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PANEL OF JUDGES

Musicality

Anthony Bartholomew - SWD

Johnny Bugarin - RMD

Mark Hale - RMD

Performance

Ritchie Lavene - MAD

Brian O'Dell - JAD

Dusty Schleier - DIX

Singing

Phil Grant - EVG

Nate Ogg - JAD

Tim Reynolds - DIX

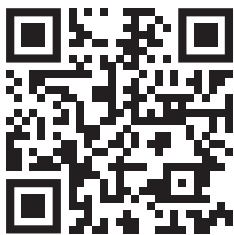
Administrative

Mike Thompson (PC) - SWD

Ben Porter - FWD

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judging categories visit
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<https://tinyurl.com/fwd-scores>



Welcome to Arizona!

It is with the greatest pleasure that I welcome you to the Far Western District Fall Convention here in Gilbert, Arizona.

Many people have said that the Far Western District Fall Convention is their favorite Barbershop event of the year, and I am confident we will not disappoint. This will be a weekend of fun, fellowship, and harmony.

While this is the best weekend in Barbershop, we are always trying to add more ways for everyone to get involved. We have put together a survey to ask your opinion of what additional activities you would like included in convention weekends. For this weekend, we have added a director's workshop, vocal coaching under glass, Harmony Platoon, and of course, as much tagging as you can handle.

You may see me handing out stickers that say, "Barbershop Is Fun", however what is fun for me, may not be fun for you. So...

- If you find competing fun—do it!
- If you find tag singing fun—do it!
- If you find learning new techniques fun—do it!
- If there's something else that you find fun—tell us!

Barbershop
is **FUN**
#BarbershopIsFun

We want our conventions to be fun for everyone. Please give us your thoughts, so we can make it fun for you.

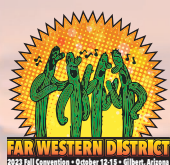
Thank you for being here!

Adam Kaufman, Convention Chairman

Howard Donley - Convention Honoree



During his 55 years of membership in the Barbershop Harmony Society Howard Donley has travelled from coast to coast earning two medals in the International Chorus Contest and serving in many capacities at the chapter, district and Society levels. Starting in Atlanta, Georgia, his journey took him to the FWD where he sang with the Peninsulaires, where he won 3rd and 5th place International medals. He then proceeded to perform with San Mateo, San Jose, Sacramento, Davis, Davis/Vacaville, and Bay Area Metro before moving to the Rocky Mountain District where he directed the Yellowstone SA chorus. From there he moved on to Arizona where he has sung with the Desert Aires, Phoenicians and Central Arizona Quartet Chapter. In every chapter he was a chapter officer, and has held every chapter office at least twice with the exception of Secretary. He also managed to serve as Show Chairman for several of his chapters. Howard served as the FWD Chairman of the Harmony for Lunch Bunch for three years. He was a founder of the Sacramento HFLB, one of the few in the Society which remains active to this day. Howard also was a Certified Chapter Coach and was active in that role in Northern California. In addition to singing with a number of chapter quartets he worked very closely with Jerry and Kim Orloff in establishing the Mixed Harmony Barbershop Quartet Association in which he served as Treasurer for three years. The MHBQA was the original mixed quartet organization in the Society. Because of its' size and success it gave birth to the Society's Mixed Barbershop Harmony Association. From coast to coast Howard has proved himself to be a mover and shaker in our barbershop world, and richly deserves our thanks for his many years of giving.



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October 12-15, 2023 • Gilbert, Arizona
Hosted by the Salt River Valley Chapter

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, October 12, 2023

Event	Start	End	Location	Room
FWD Board of Directors	7:00 pm	9:00 pm	Hampton Inn HQ	Meeting Room
Harmony Platoon	9:00 pm	11:00 pm	Hampton Inn HQ	Meeting Room
Meet & Greet Reception with Pres & BOD	9:00 pm	11:00 pm	Hampton Inn HQ	Lobby
Convention Registration (pre-sales only)	9:00 pm	11:00 pm	Hampton Inn HQ	Lobby

Friday, October 13, 2023

Event	Start	End	Location	Room
FWD Past President's Breakfast	7:00 am	9:00 am	Hampton Inn HQ	Meeting Room
Singing Class with Chris Hebert	9:00 am	10:00 am	Hampton Inn HQ	Meeting Room
Harmony Platoon	10:00 am	12:00 pm	Hampton Inn HQ	Meeting Room
FWD Hall of Fame Meeting & Lunch	10:00 am	1:00 pm	Hampton Inn HQ	Hotel Suite
Convention Registration (pre-sales only)	10:30 am	1:00 pm	Hampton Inn HQ	Lobby
Tag Zone	11:00 am	3:00 pm	Hampton Inn HQ	Lobby
FWD House of Delegates	1:00 pm	3:00 pm	Hampton Inn HQ	Meeting Room
Director's Workshop	1:00 pm	3:00 pm	Higley Center	Little Theater
Convention Registration & Box Office	3:30 pm	8:00 pm	Higley Center	Lobby
Doors Open	4:00 pm		Higley Center	Lobby
Quartet Semifinal	4:30 pm	8:30 pm	Higley Center	Concert Hall
Dedication, Awards, Announcements	8:30 pm	9:00 pm	Higley Center	Concert Hall
Evaluations (quartets not advancing)	9:30 pm	11:30 pm	Hampton Inn HQ	Various Suites
AFWDC Late Show	10:30 pm	12:30 am	Higley Center	Concert Hall

Saturday, October 14, 2023

Event	Start	End	Location	Room
Convention Registration & Box Office	9:00 am	12:00 pm	Higley Center	Lobby
Everyone Welcome Chorus	9:30 am	10:00 am	Higley Center	Ready Room
Doors Open	9:30 am		Higley Center	Lobby
Chorus Contest	10:00 am	12:40 pm	Higley Center	Concert Hall
Chorus Evaluations	1:30 pm	3:30 pm	Higley Center	Warmup Rooms
Convention Registration & Box Office	5:00 pm	6:00 pm	Higley Center	Lobby
Doors Open	5:30 pm		Higley Center	Lobby
Quartet Final	6:00 pm	7:45 pm	Higley Center	Concert Hall
Show of Champions	7:45 pm	8:50 pm	Higley Center	Concert Hall
Evaluations (finalist quartets)	9:40 pm	11:00 pm	Hampton Inn HQ	Various Suites
President's Hospitality Room	10:00 pm	wee hours	Hampton Inn HQ	Meeting Room
Tag Zone	10:00 pm	wee hours	Hampton Inn HQ	Lobby

Sunday, October 15, 2021

Event	Start	End	Location	Room
AFWDC Breakfast	9:00 am	11:00 am	Hampton Inn HQ	Meeting Room
Check out, safe trip home!	12:00 pm			

Hampton Inn & Suites Phoenix East Mesa (HQ), 1825 N Higley Rd, Gilbert, AZ 85324
Higley Center for the Performing Arts, 4132 E Pecos Rd, Gilbert, AZ 85295

Far Western District Quartet Semifinal

Friday, October 13, 2023 at 4:30 pm • Higley Center • Emcee - Dallas Halvorson

(AZ=Arizona, NE-Northeast, NW=Northwest, SE=Southeast, SW=Southwest, D=District, S=Senior, P=Sr. Prelims, N=Novice)

Quartet members are listed Tenor, Lead, Baritone, Bass

- MT. The Summertimers Harmony Band** 2022 FWD Quartet Champion
Lane Aikin, Derrek Wayne, Kedar Shashidhar, Kyle Williamson
1. **Hang Time** ... (AZ,D) Fullerton, Mesa
Greg Grace, Timothy McMullan, Joel John, Shreyas Amin
2. **The Seventh Variety** ... (SW,D) Greater Los Angeles, Westminster, Frank Thorne
Jacob Gonzalez, Michael Keleshian, Emil Pichardo, Mitchell James Sampang
3. **High Stakes** ... (SE,D) California Delta, Las Vegas, Frank Thorne
Kurtis Harrold, Cam Espino, Antwun Puckett, Jason Hill
4. **Team Harmony** ... (NE,D) California Delta, Frank Thorne
Paul Engel, Kenny Sousae, Michael Norcross, Big Don Norcross
5. **Bardic Inspiration** ... (SE,D) Westminster
Harrison Patri, Chris Rodrigues, Eddie McNally, Hunter Farrington
6. **Bridgetones** ... (NW,D) Barbary Coast
Alisa Peters, Kelly Sopher, Dominic Pedotto, Kenji Matsuoka
7. **Late Night Drive** ... (AZ,D,N) Salt River Valley, Frank Thorne
Brian Webb, Parker Rognrud, Jason Bullock, Greg Singleton
8. **Midwest Connection** ... (AZ,D,S) Grand Rapids, Greater Phoenix, Minneapolis, Sun Cities, Frank Thorne
Grant Fox, Curt Struyk, Brion Grant, Bill Shaw Jr.
9. **Yes Dear** ... (AZ,D) Frank Thorne
Melanie Esquivias, Caitlin Klemballa, R.J. Esquivias, Justin Klemballa
10. **Almost Decent** ... (NW,D) Westminster, Frank Thorne
Adam Ehrenpfort, Derrek Wayne, James Morgan, Chase Ferrante
11. **Western Addition** ... (NW,D) Barbary Coast
Trip Master, Matthew Fellows, Jeremy Raven, Matthew Herweyer
12. **The Associates** ... (AZ,D) Salt River Valley
Sprout Spriggs, Tinker Wiegand, Shorty Steinkamp, Mulligan Haskins
- **INTERMISSION**
13. **California Kings** ... (SE,D,N) Westminster
Alex Carlson, Lucas Der Mugrdechian, OJ de la Osa, Mitchell James Sampang
14. **Step Outside** ... (SW,D) Fremont-Hayward, Greater Los Angeles, Westminster
Ernie Reyes, David Feiner, Jeremy Loper, Bill Finlan
15. **The Essentials** ... (SE,D) Brea, Westminster, Frank Thorne
Graham Pence, Ben Smurthwaite, Jason James, John Saylor
16. **Chord Club** ... (NW,D) Barbary Coast, California Delta, Greater Los Angeles
Ty Jones, Miles Brown, Dominic Pedotto, Noah Rulison
17. **'Til Morning Comes** ... (SE,D) California Delta, Las Vegas, Frank Thorne
Kurtis Harrold, Steve Salmon, Ruben Viray, Antwun Puckett
18. **C.O.D.** ... (NE,D) California Delta, Sacramento, Frank Thorne
Brandon Dyer, Tim Huntsinger, Chris McCuddy, Larry Womac
19. **Motley Q** ... (SE,D) Greater Los Angeles, La Jolla
Tracey Sandberg, Linda Schrab, Bryan Sandberg, Scott Werkheiser
20. **Musicology** ... (NW,D) Barbary Coast, Greater Los Angeles, Palo Alto - Mtn View, Walnut Creek
Mark Torrance, Curtis Mannah, Mike Cating, Don Shively
21. **See You At Six** ... (SW,D,S,P) Greater Los Angeles, Pasadena
Phil Wolf, Jim Ernsberger, Maurice Freleaux, Gary Krall
22. **Six Feet Off Bass** ... (SW,D,S,P) Greater Los Angeles, Pasadena, Westminster
Eric Emmons, Lenny Jensen, Mark Travis, Willie Daw

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Far Western District Chorus Contest

Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 10:00 am • Higley Center • Emcee - Adam Kaufman

(AZ=Arizona, NE=Northeast, NW=Northwest, SE=Southeast, SW=Southwest, D=District, P=Int'l Prelims, A/AA/AAA=Plateaus)

MT. Everyone Welcome Chorus	Alan Gordon
1. Desert Aires ... (AZ,D,P,A)	Sun Cities Cary Burns
2. SoCal Mix Chorus ... (SE,D,P,A)	Lake Forest.....Yasu Ichikawa
3. Silver Statesmen ... (SE,D,P,AA)	Las Vegas.....Gordon Lankenau
4. Fog City Harmonia ... (NW,D,P,AAA)	Barbary Coast.....Alisa Peters
5. East Valley Barbershop Harmonizers ... (AZ,D,P,A)	Mesa.....Matthew Frable
6. Voices of California ... (NE,D,P,AAA)	California Delta.....Gabe Caretto

INTERMISSION

7. Pacific Coast Harmony ... (SE,D,P,AAA)	La JollaBonnie McKibben
8. Stay Tuned ... (NE,D,P,A)	California Delta.....Terrie Carrozzella
9. Southwest Vocal Alliance ... (AZ,D,P,AAA)	Maricopa County.....Danny Ryan
10. Fog City Singers ... (NW,D,P,AAA)	Barbary Coast.....Kory Reid
11. The Westminster Chorus ... (SE,D,P,AAA)	Westminster.....Dan Wessler
12. A Cappella Syndicate ... (AZ,D,AAA)	Salt River Valley..Brent Graham & Gary Steinkamp

SPECIAL GUESTS

The Higley High School Chamber Singers	Robert Decoste
Scorpionaires	Alan Gordon

Chorus Contest Results

Most Improved Chorus:	_____
Plateau A Champion:	_____
Plateau AA Champion:	_____
Plateau AAA Champion:	_____
3rd Place Chorus:	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Int'l
2nd Place Chorus:	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Int'l
FWD Chorus Champion:	_____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Int'l

We invite you to take the
CONVENTION SURVEY



Far Western District Quartet Final

Saturday, October 14, 2022 at 6:00 pm • Higley Center • Emcee - Kenny Rios

2023 FWD Top Ten Quartet Finalists

Mic Testers: _____

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| 1. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

The Summertimers Harmony Band 2022 FWD Quartet Champion



Show of Champions

★★★★ And Awards Presentation ★★★★★

Emcee - Randy Meyer

★ Lloyd Steinkamp "Standing O" Audience Favorite ★

★ Super-Senior Quartet Champion ★

★ Novice Quartet Champion ★

★ Senior Quartet Champion ★

★ Third Place Quartet ★

★ Second Place Quartet ★

★ District Quartet Champion ★

★ District Chorus Champion ★



Quartet Contest Results

Novice Champion: _____

Super-Senior Champion: _____

Senior Champion: _____

Senior International Representative: _____ ☒ Int'l

3rd Place Quartet: _____

2nd Place Quartet: _____

FWD Quartet Champion: _____



The Late Show

Featuring Past FWD Quartet Champions!

Friday night, following the Quartet Semifinal

Higley Center • Concert Hall

2023 FWD Fall Convention Committee

Convention Chairman Adam Kaufman
FWD President Kenny Rios
FWD Executive VP Adam Kaufman
FWD VP C&J Randy Meyer
FWD Events Director Bill Rosica
FWD Registrar David Melville
FWD Treasurer Rich Owen
Harmony Platoon Don Salz

Production Managers Jim & Sharon Ernsberger
Sound Engineer David Kaufman
Stage Manager Sharon Ernsberger
Judges Hospitality Don & Karrie Shively
Judges Services Diane Meyer, Alisa Pyper
Awards Chuck Hunter, Sr.
Convention Program/Graphics David Melville
Host Chapter Coordinator Scott Wiegand