

BARBERSHOP HARMONY!

It's easy, it's fun, and you can do it too, as part of the world's largest all-male singing organization!

Keeping the Whole World Singing! An Invitation To Sing Four-Part Harmony!

The Nashua Granite Statesmen Chapter
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BARBERSHOP CHORUS

Who Are These Guys, Anyway?

You may have heard us singing around town or at our spring or Christmas shows. We love singing four-part harmony and we would like to share our fun, excitement and camaraderie with you!

We are often asked how do we sing so well? We have a surprise for you! Not all of our members are steeped in music theory and it's interpretation! So how do we sound as good as we do? Well, lots of practice, patient, supportive coaching and we use learning tapes with each part highlighted for each song! You would be surprised to see how easy and fun it is to learn your part of a song!

We are looking for men who can sing on pitch, love to sing, and who want to have a lot of fun! Past musical or choral experience is helpful but not necessarily essential!

Our ages range from teenagers to

senior citizens and we represent many professions. What we share in common is our pleasure of singing together in four-part, close harmony. It is one of only three uniquely American, musical art forms.

We meet every Wednesday night from 7:30-10:30 P.M. in the new Senior Center at 70, Temple Street, downtown Nashua. There is ample parking at the center

What is This "Barbershop Harmony Society" ?

Way back in 1938, O.C. Cash and Rupert Hall decided to form an organization to promote four-part harmony singing. At the time, the government had agencies with long, complex names. O.C. decided to come up with the ultimate long name:

SPEBSQSA. That stood for the *Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America*. An institution was born that now includes more than 35,000 members in over 800 chapters worldwide. Our chapter is part of the Northeastern District that includes 85 barbershop singing chapters from Canada to New York State. Now, we just refer to ourselves as the Barbershop Harmony Society!

What Else Do You Do?

Performances: Beside our Christmas and Spring shows, we sing for local nursing homes, hospitals, Valentines day, and at nearly any occasion that an individual or organization may contract us for. The moneys that we raise from these performances are used to fund the chapter as well as for charitable causes. Income from our

performances is never used for our members' personal gain. We normally average a performances every 2 months over and above competition. Around Christmas and during Valentines Day, we are busier as the demand for our services increases dramatically.

Competition: All barbershop quartets and choruses, if they qualify, have the opportunity to compete at the Division (Maine and New Hampshire) level first, then at the District level, and finally at the International level. We look at competition as invaluable forums to measure and continuously improve our skills. We have been very fortunate to be Divisional champions continuously since 2002 and therefore earned the honor of representing the North Eastern division at the prestigious annual Internationals.

Charity: The Granite Statesmen raise money through their performances to support both local and national charities, with a special emphasis on encouraging youth music.

We remain committed to encouraging children to sing by offering scholarships every summer to chorus teachers and to high school students to attend our local Harmony Explosion Camp.

Family: As family members, we are very appreciative of the time our families and friends give us so that we may pursue our barbershop craft. Many wives and friends are very active in the support of our hobby.

Quarteting: Since barbershopping began with four-man singing groups called quartets, quartet singing has always been encouraged. Any four men in our chorus may form their own quartet. If they want to register their unique quartet name with the national organization, they can perform, compete, and create income for themselves

What Do I Have To Do To Join the Nashua Granite Statesmen?

The Nashua Granite Statesmen is a real friendly, fun-loving, group of great guys! We would love to have you as our guest on any Wednesday night from 7:30 to 10:30 PM. During that time, you will have the opportunity to see and hear what a typical evening is like.

We will check *your* voice range and invite you to join the voice section that best fits your voice. You will have an opportunity, if you wish, to practice harmonizing with the chorus and with a quartet.

We will teach you a few very easy lines, called tags, from the end of some songs so that you can hear and thrill to how much fun it is to harmonize with others! You will be singing great sounding barbershop harmony in no time!

Many of our visitors return for several meetings before they decide to join our chapter. We also run periodic singing and craft lessons for prospective members.

Once that you have decided to join the Granite Statesmen, you may keep the learning tape/CD and sheet music to learn the songs that we are working on.

Once you have learned the performance and show tunes to performance standards, you will be invited to perform with the chorus in public.

Performing with the chorus is not required to be a Granite Statesmen. Once you acquire the parts of our uniform, you will be an official Granite Statesmen Chorus member! Congratulations!

And, by this time, you may wish to contact some of your new chorus friends to start your own quartet!

You Can Sing Too!

How To Get Started...

For more information,
please contact:

Peter Wood

at (603) 672 0646

- OR -

Call our

local information line at:

603-886-Sing

Much more information, past, present and future is available on our website

www.Granitestatesmen.org

We will be happy to answer any questions that you may have! If *you* just wish to visit to see and hear what we do, again, *we* meet and rehearse at 70 Temple Street, downtown Nashua .

We sure hope that we will see you soon for a great experience and the chance to hear some of the sweetest four-part harmony that you have ever heard!

Thanks! Come give it a try!

