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THE VOCAL MAJORITY wins world chorus championship

The Vocal Majority men's chorus of Dallas reclaimed the gold medals that eluded them last year, as they captured the 2018 international championship of the Barbershop Harmony Society on Friday, July 6 in Orlando.

The tender ballad "What I Did For Love" from *A Chorus Line* and "Don't Rain On My Parade" from *Funny Girl* with extravagant choreography propelled the 153-man chorus to its 13th world championship, the most ever in barbershop competition. It was a return to form for the Dallas dynasty, outpacing second place rivals **Westminster Chorus** by a comfortable 1.5% margin. It was the first faceoff between the two powerhouses since 2010, when Westminster beat the Vocal Majority.

More than 1800 men competed in 30 choruses representing the US, Canada, Sweden, Great Britain and New Zealand in the contest, held at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando. The top five finishers were:

- 1. The Vocal Majority, Dallas, Texas, 2912 points, 97.1%
- 2. Westminster Chorus, Los Angeles, 2870 points, 95.7%
- 3. Parkside Harmony, Hershey, Pennsylvania, 2767 points, 92.2%
- 4. Sound of the Rockies, Denver, Colorado, 2765 points, 92.2%
- 5. Music City Chorus, Nashville, Tennessee, 2763 points, 92.0%

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