

# NEWS from



**Holland Windmill Chorus**  
The Holland MI Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society



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## "MIXIN' IT UP!" BRINGS MUSICAL VARIETY TO BARBERSHOP HARMONY TULIP TIME SHOW

APRIL 28, 2011 -- Good-time barbershop harmony will abound with variety in "Mixin' It Up!", presented by Holland Windmill Chorus at this year's Tulip Time Festival on Friday, May 13, 7:30pm, at Christ Memorial Auditorium, 595 Graafschap Rd. in Holland.

Continuing a Festival tradition since the 1960s, this year's 90-minute show spans all ages with the contrasting styles of the pre-teen girls' quartet "Singing Angels" and senior champion quartets "Resisting-A-Rest" and "Showtime", seasoned with the eclectic "NRB (No Rehearsal Band)", the combined male voices of Holland Windmill Chorus and Muskegon Shoreline Chorus, plus quartets from Windmill Chorus -- "Break Time", "2 by 2" and "Four Bucks A Chord". The show is sponsored again this year by United Federal Credit Union.

"Singing Angels" made their stage debut at ages 8 to 11 in 2009 as a guest quartet at a Grand Rapids "Sweet Adelines" (GRSA) performance, and have been charming audiences at barbershop concerts and conventions ever since. After performing at the Grand Rapids Art Festival in June, 2010, they went on to win the 4-Star Harmony Quartet contest sponsored by Sweet Adelines Border States Region 2 at its annual Rising Star Quartet Competition.

"Resisting-A-Rest", the 2010 Barbershop Harmony Society International Champion Senior Quartet, tallies more than 100 years of barbershop experience among its members including participation in 21 District Championships and 32 International competitions, and masters a repertoire that combines classic barbershop favorites with show tunes and humor.

"Showtime", fresh from winning the 2011 Pioneer District (Michigan/Ontario) Senior Quartet Championship on April 15, will represent the District at the coming International Senior competition next January in Tucson, Arizona. The quartet combines two men from the Muskegon Chorus and two from the Grand Rapids Chorus.

"NRB", a Holland group that entertains with instruments and voices, started in the late 1980s and has since appeared professionally in a variety of restaurants, bars, clubs and concert venues statewide. Their wide-ranging musical menu includes 1950s doo-wop, classic rock and modern country as well as barbershop.

"Break Time", considered best of the newer quartets to develop recently within Holland Windmill Chorus, has performed primarily in recent HWC concerts and for various local church organizations.

"2 by 2" is the first inter-family quartet to combine two members of Holland Windmill Chorus and their wives, one of whom sings with Holland Chorale and its "Class Act" women's ensemble, and one of whom sings barbershop with Sweet Adelines.

"Four Bucks A Chord" exemplifies the informal quartets that emerge from Windmill Chorus spontaneously as members find compatible voices and step up to the fun of a performing experience.

Holland Windmill Chorus, our area's chapter of the international Barbershop Harmony Society, is a not-for-profit, volunteer-based organization with membership open to all men who enjoy singing four-part harmony. Founded in 1945, HWC performs barbershop concerts at Christmastime, during Holland's Tulip Time Festival and for a variety of other public and private events throughout the year. Muskegon's Lakeshore Chorus is our neighbor BHS chapter, founded earlier in the 1940s, with similar performing activities in their community. The two choruses have been linked over decades of shared performances and personal friendships.

Tickets for Tulip Time's "Mixin' It Up!" are available at \$17 individually or at special group rates from the Tulip Time Office, 238 South River Ave. in Holland, or online at [www.tuliptime.com](http://www.tuliptime.com), or by phone at (616) 396-4221 or toll-free (800) 822-2770.

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Four photos separately attached show top featured quartets (jpegs "HWC-TT #1, #2, #3, #4"):

Identifying captions:

#1: Singing Angels

#2: Resisting-A-Rest

#3: Showtime

#4: NRB (No Rehearsal Band)



