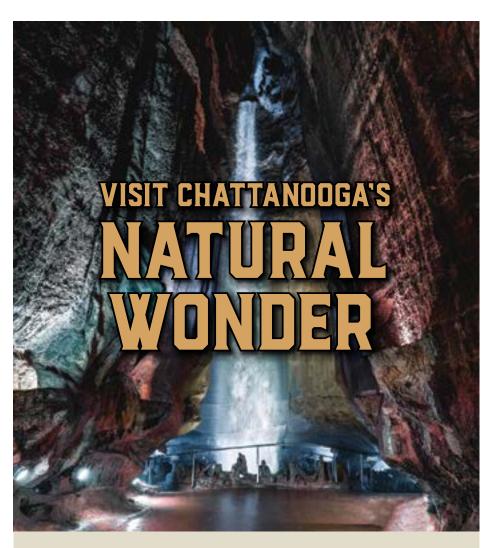


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