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# TEMPO TIMES

Hello friends, family and fans of Harbor City Music Company (HCMC) Show Chorus. We've been out of touch for a while and hope you will forgive us. It's a classic case of "where did the time go and what happened to spring?" We did have a spring, right? We hope you enjoy our latest newsletter and wish you and yours a happy, relaxing and safe summer! We look forward to connecting with you again in the fall!



## HCMC QUARTETS ROCK THE STAGE IN OCEAN CITY



Let's start with heartiest of congratulations to HCMCs *Lustre*, the 1<sup>st</sup> place quartet in the 2011 Regional Contest. Lori Dreyer, Lori Crouter, Jenny Harris and Kate Morrival demonstrated to the judges and audience how beautiful singing can emerge after long hours of practice, attention to detail and dedication to a hobby! Also, congratulations to *Party Line*, 5<sup>th</sup> place quartet with Sarah Nainan- Newhard singing bass and to *Just Sing!* (Tarjia Johnson-bass) on their 12<sup>th</sup> place finish. This was the first contest for *Just Sing!* We were also proud to be represented by *Escapade* (Sherry Stanton - Lead) as the mic testers, and *a.k.a.* (Sue Taylor -

tenor) who sang for evaluation. HCMC members will be cheering on their sisters in song in Houston when Capri (current 3<sup>rd</sup> place International Medalists), *a.k.a.*, *Lustre* and *Escapade* all take the stage at the International contest. It will be the first time for *Lustre!* Way to go ladies!

When reflecting upon the success of the quartets affiliated with HCMC it came to our attention that we have 25 members who are active in registered quartets. That is 36% of our chorus or well over a third of our members. Fourteen (14) of these quartet members (20% of our membership) are in competing quartets. What a great way to enhance your barbershop knowledge and share the joy of harmony with others!

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 23, 2011 7:00 p.m.  
Bull Roast  
Michael's Eighth Avenue  
Glen Burnie, MD

September 10, 2011 Time TBD  
F.L.A.S.H. - Reg. Performance  
Hunt Valley, MD

September 17, 2011 Time TBD  
Appreciation Day  
Pasadena, MD

October 20, 2011 7:00 p.m.  
International Competition  
Houston, Texas  
(this is the approximate time we are on stage)

November 2, 2011 7:00 p.m.  
Holiday Chorus Rehearsals Begin  
Chesapeake Arts Center

November 5, 12, & 19, 2011  
Kid's Khorus (more info to follow)

December 3, 2011 11:00 a.m.  
Snackin' with Santa: A Tradition

December 14, 2011 7 & 8 p.m.\*  
Mormon Temple  
Kensington, MD

March 10, 2012  
Women's Expo  
Catonsville, MD

March, 2012 Time TBD  
Art Auction

\*Time subject to change

## SPRING INTO SUMMER



We don't seem to remember having a spring, but we have heard that there was one or at least there were a few days of mild temperatures. (But, wait, the chorus did perform at the regional contest for evaluation and had a blast hosting the convention. Our theme was "Sing Like a Canary or Take the Fifth!"). Immediately after contest, it was down to business with public performances, sectional rehearsals and special coaching sessions! We've performed at a variety of venues including: Ferndale Days, Baltimore Flower Mart, NCEON Fundraiser and HONfest. One new "adventure" was to have a group of HCMCers rise at the crack of dawn to help with promoting HONfest on WBFF TV. This group of

women had never sung together at 6:15 a.m. in the morning, but there is a first for everything. Our hostess for the morning, Emily Gracey (Fox News) and HON Cafe were great fun and we are hopeful to have a repeat performance in 2012!

## SOWING SEEDS OF HARMONY IN MARYLAND AND KOREA



Harbor City Music Company is proud to report that we have many new members joining the "sisterhood"! Since May we've been thrilled to have visitors showing up on our doorstep at the Chesapeake Arts Center almost non-stop. How cool is that? Without fail, they have all commented that they "wish they had known about the hobby sooner!" Please join us in welcoming several new talented members: Linda Baker (transferred to us from the Song of the Coast Chorus, Daytona Beach, Florida and heard us sing at the Baltimore FlowerMart), Ericka McLeod (found us via a chorus member and is enjoying singing), Erin Heilman (located us via the internet and has

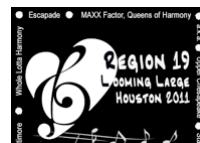
experience in high school and college musicals), Lacey Moore (a dual member with the Upper Chesapeake Chorus, who by the way will also going to Houston to compete this year in the Harmony Classic) and Catherine Thomas (a performer and director in community theater). We'd love it if you know of anyone who loves to sing and wants a way to express their inner performer. Won't you give them our number (800.856.9868)?

Oh, and while we are talking about spreading the joy of harmony, let's go across the world to Korea. One of our members, Susan Kohli, is in Korea while her husband is on a job assignment. She reports that she has "been talking us up" and her visiting oldest daughter cleared five HCMC **Unexpected Song** CDS through customs. She is giving them to her Korean friends so they will always have a song in their heart. Susan doesn't stop there, as her Korean choir director has requested that Susan give her English lessons in exchange for voice lessons! No slacker is this HCMC member!! We can't wait to hear her stories upon her return in August!

## SUPPORT HCMC AND THEIR UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

Harbor City Music Company Show Chorus has a bull roast on the calendar for September 23rd at Michael's Eighth Avenue in Glen Burnie, MD. This will support the group as they once again head for International Competition in Houston, Texas this October. To order tickets, contact any HCMC member or let us know you are interested by calling 1.800.856.0868. Tickets are \$40.00 each.

We also have a short-term fundraiser for those who would like to show support at International in Houston for the many performers from Sweet Adeline Region 19. We have an adorable tote bag available for \$15.00 with a logo of all of our



quartets and choruses who will be on-stage in Houston. For information on how to order, go to Harbor City Music Company Show Chorus Facebook page.



HCMC is also looking for corporate sponsors. If you or someone you know would like more information about our program, please contact us and become part of the Harbor City Music Company *experience!*

Members of this seventy member chorus hail from Anne Arundel, Carroll, Harford, Howard, Frederick, Montgomery, Charles, Baltimore County and City. In addition to entertaining around the region, the chorus also supports local non-profits including Anne Arundel County's North County Emergency Outreach Network (NCEON) and the American Cancer Society.

HCMC is a part of Sweet Adelines International (SAI). SAI is a highly respected worldwide organization of women singers committed to advancing the musical art form of barbershop harmony through education and performance. This independent, nonprofit music education association is one of the world's largest singing organizations for women. Members extend over five continents and belong to more than 600 choruses and 1,200 quartets. Women belonging to the organization state that singing the powerfully balanced sounds of barbershop harmony provides a rich, rewarding experience.

If you are interested in singing with this exciting group, rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings, 7:25 - 10:00 p.m. at the Chesapeake Performing Arts Center (one mile from exit 5 on the Baltimore Beltway; a 15 - 30 minute commute from Howard, Baltimore and Anne Arundel counties or a fun carpool ride from neighboring communities). If you would like to have the chorus or an ensemble perform for you, call **1-800-856-9868**.

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