



Everyone in Harmony

At the 2016 International Convention in Nashville, Heart of Carolina's director, Dr. Bill Adams, heard the German mixed chorus Heavy Medal. After the convention he went to HCA's Board of Directors and said, "I want one." The Chapter immediately began exploring options for welcoming women and creating a mixed chorus. That process took an entire year of planning and discussion because it was considered vital that every single member of the Chorus be in agreement before moving forward.

In August of 2017, Heart of Carolina hosted a Guest Night and invited people of all genders to come and sing with the Chorus. From that meeting, a core of nearly a dozen women joined the Chapter!

Since then, Heart of Carolina has gone on to win two Carolinas District Mixed Chorus Championships and they earned an invitation to the World Mixed Championships in Germany for 2020 — the first American chorus to earn an invitation. Mixed Harmony is at the center of their youth outreach and education programs.

The Men's Chorus is still very active in Heart of Carolina, recently earning it's first ever invitation to compete at International. The two projects work side by side and create an environment in the Chapter where both thrive.

Today, the Carolinas District hosts chorus and quartet championships for mixed harmony and a healthy youth contest structure encouraging male, female, and mixed quartets and choruses to participate.

Mixed Harmony is alive and well at Heart of Carolina and in the Carolinas District!