



Harmony, Inc.

About Harmony, Incorporated

Mission Statement

Harmony, Incorporated is an international, non-profit organization whose purpose is to empower all women through education, friendship and a cappella singing in the barbershop style.

History

The barbershop style of singing originated in North America in the late 1800's. Since then it has grown into a favorite pastime shared by more than 70,000 singers, worldwide.

Harmony, Inc. is dedicated to preserving the barbershop style of music and educating its members, women of all ages, in the art of its performance.

Founded in 1959, Harmony, Inc. currently has over 60 chapters and approximately 2,000 members. In keeping with the organization's motto, "A Blend With Friendship," many Harmony members develop lifelong friendships that span generations and know no geographic boundaries.

Harmony members take pride in the "one voice, one vote" concept applied to chapter and international government. Governed by an elected Board of Directors, Harmony, Inc. is divided into six geographical areas within the United States and Canada, with chapters stretching from Manitoba to Florida, and Newfoundland to California.

In the Community

Harmony, Inc. choruses and quartets share their love of singing with the community through performances and shows for all audiences. Harmony, Inc. members also perform at churches, schools, hospitals, and senior centers, plus contribute to charitable projects on a local and national basis.

Conventions and Contests

One of the advantages (and thrills!) of being a Harmony member is the opportunity to participate in musical activities on a broader scale. Conventions are held each year for the purposes of educating members, bringing everyone together to see the best perform, and to encourage an atmosphere of friendship and camaraderie.

Harmony, Inc. sponsors area chorus and quartet contests each spring. Those qualifying are eligible to compete in November at the International Convention & Contests. These are thrilling events, whether attendees are competing with a chorus or quartet, watching the contests to learn, or just visiting.

Educational Programs

Vocal training, through being a Harmony chorus member, provides a fun way to develop and improve as a singer. Training is also available for new and experienced directors, plus those interested in entering the judging program and becoming certified to judge at contests.

Area Education Days provide instruction and coaching on all facets of barbershop performing.

Area and International Conventions offer a broader range of disciplines, including singing, presentation, arranging, and chapter administration.

Judith Waite Memorial Scholarship, an annual award of \$1,000, is available to a member of Harmony, Inc. or to a member of her family who is pursuing a degree in a music-related field.

Directors First. Harmony, Inc. has a BIG goal -- to send 12 directors or musical leaders to Harmony University each year for the next four years. This means that one representative from EACH CHAPTER will receive a world-class barbershop harmony education. The program is funded by tax-deductible free-will donations from our individual members and chapters. Go to www.harmonyinc.org/directors-first.html to learn more. Stronger directors = stronger chapters = stronger Areas = a stronger Harmony, Inc.

Membership Programs & Resources

Associate Memberships are available for those who, for whatever reasons, are unable to participate actively in a chapter. Full membership rights and privileges are included

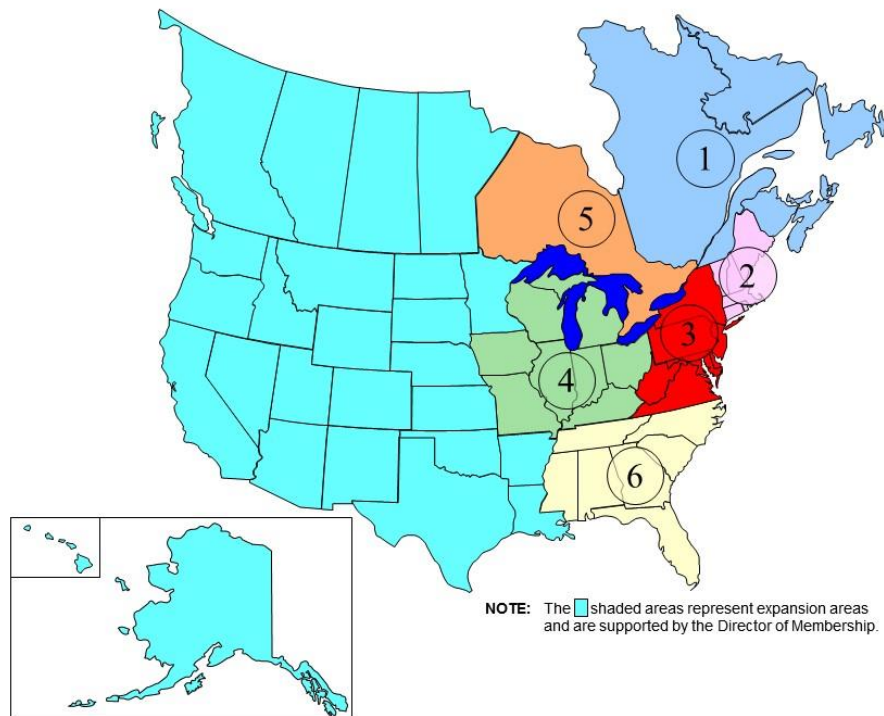
Affiliate Memberships are available to men who wish to be affiliated with Harmony, Inc. Privileges include most benefits of regular membership, with the exception of the rights to vote, hold office and compete as a singer.

Harmony Connection, an electronic bulletin board, enables Harmony, Inc. members to keep abreast of the news and stay in touch with one another.

The Key-Note, the official publication of Harmony, Inc., is downloadable for all members to enjoy.

For the Love of Harmony program enables members to donate funds to Harmony, Inc. for general use or to be targeted toward its educational programs.

Harmony, Inc. Area Map



AREA 1:

Breton Songbirds
Cobequid Fun-Tones
Codiac Chords
Elm City Echoes, Inc.
Island A Cappella
Newfound Sound
ScotianAires
Sea Belles
Seaside A Cappella
Valley Voices

AREA 2:

Barre-Tones, Inc.
Harmony Heritage
Maine-ly Harmony
Montreal City Voices
New England Voices in Harmony
NoteAble Blend
Silk'n Sounds
Sounds of the Seacoast
Surround Sound
Women of Note

AREA 3:

Bella Nova
Chesapeake Harmony Chorus
Crystal Chords
Harmony Falls
Harmony In Motion
Heart of Pennsylvania
Liberty Belles (The)
Niagara Frontier Chord Authority
Northern Blend
Reading A Cappella Voices
Rochester Rhapsody Chapter
Valley Harmony Chorus

AREA 4:

Bluegrass Harmony
California Note Catchers
Covered Bridge Harmony
Harmony Magic
Misty River Music Makers, Inc.
Sound Celebration, Inc.
St. Louis Chordinals, Inc.
Village Vocal Chords
Wolf River Harmony

AREA 5:

A Cappella Showcase
Baytones (The)
Capital Chordettes, Inc.
Chapman Mills Sound Connection
Chord Spinners, Inc.
Classic Blend
Limestone City Voices
Nickel City Sound
Over Tones, Inc. (The)
Shades of Harmony
Sing Niagara
Skyway Connection Chorus
Sugartones
Thousand Islanders (The)
Toronto Accolades, Inc.

AREA 6:

A Cappella South
Atlanta Harmony Celebration!
Harmony Sound Waves
Sisters of Sound
South Lake A Capella Chorus
Unaccompanied Minors

EXPANSION AREA:

On Q Chorus
Women in Harmony



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