

JOHNNY APPLESEED DISTRICT

Barbershop Harmony Society



**2017
Spring Convention
& Contest**

**April 21-22
Olmsted Falls, OH**

Schedule of Events

Friday, April 21

- Registration open @ HQ Hotel* ----- Noon to 4:30 PM
- House of Delegates Meeting * ----- 1:00 to 4:00 PM
- Registration @ Contest Site ** ----- 5:30 PM
- Quartet Semi - Finals Contest ** ----- 6:30 PM
- Activities after the contest
 - Woodshedding *
 - District President's Hospitality Room *

Saturday, April 22

- Registration Open ** ----- 9:00 AM
- Joe Barbershopper Chorus ** ----- 9:00 AM
- Chorus Contest ** ----- 10:00 AM
- Chorus Evaluations** ----- 1:30 PM
- Music Reading Session* ----- 4:00 PM
- Registration ** ----- 5:30 PM
- Mixed Quartet & Quartet Finals ** ----- 6:30 PM
- Activities after the contest
 - Woodshedding *
 - Hospitality Rooms *

* Headquarters Hotel Holiday Inn Independence
 ** Contest Site Hope Community Church

District President
 Doug Smeltz

District Events Team

Greg Swann	VP Events and Conventions
Stevens Sommer	Convention Manager
Bari Courts	VP Contest & Judging
Nathan Miller	Back Stage, House & Awards
Jamison Calland	Back Stage Assistant
Brad Scott	Senior Sound/Video Technician
Ken & Sharon Stevens	Program & Registration
Carl Taylor	Non-Contest Activities Director
Skipp Kropp	Advisor

Host Chapter Events Team

Dave Rubin	Local Chair
Luther Carson	Stage & Judges Pit
Tammy Hipp	Judges Services
Tom Raab	Transportation
Ann Scott	Registration
Bruce Moore	House & Ushers
Terry Scott	Pattern & Runners
Jake Mandator	Barbershopper's Shop

Society Representative
 Chad Bennett



Johnny Appleseed District
*Donors, your gifts enrich
 lives through singing!*

*"They're not just some group at this school.
 They're almost like the star football team...
 when they come out and the audience cheers,
 it's like they're in the playoffs."*

~JOHN WERNEGA, DIRECTOR
 WILDCAT HARMONIZERS

Through their chorus, members of the Wildcat Harmonizers in Quinton Township, New Jersey have found their place at their middle school, and they performed their way into the hearts of thousands at the 2016 Society Conventions.

"It has always made me feel good when I feel sad," said Seven (pictured, second from left), a rising fourth grader who performs with the group, about singing.

Gifts to Harmony Foundation make it possible for choruses such as the Wildcat Harmonizers to experience performance and competition, learn from others, and take their talents to the world.

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Vocal Seniority

Congratulations to the JAD Seniors Chorus, *Vocal Seniority*. They brought home the Championship at the first Seniors Chorus Contest at Midwinter in San Antonio. They will do their prize winning package after the chorus contest Saturday.



Music Reading Session

This session will allow you to read through 6-7 charts of various difficulty to hopefully offer some new options for your chorus/quartet repertoire.. The session will be held at 4:00 pm Saturday in the Independence Room at the Holiday Inn. Everyone is welcome.



Barbershop Harmony Society Judging Panel

Steve Tremper
George Joslyn

NSC CA
DIX ACA

Steve Armstrong
John Brockman

ONT Music
FWD Music

Brian O'Dell
Barry Towner

JAD Performance
ONT Performance

Chris Peterson
Chad St. John

FWD Singing
JAD Singing

Music

The Music judge is responsible for adjudicating the musical elements of the performance. He judges the degree to which the musical delivery demonstrates an artistic sensitivity to the song's ongoing predominant musical element(s) and mood or story, as well as the extent to which the musical performance displays the hallmarks of the barbershop style. One of the primary hallmarks of barbershop music is its consonant harmony. Thus, the quality of performance depends largely on the ensemble presence, accurate execution, and artistic delivery of the consonant harmonies traditionally identified with the barbershop style. Indirectly, the Music judge evaluates the work of the composer and arranger. A basic prerequisite for a successful barbershop performance is that the song be appropriate to the barbershop style.

Performance

One significant goal of any art form is communication. A barbershop performance refers to how the artist communicates his/her message and vision via the transformation of a song into an entertaining experience for an audience. The performance of a song is the artist's gift to the audience; whose experiences, memories, and imagination transform that gift into an emotional experience. The performers' goal is to create a high level of entertainment through the performance. The means to that end are as varied as the personality, abilities and creative skills of the performers.

Singing

Judges in this category evaluate the degree to which the performer achieves artistic singing in the barbershop style: the production of vibrant, rich, resonant, technically accurate, and highly skilled sound, created both by the individual singer's use of good vocal techniques, and by the ensemble processes of tuning, balancing, unity of sound and precision. They listen for a sense of precise intonation, a feeling of fullness or expansion of sound, a perception of a high degree of vocal skill, a high level of unity and consistency throughout the performance, and a freedom from apparent effort that allows the full communication of the lyric and song.

JAD President's Welcome

Welcome to the 2017 Spring JAD Convention. We are so happy that our host chapter, Independence, helped the District in our time of need when Columbus was unavailable. We've used the Holiday Inn before and they are ready to help us be successful in every way! I know it's a drive to the venue but we are fortunate to have Hope Community Church come through for us at the last minute. Please be re-assured that we have already secured our Headquarter Hotel for the next two spring conventions in Columbus to make it more convenient for our chapters to come and participate. We have a great group of quartets and choruses to entertain you this weekend along with activities such as a fun reading session for new music provided by the society. Here's hoping we secure many spots at the International Quartet Contest. This is also our District Chorus Contest and it should be a great one!

We need to thank our VP of Events, Greg Swann, for making sure everything is up and running for this weekend along with Bari Courts, of VP of Contest and Judging, for making sure our contests run smooth and on time!

Doug Smeltz, JAD President

Welcome from your JAD Events and Conventions Vice President

Welcome JAD Barbershoppers, family, friends and guests to our 2017 Spring Convention and Contest. I would like to thank our Host, The Men and Women of the Independence Chapter for all they have done in preparations for this convention.

Make a note on your calendars now for the **Fall Convention & Contest October 20 – 22, 2017** to be held in Cranberry, PA. The Headquarters Hotel will once again be the beautiful Pittsburgh Marriott North. The accommodations at this hotel are outstanding, the service is exceptional, but best of all it's only a 5 – 10 min. drive to Cardinal Wuerl Catholic High School which will once again be our contest venue.

I hope you have a great time, and that this weekend proves to be full of harmony and good chords. However if an emergency or need arises, we stand ready to assist you in any way we can. Just contact me or any member of my District Events Team or any member of the Host Chapter Team and we will be happy to assist you in any way we can.

Thank you for attending the JAD 2017 Spring Convention & Contest. Have a wonderful weekend, sing a lot, visit with lots of old friends, and sing a tag or more with some new friends.

Yours in Harmony,
Greg Swann
JAD VP Events & Conventions

Rusty Cates Presenter Quartet Finals

Rusty Cates is a radio talk show host in Mansfield, Ohio. Rusty began working at WMAN (i Heart Media) in 1982 after graduating from Bowling Green State University. He grew up in Mansfield, and chose to stay here to promote local issues, events, and concerns. You can listen to his daily news and talk show from 6-9 am. Rusty has been a member of the Barbershop Harmony Society since he was in high school. He sings with The Alliance and, Senior Quartet "High Mileage". He currently serves on the JAD Board as Vice President of Outreach.

He and his wife, Susan, live in Mansfield. They have three grown children, Kelly and Natalie, and a son, Benji. All three are music teachers.



Mixed Quartet Contest

Johnny Appleseed District is introducing their first Mixed Quartet Contest this year. This is a completely separate contest from the Preliminary Quartet Contest held in the spring. The rules for competing in a mixed quartet are very simple.

- At least 1 man and 1 woman: can be 3 and 1, 2 and 2, or 1 and 3
- At least 2 quartet members must live within JAD boundaries
- Standard BHS contest rules
- Standard Scoring with a published score sheet



Joe Barbershopper Mic Testing Chorus

All men are encouraged to join the "Joe Barbershopper Mic Testing Chorus" directed by Brian O'Dell. Please gather on stage at 9:00 Saturday morning.

And Your Presenters Are:

Chad Bennett

Presenter Quartet Semi-Finals Contest

Chad Bennett joined the Society shortly after winning the 1993 College Quartet Contest with Heritage Station from Marshall University in Huntington, WV. He also holds three District Quartet championships and has appeared at International over a dozen times in various quartets. Before moving to Nashville to work at Harmony Hall, Chad spent 18 years as a four-part singer with the Dapper Dans of Main Street USA at Walt Disney World in Orlando, FL. Between 2004 and 2016 he served on the Sunshine District Board of Directors in various positions including Director of Conventions, VP Events, and Executive VP. Chad currently serves as the Manager of Community Engagement and Show Production for the Barbershop Harmony Society.

Skipp Kropp

Presenter Chorus Contest

Skipp is the current Society President and sings with Circle City Sound, the chorus of the Greater Indianapolis Chapter in Cardinal District. He began barbershopping while at Purdue University, joining the Lafayette, Indiana, chapter in 1970, and has been a member of six chapters (proving that no one can get along with him) and sung in a number of registered quartets (same comment about getting along). He has served as Music & Performance Vice President in five chapters and director of two.

While living in Johnny Appleseed District, he was Laws and Regulations Committee chair (1996-present), Events VP (1998-2002 and 2005-6), Executive Vice President (2001-2), and President (2003-2004). He was elected to a three year term as a member of the Barbershop Harmony Society Board of Directors for 2007-2009 and again for 2013-2015. He served as Executive Vice President of the Society in 2015 and 2016 and was elected Society President for 2017 in Nashville last July.

Skipp is a past JAD Barbershopper of the Year and member of the JAD Hall of Fame. He practices environmental law with the West Virginia-based law firm Steptoe & Johnson PLLC, and lives in Indianapolis with his wife, Nancy.

Welcome From Your Host Chapter

The Men of Independence and the rest of Cleveland barbershoppers are very excited to welcome our friends across the Johnny Appleseed District back to our neck of the woods for the JAD Spring Convention. We are re-using two of our favorite venues – Hope Community Church (which has undergone a name change) and the Holiday Inn Rockside – which have both proven to be great places to enjoy our favorite hobby.

We are especially excited about this convention with some new events like the Mixed Quartet contest and the new song reading session, as well as the famous all-night tag singing in the hotel Saturday night. Enjoy the wide variety of restaurants near the hotel and give a nod to our World Champion Cavaliers while you are in town.

We trust you will have fun, sing well (and often), and catch up on great friends and your barbershop family while you are here. If you need any help just look for the MOI volunteers in their red shirts. We aim to make this another great JAD Convention.

Dave Rubin

Local Convention Chairman

The Men of Independence

JAD Executive Vice President

JAD Calendar of Events

BHS International	July 2-8, 2017
Las Vegas, NV	
JAD Fall Convention	October 20-21, 2017
Cranberry, PA	
BHS MidWinter	January 16-21, 2018
Orange County, CA	
JAD Spring Convention	April 20-21, 2018
Columbus, OH	

JAD Mini Apple Corps Schedule

- June 3, 2017 - SE Quadrant, New Philadelphia, OH
Hosts - Tuscarawas County Chapter
- June 3, 2017 - SW Quadrant, Centerville, OH
Hosts - JAD
- June 10, 2017 - NE Quadrant, Boardman, OH
Hosts - Shenango Valley Chapter
- June 10, 2017 - NW Quadrant, Bowling Green, OH
Hosts - Northwest Ohio Chapter

Quartet Semi-Finals & Senior District Champions

Friday, April 21 – 6:30 P.M.
Hope Community Church

Presenter

Chad Bennett

Quartet	Tenor	Lead
Quartet Type	Baritone	Bass
Chapter(s)		

MT	Yesteryear	Will Baughman	Mark Blake
		Rod Nixon	Randy Baughman

1	Prototype	Mark Hoffman, II	CC Snyder
	P	JP Miller	Jon Bell
	Northwest Ohio, Maumee Valley, Fostoria, Defiance		

2	Riverblend	Don Gray	Thomas Rouse
	P	Bayard Pelsor	Dutch Speidel
	Western Hills (Cincinnati)		

3	Cornerstone	Frederick Locker	Chris Foisy
	P	Michael Sabo	David Hipp
	Independence, Canton, Lorain		

4	Weekend Edition	Steven Shiveley	Kent Vanderkolk
	P	Todd Farrow	Troy Kaper, Jr.
	Xenia, Western Hills (Cincinnati), Dayton Metro		

5	Route 33	Keith Shuck	Chuck Young
	P	Doug Smeltz	Tim Kalb
	Buckeye Columbus, Greater Kanawha Valley, Greater Central Ohio, Mansfield		

6	The Independents	Jonathan Lang	Mark Lang
	P	Brandon Miller	David Rubin
	Independence		

7	Escapade	Tim Speicher	Pat Keenan
	P	Bradley Babiack	Jon Clunies
	Pittsburgh Metro, Frank Thorne		

Quartet Finals

Mic Tester _____

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Quartet Qualifier(s) to International

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Senior Quartet District Champs

Quartet Finals & Mixed Quartet Contest

Saturday, April 22– 6:30 P.M.
Hope Community Church

Presenter

Rusty Cates

Mixed Quartet Contest

Quartet	Tenor	Lead
Quartet Type	Baritone	Bass

1	Guys and Dolls	Caris Conrad	Carlee Conrad
		Kerry Conrad	Matt Cook
	Notes:		

2	The Family Business	Amelia Praetzel	Christina Praetzel
		Leanna Praetzel	Robert Praetzel
	Notes:		

3	4 Better 4 Worse	Maggie Dudrow	Shelley Wysong
		Doug Smeltz	John Dudrow
	Notes:		

4	Meet Virginia	Virginia Reen	Bernie Reen
		Dominic Reen	Stephen Reen
	Notes:		

Mixed Quartet Placement

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2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

8	High Mileage	Larry Icenogle	Rusty Cates
	S	Dennis Sagar	Joe Jenkins
	Greater Central Ohio		

15 minute Intermission

9	The Guyer Boys	Jake Guyer	Nate Guyer
	P, OOD	Gabe Guyer	Joel Guyer
	Mammoth Cave		

10	Velocity	Randy Goss	Ernie Blevins
	P	Mark Culp	Terry Healey
	Western Hills (Cincinnati), Frank Thorne		

11	Speakeasy	Matt Cook	Keith Parker, Jr
	P	Kerry Conrad	Terry Keith
	Elyria, Independence, North Coast, St. Charles, Dallas Metro, Fostoria, Northwest Ohio		

12	Throwback	Paul Saca	Sean Devine
	P, OOD	Alex Rubin	Michael Skutt
	Hershey, Sunrise, Miami		

13	Unfinished Business	Dave McKinnon	Jeff Gehm
	P	George Lepsch	Bob Godot
	Independence, Frank Thorne, Greater Cranberry		

14	The Crew	Noah Campbell	Patrick Michel
	P	Paul Gilman	Jared Wolf
	Greater Central Ohio, Western Hills (Cincinnati), Frank Thorne		

15	The Regulars	Christopher Boron	Chris Buirley
	P	John Geyer	Peter Scalabrino
	Greater Central Ohio		

P= Prelims

S = Senior

E = Evaluation Only

OOD = Out of District

Chorus Contest

Saturday, April 22 – 10:00 A.M.

Hope Community Church

Presenter **Skipp Kropp**

MT Joe Barbershopper Chorus

1. Elyria Northern Cascade Chordsmen
Alan Downey - Director *Performance Only*

2. Akron Akron Derbytown Chorus
Scott Giles - Director AAA

3. Huntington Tri-State The ThunderTones
Steve Patrick - Director AA

4. Greater Kanawha Valley Kanawha Kordsmen
Steven Waggoner, Ted Rose - Directors AA

5. Northwest Ohio Voices of Harmony
CC Snyder, Will Baughman - Directors AAA

6. Defiance Northwesternaires
James Shisler - Director AAAAA

7. Canton Hall of Fame Chorus
Frederick Locker - Director AAA

8. Western Hills (Cincinnati) Southern Gateway Chorus
Jeff Legters - Director AAAAA

9. Pittsburgh Metro The Steel City Harmonizers
Donald Dressler, III - Director AAAAA

10. Independence The Men of Independence
Gary Lewis - Director AAAAA

11. Heights High School Cleveland Heights
Jesse Lange - Director *Performance Only*

Chorus Winners:

Plateau A

Plateau AA

Plateau AAA

Plateau AAAAA

Overall JAD Chorus Champion



JAD Leadership

JAD Board Members

District President	Doug Smeltz
Executive Vice President	David Rubin
Immediate Past President	Steve Wyszomierski
Treasurer & CFO	Brian Zattau
Secretary	Alan Lapp
Board Member at Large SW	Doug Watson
Board Member at Large SE	John Fuller
Board Member at Large NE	Chris Foisy
Board Member at Large NW	Terry Reichenbach

Vice Presidents

Contest & Judging	Bari Courts
Events	Greg Swann
Music Leadership	Jeff Gehm
Administrative Leadership	Karl Chapple
Outreach	Rusty Cates
Chapter Relations & Fellowship	Kris Eshghy
Technology & Communication	CC Snyder