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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

GREETINGS!

Welcome to the 2024 Southwestern District Spring Convention. This promises to be an event unlike any we've ever had in the SWD!

Your Board of Directors has heard your feedback from previous conventions, and we've been hard at work implementing many of the suggested changes.

First and most evidently, we're combining the two rounds of our Quartet Prelims into a single day on Friday. By doing so, we are opening up the majority of Saturday for expanded coaching, education and presentation opportunities.

And as always, we'll cap the weekend with a Saturday Night Show, headlined by the not-to-be-missed 2019 BHS Champion Quartet, Signature!

As with our recent conventions, if you have friends or family who are unable to join in person, please remind them that we have a FREE live stream available so they can enjoy the events on the main stage live as they happen.

Thank you for coming and enjoy your SWD Spring Convention!

Scott Baylor, President,
Southwestern District



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**Saturday
May 25th at 4pm**



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- make recordings of any type
- cause distractions during any performance
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- switch off or silence cell phones, beepers, or other mobile devices
- remember that you should be seated and the doors will be closed before each contestant performs and doors will not open until they are finished
- *CHEER WILDLY FOR EACH AND EVERY COMPETITOR!!*

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THURSDAY, MAY 2

- Registration Opens**7:00 PM
Hyatt Lobby
- District BOD Meeting**7:00 PM
Room 1325

FRIDAY, MAY 3

- Registration Opens** 8:00 AM
Hyatt Lobby
- Competitor Briefing** 8:30 AM
Innovation Stage
- Quartet Semifinals** 10:00 AM
Innovation
- House of Delegates Meeting**.....3:30 PM
Lower Level, Industry Wing, Wildcatters Room
- Non-Finalist Quartet Evaluations**3:30 PM
Leadership Wing
- Quartet Finals**7:30 PM
Innovation
- Quartet Finalist Evaluations** 10:00 PM - 12: AM
Leadership Wing
- Free Singing**9:30 PM - ??

SATURDAY, MAY 4

- Chorus Coaching Rooms Open** 8:00 AM
Lower Level
- Chorus Coaching**..... 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Assigned Rooms on Lower Level and Innovation
- Class - Signature**..... 1:00 - 1:50 PM
How To Be A Great TN/LD/BA/BS - Leadership Wing
- Quartet Coaching Session 1** 1:00 - 2:20 PM
Upper and Lower Levels
- Mass Sing**..... 2:00 - 2:30 PM
- Class Session 1**..... 2:30 - 3:20 PM
Lower Level
- Quartet Coaching Session 2** 2:30 - 3:50 PM
Upper and Lower Levels
- Class Session 2**..... 3:30 - 4:20 PM
Lower Level
- Quartet Coaching Session 3** 4:00 - 5:20 PM
Upper and Lower Levels
- Signature Gold Medal Hour** 4:00 - 5:00 PM
Innovation
- Class Session 3** 4:30 - 5:20 PM
Lower Level
- Saturday Night Show**7:30 PM
- Party Time!**..... 9:30 PM - ??

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Mark Winn, Tenor
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QUARTET SEMI-FINALS

Presenter Mike Borts

Quartet.....(contests - see "LEGEND," page 13)

Chapters

Members: tenor, lead, bari, bass

Mic Tester:

**Hello! We Are Not Quite Runway and
We Are Here to Test the Mics Okay? Yeehaw!
Let's Have a Great Contest!**

*Caroline Hunt, Stephanie Bartholomew, Greg Owens,
Anthony Bartholomew*

Song:

Song:

1. Make Your Mark   (1,6)

Dallas Metro, TX; Frank Thorne

Jeremy Meeks, Collin Pittman, Craig Rideout, Brad Rogers

Song:

Song:

2. Merlin's Bards  (1,2,3)

Cape Coral, FL; Dallas Metro, TX; Houston Metro Area, TX;
Houston, TX; Frank Thorne

Steve Coon, Steve Black, Clarke Bean, Rick Yarto

Song:

Song:

3. The Miscreants (2,3)

Austin, TX; Frank Thorne

Jerry Cooper, Peter Mills, Steve Young, David Kaufman

Song:

Song:

4. Family Friendly (1,4)

Frank Thorne

Abby Workman, Annalyn Workman, Tim Workman, Tanner Workman

Song:

Song:

5. **Red River Runners**  (1,2,3)
Greater Oklahoma City, OK; Oklahoma City, OK; Town North
Plano, TX

Mark Winn, Larry Thomason, Mark Holdeman, Rick Robertson

Song:

Song:

6. **Panda Ring**.....  (1)

Houston Metro Area, TX; Houston, TX

Patrick McAlexander, Zachary MacLaren, Daniel Laguros, Robby Black

Song:

Song:

7. **Tangent**  (1)

Austin, TX; Houston Metro Area, TX; San Antonio, TX;
Town North Plano, TX

Max Lotspeich, Jacob Bankston, Will Schindler, Austin Shortes

Song:

Song:

8. **California Kings**  (1)

Westminster, CA

Alex Carlson, Lucas Der Mugrdechian, O.J. de la Osa,

Mitchell James Sampang

Song:

Song:

9. **Soundscape**  (1)

Houston Metro Area, TX; Houston, TX; Nashville, TN;
San Antonio, TX; Town North Plano, TX

Dom Finetti, Ryan Hill, Cameron Self, Grant Williams

Song:

Song:

10. **hmmm**.....  (1,2)

Centroplex, TX; Frank Thorne

Lon Badgett, Gary Morton, Andy McDonald, Gary Holmes

Song:

Song:

QUARTET SEMIFINALS (CONTINUED)

11. **PJQ**..... (2,3)

Cape Coral, FL; Dallas Metro, TX; Houston Metro Area, TX;
Houston, TX; San Antonio, TX; Frank Thorne

Steve Coon, Tracy Shirk, Bill Wilkinson, John White

Song:

Song:

12. **Overdrive**  (1)

Dallas Metro, TX; Oklahoma City, OK; Vocal Sounds of
Oklahoma

Tyler Wilson, Greg Rogers, Philip Sense, Joe Kronos

Song:

Song:

13. **ALL IN**  (1)

Austin, TX; Frank Thorne

Michael Litman, Trevor Crawford, Nick Ruiz, Matthew Cassi

Song:

Song:

14. **Harmonic Flux**.....  (4,7)

Prism; Town North Plano, TX

Meghan McClafferty, Mitch Larriva, Diane McGuire, Kianna Montanez

Song:

Song:

15. **Studio Talk**.....  (1)

Dallas Metro, TX; San Antonio, TX; Frank Thorne

Kevin Wagner, Bret Morris, Chris Denton, Donovan Davis

Song:

Song:

16. **Wayfarers**.....  (1,2,)

East Texas, TX; Houston Metro Area, TX; Frank Thorne

Norm Running, Brent Hairston, Doug Peterson, Mike Wilson

Song:

Song:

17. Opus IV (1)

**Austin, TX; Dallas Metro, TX; San Antonio, TX;
Town North Plano, TX; Frank Thorne**

Daniel Cooper, Peter Cunningham, Ryan Wisniewski, Brent Suver

Song: _____

Song: _____

18. Clutch..... (1)



Dallas Metro, TX; The Vocal Majority

Charlie Lotspeich, Scott Hale, Steven Keener, Jeff Oxley

Song: _____

Song: _____

19. Comida Deluxe (1)



Austin, TX

Eric Horn, Chris Kirkland, Chuck Loesch, David Kaufman

Song: _____

Song: _____

20. Fossilized..... (1,2,3)

**Five Towns College, NY; Houston Metro Area, TX; Houston, TX;
San Antonio, TX; Spring, TX; Frank Thorne**

Lon Badgett, Steve Black, Paul Santino, David Morris

Song: _____

Song: _____

21. Rhinestones (1)



Lubbock, TX

Rosetta Springer, Dawn Gutschke, Angee Ledbetter, Nathan Gutschke

Song: _____

Song: _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT
BARBERSHOPPER OF THE YEAR**

**QUARTET FINALS ORDER OF
APPEARANCE**

QUARTET FINALS

PresenterLindsay Chartier

Mic Tester

Song:

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Song: _____

10. _____

Song: _____

Song: _____

CONTEST LEGEND - QUARTETS:

- (1) ----- International Preliminaries
- (2) ----- Seniors International Preliminaries
- (3) ----- SWD Seniors
- (4) ----- NE Division Novice
- (5) ----- SE Division Novice
- (6) ----- SW Division Novice
- (7) ----- SWD Next Generation

**2024 SPRING CONVENTION
JUDGING PANEL**

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CSD

Adam Porter
MAD

Performance

Stef Schmidt
MAD

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FWD

Singing

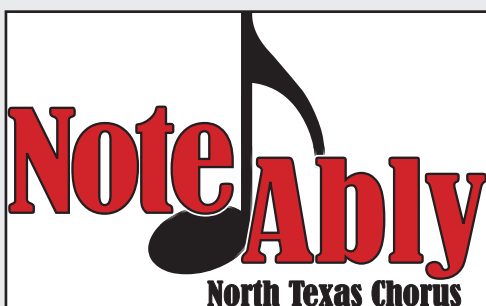
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EVG

Chris Hebert
FWD

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|------------------------------------|----------------------|
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Cleveland

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CONVENTION

June 30 - July 7, 2024

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- Creating entertaining & engaging show sets
- Guidance & Feedback leading up to shows
- Script Writing

Contact the SWD VP Music & Performance to set up a visit from one of our SOP representatives to attend your chapter show. Just provide two tickets and receive a comprehensive overview on the audience experience or one of the categories above!

SWD Coaching for Choruses & Coaching Guild

Coaching

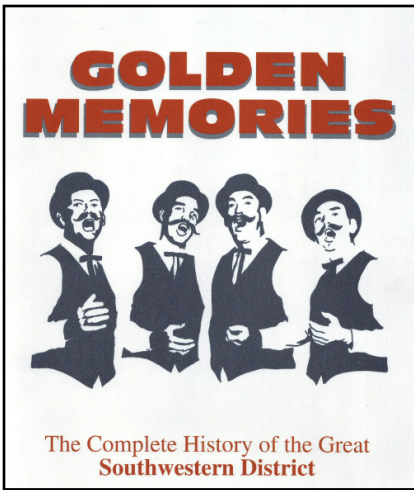
Financial support is available to choruses up to \$500 per year to bring in a coach to work with your chorus. Only travel expenses of the coach can be covered with this gift of financial support to a chorus, coaching fees must be covered by the chorus.

Coaching Guild

A network of support for choruses to receive coaching from individuals who live within the district at no cost to the chapter. Coaching is available to all chapters with basic travel expenses paid by the district. Guild Coaches work with choruses to improve and expand their musical knowledge and performance abilities. Coachings are available year-round!

For more details on these programs, contact

Katy Dane,
SWD Music and Performance Director
dir-mp@swd.org



This book was compiled by former Southwestern District Historian, Grady Kerr, along with a few friends such as Sally Cunningham, Ruth Blazina-Joyce, Duane Lunday, and Earl Hagn.

Published in 1996, Golden Memories is more than 450 pages starting with the Barbershop Harmony Society's beginnings in 1938 at Tulsa, Oklahoma (known then as the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America - S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A.), the SWD's beginnings in 1949, pioneers of the SWD, chapter growth, SWD presidents and administration, contests and conventions, quartets, choruses and significant milestones.

We must preserve and extend this valuable piece of SWD history, but we need your help!

We announced this project a few months ago and asked you to send photos and recordings so we could make the book interactive and many of you have responded! You'll find a few links to recordings throughout the book, but we've only scratched the surface.

When our district turns 75 in 2024 we plan to have a second edition of Golden Memories updated with the latest information from all active chapters in the Southwestern District. Your chapter's contributions are essential to that project's success!

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**SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT
1949 - 2024**

Exciting News!

We're thrilled to announce the release of our exclusive 75th-anniversary merchandise collection!

We have partnered with Custom Quartet Stuff to celebrate this milestone with us by creating limited-edition designed items to honor 75 years of excellence, innovation, and being known as "The District Of Champions."

Click the 75th Anniversary logo to get your SWD 75th Anniversary swag!

Watch your inbox for more information about upcoming 75th Anniversary events and get ready to mark this special occasion in style!



2024 - HARMONY UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT

Harmony University 2024 is in Denver, Colorado, at the University of Denver from July 28 - August 4 and will offer the opportunity to hone musical, vocal, performance, director, arranging, teaching, and coaching skills. Attendees can also earn Graduate or CEU credits, and professional development hours.

Scan the QR code on the next page for the registration form and for more specific information about HU and what will be offered in 2024.

SWD Scholarship to attend HU includes:

- instruction
- food (3 meals a day and ice cream each night)
- room
- activities
- shows
- TBD shuttle pickup to/from Denver airport to University of Denver.

Scholarships do not cover individual transportation to/from Denver, Colorado.

Applications are reviewed and will be awarded to applicants prior to the closing of registration. If you are a scholarship recipient for 2024, the SWD VP of Music & SWD Treasurer will be communicating with

HU staff so that your registration can be completed with the scholarship applied.

SWD offers Half or Full Scholarships to attend Harmony University, with preference given to first-time attendees. These scholarships are need-based and cover room, board, and tuition. However a **\$50 service fee** must be paid by the applicant to create and schedule your classes in the SCHED app/website. If you receive a scholarship, you'll get an email with further instructions on how to register.

If you are a Director, Assistant Director, Musical/ Visual Leader, Arranger or a Music Educator, note that there are specific tracks (classes) that align with your field that are the recommended courses from the Deans for your discipline.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to your SWD VP of Music & Performance for any questions or recommendations. Katy Dane is a past scholarship recipient through SWD & BHS, a 6 year faculty member and the Dean of Music Education for HU. Her email is: dir-mp@swd.org. Other members of SWD who are also on HU Faculty, including Allen Otto, Peter Cunningham, and Anthony Bartholomew. Don't hesitate to reach out to your fellow district members for any advice and recommendations on HU and creating a high-quality experience.

SWD HU Scholarship Applications are due May 10th at midnight.

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December 5- 7:30pm

December 6- 7:30pm

December 8- 2pm & 7:30pm

Performance at Texas Hall,
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December 21- 2pm



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