



2025

Riverside

Far Western District

Spring Convention

Harmony Platoon

**Board of Directors • President's Reception & BBQ
Past Presidents • Harmony College West Lite
Directors' Round Table • Listening Session
International Quartet Preliminaries
Southeast & Southwest Division Contests
Divisional High School Quartet Contest
Show of Champions
Afterglow**



March 13-16, 2025

**Fox Theatre • Hampton Inn & Suites
Riverside, California**

Welcome to Riverside!



Welcome to the FWD Southeast/Southwest Division Convention and Prelims!

We are thrilled to have you join us for what promises to be one of the most exciting and dynamic events of the year. Conventions just keep getting better and bigger, and this one is no exception. Whether you're a newcomer or a seasoned Barbershopper, there's something for everyone to enjoy and participate in!

This year, we've packed the schedule with a variety of opportunities to learn, grow, and connect. You'll find the Harmony Platoon offering exciting musical experiences, as well as Harmony College West Classes designed to deepen your skills and broaden your

knowledge. Directors and aspiring leaders will benefit from dedicated Director Development and Leadership Development sessions, providing valuable insights for both individuals and groups.

And of course, what would a Barbershop convention be without plenty of singing? Get ready for an amazing lineup of performances, quartets, and chorus. It's all about having fun, making memories, and celebrating the joy of Barbershop harmony.

So, whether you're here to learn, perform, or simply soak in the camaraderie, we're thrilled to have you as part of this incredible event. Let's make this convention unforgettable!

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Adam Kaufman

FWD President & Events Director



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Bill Tieberg

2025 FWD Spring Convention Honoree

Bill Tieberg began his 67-year barbershop career as a 10th grade student in Minnesota. His first quartet, the Ore-Bits, was a salute to both the local iron mines and the early days of space exploration.

While attending the University of Minnesota he was a member of the Minneapolis Commodores. During a stint in the Air Force he sang in another quartet. After discharge he returned to the Commodores where he remained until he moved to California and joined the Pasadena Chorus and a quartet, the Paradesmen. A subsequent move to the Bay Area found Bill singing with the San Francisco Cable Car Chorus and in another quartet, The Pacific Union Club. When the PUC folded he transferred to the Peninsula Chorus.



In 1974 the Peninsulaires competed in the International Chorus Contest where they edged out the Vocal Majority and won silver behind the Thoroughbreds. The stirring WWI package Peninsula presented was a brilliant performance, and it was in the planning and creation of that package that Bill began to demonstrate his abilities as a coach.

A second outcome of the contest was the birth of a quartet which still has the record for the longest name in Society History, The San Francisco Storm Door and Whale Oil Company, which was too long to include on the score sheets. The 'Doors', as they were known, were District champions in 1975 and competed in the International Contest six times. During their years together they sang on shows throughout the Society and were guests at the BABS convention.

After the quartet retired Bill put to use his coaching skills, and in addition to serving on the faculty of Harmony College West he mentored and coached many burgeoning quartets. His final quartet, Executive Privilege, once again showcased his vocal talents.

Their disbanding coincided with Bill's retirement, at which point he moved to Oceanside. Although he visited both the Masters of Harmony and Pacific Coast Harmony he was diagnosed with cancer of the larynx, and the radiation treatments damaged his voice, rendering it impossible for him to sing. Nonetheless until just a few years ago he continued to do some teaching and coaching, and he still gets his barbershop fix at shows and conventions.

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Congratulations, Bill!

Welcome Special Guests!



Bob Cox

BHS Ambassador

Bob started his barbershop life in high school on a dare from a teacher with three close friends and fellow choir members over 55 years ago. Bob joined the Riverside Citrus Belters Chorus in 1974 while serving in the Air Force at March AFB and has been active ever since.

Bob has been in key leadership positions on the Society, District and Chapter levels and was the Chairman of the 2002 and 2012 International Conventions in Portland. He is a Certified Leadership Training Facilitator supporting the Society's Leadership and Operations Team and Leadership Academy Training Programs. He is a Past EVG District President and has been recognized as EVG District BOTY and inducted into the District's Hall of Fame and is currently on the EVG Board and Chapter President of the Oregon SenateAires. Chapter honors include BOTY of Riverside CA and Salem, OR Chapters and Salem Chapter Hall of Fame.

Bob served in the US Air Force and US Army and retired as a Senior NCO, Operations and Training for the Oregon Army National Guard Recruiting and Retention Command in 2003. Bob and his wife (Suzanne) of 52 years live in Salem, OR, and have two grown children and 4 grandchildren. Outside of barbershop, he enjoys golf, sharing time with his grands, supporting Oregon State University sports and occasionally a nice cigar.



Jim Clark

Harmony Foundation International

Watching his father, Dan Clark, singing in 'The Chordial Celebration' quartet in Scottsbluff, Nebraska started Jim on his singing journey. In college, Jim sang in the 1995 CSD Quartet Champions, Freefall, and the 1999 Int'l Medalist College Quartet, Millennium. Jim currently sings lead in both the

2010 Int'l champ quartet, Storm Front, and with both his sons in the 2023 RMD Novice Champ quartet, 3 Young Guys.

Jim has directed the America the Beautiful Chorus in Colorado Springs since 2010, and was recently named Barbershopper of the Year for Denver's Sound of the Rockies. He also continues to be a coach and clinician throughout the United States.

Professionally, Jim is Director of Development for Harmony Foundation Int'l, whose mission is to connect people through charitable giving to enrich lives through singing. Jim lives in Aurora, CO with his wife, Rhonda and their sons, Simon and Seamus.



Far Western District Spring Convention

International Prelims • Southern Divisions



March 13-16, 2025 • Riverside, California

Hosted by the Westminster Chapter

Schedule of Events

All times marked are Pacific Daylight Time.

Doors open 30 minutes prior to each event. Your convention badge is required for entry into all events.

THURSDAY 03/13

Harmony Platoon	4:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Hampton Inn Common Area
FWD Board of Directors	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Hyatt Place
Convention Badge Pick-Up	8:45 pm - 10:00 pm	Hampton Inn Boardroom
President's Reception & BBQ	8:45 pm	Hampton Inn Common Area

FRIDAY 03/14

Convention Badge Pick-Up	9:00 am - 10:30 am	Hampton Inn Boardroom
Past Presidents' Breakfast	9:00 am - 11:00 am	Hampton Inn Breakfast Area
HCW Lite Classes	9:30 am - 12:45 pm	Hyatt Place 1, 2, 3
Directors' Roundtable	11:15 pm - 12:45 pm	Hyatt Place 1
Listening Session w/ BOD, BHS, HFL	1:45 pm - 3:15 pm	Hyatt Place 3
Registration & Box Office	1:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Fox Theatre Lobby
Quartet Semifinal	4:00 pm - 9:20 pm	Fox Theatre
Quartet Feedback	10:00 pm - 12:00 am	Hyatt Place Judges' Suites

SATURDAY 03/15

Registration & Box Office	8:30 am - 12:00 pm	Fox Theatre Lobby
Everyone Welcome Chorus	9:35 am	Fox Theatre Tower
Chorus Contest	10:00 am - 12:30 pm	Fox Theatre
High School Quartet Contest	12:30 pm - 1:00 pm	Fox Theatre
Chorus Feedback	1:30 pm - 3:45 pm	Warmup Rooms
Harmony Platoon	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Hampton Inn Common Area
Box Office	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Fox Theatre Lobby
Quartet Final	5:00 pm - 7:40 pm	Fox Theatre
Encore Performances	7:40 pm - 8:40 pm	Fox Theatre
Quartet Feedback	9:30 pm - 11:30 pm	Hyatt Place Judges' Suites
"Make Your Own" Afterflow	9:45 pm	Hampton Inn Common Area

LOCATIONS

Fox Performing Arts Center, 3801 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside, CA

Hampton Inn (Headquarters), 3505 Market Street, Riverside, CA

Hyatt Place, 3500 Market Street, Riverside, CA

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Thank you for your cooperation.



Let's get this party started!!!

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION & Barbecue

That's right, our District President, ADAM KAUFMAN, is firing up the barbie and inviting all the early-comers to join in the fun on **THURSDAY, MARCH 13 at 8:45 pm** at **HAMPTON INN** patio and common area.

There'll be dawgs & burgers, beer, wine, soda, water & chips for you to enjoy.

What a great way to kick off a FUN weekend of singing and great harmony!



HCW Lite Class Schedule

FRIDAY 03/14 - 9:30 am - 11:00 am

Cary Burns..... Everyone in Harmony: An Exploration of Human Diversity . Hyatt Place 1
 Sara Littlefield..... VoCalisthenics.....Hyatt Place 2
 Jim Clark..... Comedy is a Serious Business Hyatt Place 3

FRIDAY 03/14 - 11:15 am - 12:45 pm

Laura Pallas Singer . Director’s RoundtableHyatt Place 1
 Shawn Mondragon. The Ins and Outs and In Betweens of a Great Performance.....Hyatt Place 2
 Cy Wood..... Organs of Engagement..... Hyatt Place 3

Listening Session

FRIDAY 03/14 - 1:45 pm - 3:15 pm

Town Hall listening session with the FWD BOD, BHS and HFI reps Hyatt Place 3
 Everyone is invited to attend this town hall forum to meet with District and Society leaders to hear about and discuss topics of interest.

Class Descriptions

Everyone in Harmony: An Exploration of Human Diversity

Instructor: Cary Burns

This class is designed to give perspective about the wonderful diversity of humans while providing a safe place to learn and ask questions. This class is fact-based. No politics – no religion. We will learn current terminology and parse out the sometimes-confusing language being used today. We will learn how nature and nurture produce a natural variety of traits in people. All are welcome!

VoCalisthenics

Instructor: Sara Littlefield

VoCalisthenics is a dynamic class focused on warming up the voice and reinforcing essential barbershop singing techniques. Through a progressive, comprehensive vocal warm-up sequence, participants will explore vocal pedagogy and vocal health with practical applications, ensuring optimal preparation for rehearsal or performance. Build a strong foundation for healthy vocalization and harmonizing with precision.

Comedy is a Serious Business (Adding Comedy to Your Performances)

Instructor: Jim Clark

How in the world do you effectively add comedy to your performance? Get some pointers from Jim Clark, Lead of 2010 Int'l Quartet Champs, Storm Front. (He may even ask for volunteers to create comedy right there in class!!)

Directors' Roundtable

Facilitator: Laura Pallas Singer

The Directors' Roundtable is where the Front Line Directors (FLDs) are able to get together at conventions for an informal gathering, with the intention of getting to know one another better, and sharing ideas, concerns, and mutual support. We understand the importance of cross-chorus support.

Please note: FLDs of all levels are welcome and encouraged to participate. What better use of our time than to educate and learn from one another!

The Ins and Outs and In Betweens of a Great Performance

Instructor: Shawn Mondragon

This class explores the seldom discussed yet important details that can make or break performance. Learn how a greater understanding of all the little things add up to huge impact on your next quartet or chorus performance.

Organs of Engagement

Instructor: Cy Wood

Participants will learn how to engage authentic communication through different organs of the human body while performing to help drive the message and lyric further and to deeply connect with audiences.

2025 Spring Convention Committee

Convention Chairman.....	Adam Kaufman	Production Team	Jim & Sharon Ernsberger
FWD President.....	Adam Kaufman	Sound Engineer	Jim Ernsberger
FWD VP C&J (DRCJ)	Ben Porter	Stage Manager	Sharon Ernsberger
Asst. DRCJ.....	Randy Meyer	Judges Hospitality	Diane Meyer
FWD Events Director	Adam Kaufman	Awards.....	Chuck Hunter, Sr.
FWD Registrar	David Melville	Convention Program.....	David Melville
FWD Treasurer.....	Wally Smulson	Host Chapter Coordinators..... Lucas Der Mugrdechian & Shawn Nielsen

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Panel of Judges

Administrative

Panel Chair - David Bowen (FWD)

Admin - Randy Meyer (FWD)

Musicality

Alexander Koller (BinG!)

Tyler Wiggington (RMD)

Performance

Shawn Mondragon (RMD)

Cy Wood (FWD)

Singing

Adrian Leontovich (FWD)

Chris Hébert (FWD)

CANDIDATES

Administrative

Daniel Laguros (SWD)

Determining Relative Rank

Music

Music is defined as the song and arrangement, as performed. The Music Category judges the arranger's skill and the performer's musicianship in bringing the mood or story of the song to life, and the suitability of the material to the barbershop style.

Performance

These judges evaluate how effectively a performer brings the song to life. They judge the entertainment value of the performance — the art of the performance.

Singing

In the Singing Category, artistic singing in the barbershop style is judged — listening holistically for ringing in-tune voices that use a free, beautiful and rich vocal quality, which is wonderfully unified and vocally expressive.

Each judge may award up to 100 points per song.

Read more about each category in-depth at barbershop.org/contests

Definition of the Barbershop Style

Barbershop harmony is a style of unaccompanied vocal music characterized by consonant four-part chords for every melody note in a primarily homorhythmic (the same word sounds at the same time) texture. The melody is consistently sung by the lead (second tenor), with the tenor (first tenor) harmonizing above the melody, the bass singing the lowest harmonizing notes, and the baritone completing the chord. Occasional brief passages may be sung by fewer than four voice parts.

Barbershop music features songs with understandable lyrics and easily singable melodies, whose tones clearly define a tonal center and imply major and minor chords and barbershop (dominant and secondary dominant) seventh chords that often resolve around the circle of fifths, while also making use of other resolutions.

Barbershop music also features a balanced and symmetrical form, and a standard meter. The basic song and its harmonization are embellished by the arranger to provide appropriate support of the song's theme and to close the song effectively.

Barbershop singers adjust pitches to achieve perfectly tuned chords (instead of tempered tuning like the piano) in just intonation while remaining true to the established tonal center. Artistic singing in the barbershop style exhibits a fullness or expansion of sound, precise intonation, a high degree of vocal skill, and a high level of unity and consistency within the ensemble. Ideally, these elements are natural, not manufactured, and free from apparent effort.

The performance of barbershop music uses appropriate musical and visual methods to convey the theme of the song and provide the audience with an emotionally satisfying and entertaining experience. Barbershop singers traditionally do not hold sheet music. The musical and visual delivery is from the heart, believable, and sensitive to the song and its arrangement throughout. The most stylistic performance artistically melds together the musical and visual aspects to create and sustain the illusions suggested by the music.

Barbershop can be performed in quartets as well as choirs, and can be found all over the world in male, female, and mixed ensembles.

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Thank you for your cooperation.

The Barbershop Quartet Preservation Association (BQPA/PIONEERS) is an ever-growing group of singers dedicated to the preservation and perpetuation of the traditional style of barbershop quartet music described in our style definition.

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The BQPA has a fun-filled festival each Spring at the Embassy Suites Tempe in the Phoenix area.

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For more information about the BQPA, please visit our website:

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2025 International Quartet Preliminary Semifinal and Southeast & Southwest Divisions Quartet Contest

March 14 • Riverside, California

Presenter: **Bob Cox, BHS Ambassador**

All names are listed by voice part: tenor, lead, baritone, and bass.

P=Prelim, SE/SW=Division, SR=Senior, N=Novice, Y=Youth

MT. Blair's Crew

Oscar Sotelo, Blair Brown, Ravi Raghuram, Harrison Cooke

1. SoloVoce

Kim Alley, Tracey Sandberg, Jennifer French, Marina Hayden
Frank Thorne (P, SE)

2. 'Til Morning Comes

Gil Cuevas, Steve Salmon, Ruben Viray, Antwun Puckett
California Delta, Las Vegas, Westminster, Frank Thorne (SE)

3. High Spirits

Rebecca Smith, Jesse Davidson, Sarah Shapiro, Yasu Ichikawa
Greater Los Angeles, Lake Forest, Westminster (SE, N)

4. Mugshot

Maria Burri-Ketchum, Katie Roman, Rob Roman, Scott Fewell
Aloha, Portland, OR (P)

5. Moving Parts

James Halvorson, Alan Gordon, Dallas Halvorson, Dan Wessler
California Delta, Greater Los Angeles, Westminster (P)

6. Singray

Catherine Wood, Laura Pallas Singer, David Wood, Tim Singer
Santa Monica, Frank Thorne (SW, SR, N)

7. Creative Differences

Ben Laboy, Jeff Howe, Mark O'Meara, John Rae-Grant
Barbary Coast (P)

8. Old Town Rascals

Authur Sauls, Steve Secules, Mark Lewis, Samuel Irvin
Santa Maria, Temecula (P, SE)

9. Lulu Bells

Violet Dawson, Cole Dawson, Susan Sawka, Charles Carothers
Greater Los Angeles, Frank Thorne (SE, N)

10. Ready Willing & Mabel

Kate Walker, Caroline McLean-Neushul, Pete Neushul, Jim Campbell
L.A. South Towns, South Bay, Frank Thorne (SW)

~ **INTERMISSION** ~

11. Highway 39

Mallory Otto, Richard Otto, Tony Hope, John Saylor
Brea, Westminster (SE)

12. Coastliner Kidz

Bayindir Citak, Kevin Connors, Jr., Brian Mescher, Steve Fuller
South Bay, Westminster (P, SW, N)

13. Counter Intuition

Matthew Bridgeman, Harrison Patri, Chris Rodrigues, Nicholas Glaab
Westminster (P, SW)

14. High Stakes

Kurtis Harrold, Cam Espino, Kevin Palmer, Jason Hill
Las Vegas, Westminster (P, SE)

15. The Seventh Variety

Jacob Gonzalez, Michael Keleshian, Emil Pichardo, Mitchell James Sampang
Greater Los Angeles, Westminster (P, SW)

16. Midnight Laundry

Riley Dewitt-Rickards, Noah Lotter, Brandon Wang, Jeff Sha
La Jolla (P, SE)

17. Balancing Act

Shelley Anderson, Alice Burgé, Cathy Gansen, Tom Fazekas
La Jolla, San Diego (SE, SR)

18. Yes Dear

Melanie Esquivias, Caitlin Klemballa, R.J. Esquivias, Jason Klemballa
Greater Phoenix, Westminster, Frank Thorne (P)

19. Critical Chords

Ernie Reyes, David Feiner, Adam Marangakis, Nate Reed
Greater Los Angeles, Lake Forest (SW)

20. Clear-Cut

Matt Bohy, Daniel Martin, Jesse Davidson, Alex Lambert
Greater Los Angeles, Lake Forest, Westminster (SW)

~ INTERMISSION ~

21. Bardic Inspiration

Harrison Patri, Chris Rodrigues, Eddie McNally, Hunter Farrington
Westminster (SE)

22. Speakeasy

Matthew Gray, Ted Allen, Peter Trist, Brian Philbin
Greater Los Angeles, Lake Forest, Westminster (P, SE)

23. The Newfangled Four

Joey Buss, Jackson Nieburgge, Marcus Carline, Jake Tickner
Westminster (P)

24. Adrenaline Rush

Erica Whaley, Pamela McCombs, Sami Zuno, Jenni Bump
La Jolla, Frank Thorne (SE, N)

25. California Kings

Alex Carlson, Lucas Der Mugrdechian, O.J. de la Osa, Chase Ferrante
Westminster (P, SE)

26. The Essentials

Graham Pence, Ben Smurthwaite, Jason James, John Saylor
Brea, Westminster, Frank Thorne (P, SE)

27. SoCal Ramblers

Jim Thompson, Brad Kelso, Scott Suwabe, Geoff Wilson
South Bay, Frank Thorne (P, SW)

28. The Summertimers Harmony Band

Lane Aikin, Derrek Wayne, Kedar Shashidhar, Kyle Williamson
Westminster (P)

29. Never Too Late

Ken Martin, Adam Teachout, Max Coxon, Jean-Paul DeChambeau
Nashville, TN, Frank Thorne (P)

30. Secret Sauce

CJ Miller, Cam Espino, Ruben Viray, Antwun Puckett
Las Vegas, Westminster, Frank Thorne (SE, Y)



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Everyone Welcome Chorus

As the name implies, everyone is welcome to participate in the official "Mic Tester" chorus for the contest. At the convention the chorus will be under the musical direction of **Jim Clark**.

The songs will be...

- **From the First Hello to the Last Goodbye** (high tag)
- **Hello, Mary Lou**

Both songs will be sung using the TTBB arrangements.

The chorus will rehearse Saturday morning. See the schedule for Details.

ALOHA!

We are thrilled to announce that the **2026 Pan Pacific Barbershop Convention** AND **2026 Far Western District Fall Convention** will be held in the beautiful city of **Honolulu, Hawai'i** from October 6 to 10, 2026!

Get ready to join us for an unforgettable experience filled with harmony, camaraderie, and the stunning backdrop of O'ahu's paradise. Whether you're a seasoned barbershop enthusiast or new to the world of barbershop music, this convention promises to be an event to remember.



Far Western District

2025 Southeast & Southwest Divisions Chorus Contest

March 15 • Riverside, California

Presenter: **Dallas Halvorson**

SE/SW=Division, A/AA/AAA=Plateau Level

MT. Everyone Welcome Chorus

Directed by Jim Clark

1. The Music Men

Directed by David Garstang
Palomar Pacific (SE, A)

2. Vocal Mixology

Directed by Phil Ordaz
Brea (SE, AAA)

3. L.A. South Towns Chorus

Directed by Caroline McLean-Neushul
L.A. South Towns (SW, A)

4. Temecula Wine Valley Harmonizers

Directed by Samuel Irvin
Temecula (SE, A)

5. Pacific Coast Harmony

Directed by Bonnie McKibben
La Jolla (SE, AAA)

6. Sun Harbor

Directed by Neal Palmer
San Diego (SE, A)

~ INTERMISSION ~

7. Coastliners

Directed by Pete Neushul
South Bay (SW, AA)

8. Orange Empire Chorus

Directed by Craig Ewing
Fullerton (SE, AA)

9. The Oceanaires

Directed by Laura Pallas-Singer
Santa Monica (SW, AA)

10. SoCal Mix

Directed by Yasu Ichikawa
Lake Forest (SE, AAA)

11. Silver Statesmen

Directed by Kyler Wilcock
Las Vegas (SE, A)

12. Masters of Harmony

Directed by Alan Gordon
Greater Los Angeles (SW, AAA)



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Far Western District 2025 High School Quartet Contest

Southeast & Southwest Divisions

March 15 • Riverside, California

Presenter: **Dallas Halvorson**

All names are listed by voice part: tenor, lead, baritone, and bass.

1. The Smithereens

Gregory Valladares, Andrew Adamsen, Gerrett Wilson, Ryan McAfee
Doral Academy High School

2. IV Chordsmen

Sterling Burnett, Matthew Funez, Larry Halvorson, Ethan Fisher
Shadow Ridge High School





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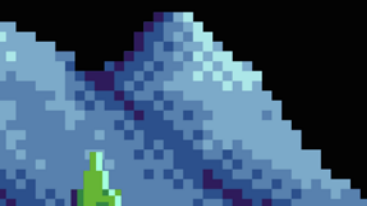
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Far Western District

2025 International Quartet Preliminary Final

March 15 • Riverside, California

Presenter: **Adam Kaufman, FWD President**

MT. Midnight Laundry

Riley Dewitt-Rickards, Noah Lotter, Brandon Wang, Jeff Sha
La Jolla (P, SE)

1. High Stakes

Kurtis Harrold, Cam Espino, Kevin Palmer, Jason Hill
Las Vegas, Westminster (P, SE)X

2. Never Too Late

Ken Martin, Adam Teachout, Max Coxon, Jean-Paul DeChambeau
Nashville, TN, Frank Thorne (P)

3. SoloVoce

Kim Alley, Tracey Sandberg, Jennifer French, Marina Hayden
Frank Thorne (P, SE)

4. Counter Intuition

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Westminster (P, SW)

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Greater Phoenix, Westminster, Frank Thorne (P)

6. Moving Parts

James Halvorson, Alan Gordon, Dallas Halvorson, Dan Wessler
California Delta, Greater Los Angeles, Westminster (P)

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Greater Los Angeles, Lake Forest, Westminster (P, SE)

8. California Kings

Alex Carlson, Lucas Der Mugerdechian, O.J. de la Osa, Chase Ferrante
Westminster (P, SE)

9. Creative Differences

Ben Laboy, Jeff Howe, Mark O'Meara, John Rae-Grant
Barbary Coast (P)

10. The Summertimers Harmony Band

Lane Aikin, Derrek Wayne, Kedar Shashidhar, Kyle Williamson
Westminster (P)

11. The Seventh Variety

Jacob Gonzalez, Michael Keleshian, Emil Pichardo, Mitchell James Sampang
Greater Los Angeles, Westminster (P, SW)

12. The Essentials

Graham Pence, Ben Smurthwaite, Jason James, John Saylor
Brea, Westminster, Frank Thorne (P, SE)

13. The Newfangled Four

Joey Buss, Jackson Nieburgge, Marcus Carline, Jake Tickner
Westminster (P)



SHOW OF CHAMPIONS

Announcements

Convention Dedication

FWD Hall of Fame

Division Senior & Novice champions

Encore Performances

Southeast Division Chorus Champion

Southwest Division Chorus Champion

Division Quartet Champions & International Quartet Qualifiers

Keep The Whole World Singing



The "Do It Yourself" Afterglow

The Hampton Inn has generously allowed us to use their downstairs area for an after-party once the Quartet Final is over.

This is a "do it yourself" event, meaning we're providing the space, but no official setup will be in place. Please treat this like a camping trip—clean up after yourselves! It's fine to use the trash bins on-site, but please don't leave a mess behind.

This is also a "BYOE (Everything)" event. The Hampton Inn does have self-serve beer and wine vending available, but you are also welcome to bring your own food and beverage.

All quartets are welcome to join and sing. We'll set up a "quartet singing area," but it won't be a stage—just a casual space for some fun, old-school Barbershop singing. We're here to have fun because, after all, Barbershop is fun!

**LET'S SPRING INTO ACTION.
SINGING CHANGES LIVES.
JOIN THE CAUSE.**



\$200,000 JOHNSON LEGACY CHALLENGE

Your donations could be automatically doubled thanks to the Johnson Legacy Challenge. All new, reinstated, and increased Key Voices, Ambassador of Song and President's Council gifts will be counted toward the Johnson Legacy Challenge. This extraordinary endeavor has the potential to raise over \$400,000 in new support of barbershop!



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Division Chorus Contest Results

	Southeast Division	Southwest Division
<i>Most Improved Chorus:</i>	Silver Statesman	L.A. Southtowns Chorus
<i>Plateau A Champion:</i>	Silver Statesman	L.A. Southtowns Chorus
<i>Plateau AA Champion:</i>	Orange Empire Chorus	Oceanaires
<i>Plateau AAA Champion:</i>	Pacific Coast Harmony	Masters of Harmony
<i>Division Chorus Champion:</i>	Pacific Coast Harmony	Masters of Harmony

Division Quartet Contest Results

	Southeast Division	Southwest Division
<i>Novice Quartet Champion:</i>	High Spirits	Singray
<i>Senior Quartet Champion:</i>	Balancing Act	Singray
<i>Division Quartet Champion:</i>	The Essentials	The Seventh Variety

FWD Int'l Quartet Prelim Results

Representing the FWD at Denver 2025

<i>International Qualifier #5:</i>	Yes Dear - 1919 / 80.0
<i>International Qualifier #4:</i>	The Summertimers Harmony Band - 1928 / 80.3
<i>International Qualifier #3:</i>	The Seventh Variety - 1938 / 80.8
<i>International Qualifier #2:</i>	Moving Parts - 1991 / 83.0
<i>International Qualifier #1:</i>	The Newfangled Four - 2107 / 88.6

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FAR WESTERN DISTRICT SENIOR
SINGERS



FWD Senior Chorus

REGISTRATION WILL OPEN SOON FOR MEN AND WOMEN 55+ WHO ARE MEMBERS OF A FAR WESTERN DISTRICT CHAPTER AND WANT TO SING at the District Contest and Convention in Fresno, CA this

October 9 - 12, 2025.

This esteemed group will be under the musical direction of Mr. Cary Burns.



- Coach and arranger
- Director of a senior men's BHS chapter, Desert Aires
- Director of a women's a cappella chorus, Wicked Pitch of the West

About our Director: • Director of a 160-member community chorus for 20 years.

SIGN UP



Coming Events in the FWD

Friends, Family & Fun!

Davis '25



Far Western District
Northern Divisions
CONVENTION

March 28-30, 2025 • Davis, California

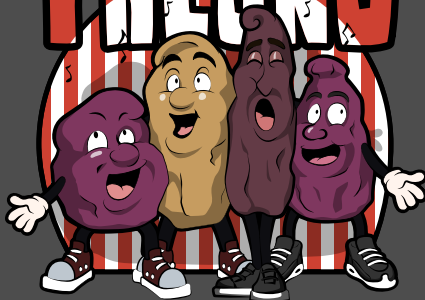
ARIZONA '25



Far Western District
Arizona Division
Convention

May 2-4, 2025
Phoenix, Arizona

FRESNO



FAR WESTERN DISTRICT FALL CONVENTION
OCTOBER 9 - 12, 2025
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

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