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## PARADE OF HARMONY



Detroit Chapter No. 1 | SPEBSQSA INC. | presents the 23rd Annual Parade of Harmony, Saturday, November 3rd



## 1962 ANNUAL PARADE

### **PROGRAM**

Bill Rowell introduces quartets

MOTOR CITY CHORUS, Directed by Robert Craig

THE FOREFATHERS, Fairfax, Virginia

Dale Clark—Tenor
Jim Charnley—Lead
Russ Johanson—Baritone
Lou Perlman—Bass



"Hmmmmmmm." The Detroit Chapter Motor City Chorus perfects a note of harmony while rehearsing for forthcoming appearances. Cover shows four chapter members sporting their new and official DMC outfits.

### OF HARMONY

THE AIRE-MALES-Wayne and Dearborn Chapters 1961 International Semi-finalists

Bill Wilcox - Tenor Tom Pollard—Lead Dale Clixby—Baritone Roger Craig—Bass

THE CRACKER JILLS-Royal Oak, Michigan 1957-58 International Champions-Sweet Adelines

Bobbie Bostick-Tenor Judy Rowell-Baritone

Renee Craig-Lead Jan Saundry-Bass



### INTERMISSION

Presentation of the Annual Harmony Award Bill Favinger-Past President, Detroit Chapter

COMMUNITY SINGING—Robert Craig

MOTOR CITY CHORUS, Directed by Robert Craig

THE CHORDBLENDERS-Easton, Pennsylvania

Hal Stocker-Tenor

Al Yost-Baritone

Jerry Batt-Lead

Dee Young-Bass

THE TOWN & COUNTRY FOUR—Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 1961-62 International 2nd place Medalists

Leo Sisk-Tenor

Jack Elder-Baritone

Larry Autenreith—Lead Ralph Anderson—Bass

FINALE-The entire cast

Producer and Stage Director-Wayne Kniffen



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### WHAT IS BARBERSHOP HARMONY?

The Society is an International organization. Its headquarters is at Kenosha, Wisconsin, administered by an Executive Director with the aid of a full-time working staff. Outstanding leaders in business and in the professional fields are numbered among its executive officers and they serve without remuneration. Its membership glistens with celebrities of stage and screen, radio and television, and "show-biz" in general—most of whom have joined because they enjoy the relaxation of barbershopping.

### THE CONTEST SYSTEM

Each year the Society selects an International Champion Quartet at its general convention and contest held in the month of June. In preparation for the contest, each of the 15 districts stages a Regional Preliminary Contest to establish which quartets will compete at the International event. Hundreds of quartets enter these regional contests and 45 are judged as "qualifying" for the International competition. At the International Contest, 20 of these 45 are judged to appear in the semi-finals. Then 10 are selected from the 20 to enter the Medalist Contest. In this final phase, they are rated by the judges in first to fifth place and given medallions according to these ratings.

In addition to this contest system, each of the Society's 15 districts stages each year a District Quartet Contest to establish champion quartets in those organizations.

### THE PROGRAM IS SIMPLE

Barbershoppers have no political, religious, or social axes to grind. The "program" is simple: To preserve and encourage the barbershop style of singing; to sing in harmony and to live in harmony with your fellow men. The Society has one goal toward which it is constantly striving, and that is to "Keep America Singing."

In 1938 one man rebelled against a trend toward practically eliminating self-produced harmony brought about by the increased popularity of radio, and subsequently changed the music patterns of North America. The man was the late Owen C. Cash, tax attorney, of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Cash, a true partisan of quartet singing, decided to attempt to preserve an American tradition.

He found a supporter in Rupert I. Hall, an investment man of the same city. They dictated a half-serious, half-humorous letter which they sent to friends. It read—"In this age of dictators and government control of everything, about the only privilege guaranteed by the Bill of Rights, not in some way supervised or directed, is the art of barbershop quartet singing. Without a doubt, we still have the right of peaceable assembly, which we are advised by competent authority, includes quartet singing. The writers have for a long time thought that something should be done to encourage the enjoyment of this last remaining vestige of human liberty. Therefore, we have decided to hold a song-fest on the roof garden of the Tulsa Club on Monday, April 11 at 6:30 P.M."

### A SPECTACULAR GROWTH

The letter was signed by Rupert Hall, Royal Keeper of the Minor Keys, and O. C. Cash, Permanent 3rd Assistant Temporary Vice-Chairman. Twenty-six "rebels" attended the first meeting.

A story reporting the meeting was published in the local paper and the wire services picked it up. In a matter of weeks, chapters were springing up all over the Middle West. The Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc., was on its way. Today its International membership roster numbers many thousands of men from every station of life, organized into more than 650 chapters in every state of the United States, several Canadian provinces, and the Canal Zone.

### **DEGREES IN MUSIC NOT REQUIRED**

One factor contributing to the Society's fast growth was the knowledge that a man did not have to be musically trained to fit in with the "barbershoppers." It is a rule that the Society welcomes into its membership good citizens, young and old, from every walk of life who get satisfaction from being a central part of a chord of music whether it originates from the heart, or from a musical arrangement. Chapter organization offers not only musical self-expression, but a wholesome and harmonious fellowship.





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20% of the net proceeds of this show will be donated to Penrickton Nursery for visually handicapped children.

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