

HARBOR CITY MUSIC COMPANY CHORUS

December 1, 2009

TEMPO TIMES



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 12/4/09: **State House by Candlelight**, 7:30 p.m. Annapolis, MD
- 12/5/09: **Snackin' With Santa: A Holiday Tradition** with HCMC, Hilltop Elementary School, 11:00 a.m.
- 12/30/09: **32nd Annual Festival of the Lights**, Mormon Temple, 7 & 8 p.m.
- 2/14/10: **BOOK your special singing Valentine NOW!**
- 3/6/10: **3rd HCMC ART AUCTION** (place & time tbd)

WE'RE A GLOW AND ON THE GO!

Harbor City Music Company Show Chorus is busily preparing to entertain a variety of audiences during the 2009 holiday season. Check our calendar of events and website for details.

While you have your calendar in hand, you may want to take note of some of our upcoming frolicking and festivities!



SINGING VALENTINE'S

One of the favorite activities of HCMC members is to pull together a quartet and give the gift of song to another. Whether singing to someone who just climbed down a telephone pole OR appearing in front of a newly engaged couple

while having a fine bottle of wine, this group has and WILL deliver a memory of a lifetime. To find out more about our singing "grams" check out our website after January 1st. And, did I mention our quartets will sing for your special occasion (like anniversaries, birthdays, wedding showers, etc)?

HCMC ART AUCTION

It's not just ART. It's singing, wine, cheese and a silent auction to boot. Are you tired of looking at the same ole stuff on your walls? Perhaps you are thinking about adorning your walls with something beautiful to

showcase your home. Do you need an unusual gift? March 6th is an opportunity to have a blast all the while supporting the chorus. Don't need any art, then how about an inexpensive weekend away at Ocean City or someone to cook a meal for you? You'll be surprised at the deals you will find!

OH, did we mention there is usually some fine darn singing in the mix? How could you say no to this event?



OLD NEWS IS STILL GOOD NEWS

- 4/24/10: **Regional Competition** in Ocean City, Maryland
- 10/23/10: **Harmony Classic Sweet Adeline International Competition**, Seattle, Washington

Visit our website for details!



Capri



a.k.a.

In the event you haven't heard, fifty-eight members of Harbor City Music Company seized the Harmony Achievement award at the Sweet Adeline International Convention October 22, 2009. This year the award went to a chorus with no more than 66 singing members on stage and scoring over 960 points in four categories: music, sound, expression and performance. HCMC scored 1222.

Winning the award had particular significance for some of our members. One commented that "Nashville is good to us. It seems to be our town." Another said "I was so surprised! I had no idea that there was such an

award. And, I walked away with a beautiful blue medal." From a coach and judge "Please convey my heartiest congratulations and best wishes to all of your Chorus Members--you stepped up to the plate and hit a grand slam homerun!"

Two HCMC quartets walked away with awards also! Capri, 5th place and a.k.a., 11th- on the GLOBE! It's almost two months later and we are still receiving congratulations and kudos from coaches and fans. Thanks to ALL of you for your support!

Rather than ramble on with words, we thought we'd share our adventures with you in photos! Check these out ...



<http://www.harborcitymusiccompany.org/>



Harmony for the Holidays

We've gone to press before we've had a chance to get you pictures from our holiday activities, but we must say we've been having a rousing good time this holiday season. We were THRILLED to have over 19 talented women join us on the risers for our

other local groups decided to join us to herald in the holidays the HCMC way!

But wait, there is MORE! We also had 18 children, ages 4 – 12, join us for the HCMC Kid's Khorus. They will be featured with the

GIFT IDEAS

Did you know that you by purchasing scrip you can help us to raise funds while you shop? There are several ways you can help HCMC with their annual budget (e.g. rehearsal space,

first annual Harmony for the Holidays program!

Each participant learned between 10 – 12 songs varying from **We Wish You a Merry Christmas** to a medley called **It Came Upon a Midnight Clear/Silent Night**. Participants for the Harmony for the Holidays program hailed from all over Maryland. We had several singers who have never sung barbershop music before and, of course, we were most excited to introduce them to our special blend of music. In addition, Sweet Adeline's from

...remember they will be featured in the holiday chorus singing "Christmas Time is Here", a brand new arrangement from our director, Michael Gellert. Some of you may remember this timeless treasure from the ever popular Charlie Brown Christmas Special.

So much excitement, so little time! Our first rehearsal for the New Year begins January 6th. You may want to consider beating your holiday blues with a ringing chord or two!

annual budget (e.g., rehearsal space, coaching fees, etc.). Ask any member about:

Giant Food Scrip

HCMC CD – filled with great songs
National Scrip (e.g., Barnes & Noble, AppleBee's Home Depot & more)

Poinsettias will be on sale at our holiday show

What's great is you can purchase this scrip ANY TIME of the year!



HARBOR CITY MUSIC COMPANY
SHOW CHORUS

Phone:
800.856.9868

We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://www.harborcitymusiccompany.org/>



About Our Organization...

Harbor City Music Company is a member of Sweet Adelines International, a non-profit, world-wide organization of women singers committed to advancing the uniquely American musical art form of barbershop harmony through education and **performance**.

Our group is unique as we sing and perform a variety of music, most of it arranged by our talented director, Michael Gellert. This exciting repertoire includes: pop, Broadway, classics, jazz and the blues. A sampling of the tunes you may hear are: California Dreamin' (Mama's & Papa's), Shenandoah, She's Got A Way About Her (Billy Joel) and Fly Me to the Moon (Frank Sinatra).

By day we are government workers, small business owners, nurses, teachers, periodic distribution engineers, learning executives and more.

Members come from all over the state of Maryland including: Montgomery, Howard, Carroll, Harford, Frederick, Prince George's, Calvert, Baltimore, Anne Arundel, Queen Anne's, Wicomico counties and Baltimore City.

If you are looking for a large or small group of performers, call **800.856.9868**. We'd love it if you

"The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear!"

Buddy the Elf

We **perform** in a variety of venues including: large sports arena's (e.g., Washington Mystics), Association meetings, holiday parties or small groups. Our member's range in age from their early 20's to our wise women, who are approximately 80 in years. (We don't ask; They don't tell)!

...you would consider booking us for a holiday party, special program or to deliver a special singing greeting for any occasion (Christmas, Valentine's Day, Mom & Dad's Day or a Birthday). It's an honor to share our special blend of harmony with others, ultimately harmonizing the world.



real women.
real harmony.
real fun. ♪