

# NEWS from



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



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## **HOLLAND WINDMILL CHORUS SETS AUDITIONS FOR ITS 2011/2012 PERFORMANCE YEAR**

JULY 26, 2011 -- Holland Windmill Chorus will hold auditions for its 2011/2012 performance year for men 18 and older interested in singing barbershop-style harmony, on upcoming Tuesdays August 2 and August 9, at 6:30pm. Auditions will take place at the Chorus' "Harmony Hall", suite B-80 in Holland Town Center Mall, next to the Avalon School of the Arts. Town Center Mall is adjacent to Dutch Village, on the east side of Highway 31 and south of James Street.

Holland Windmill Chorus, this 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 a cappella four-part harmony. Founded here 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.

Chorus director Kirk Wood studied singing at University of Illinois and there began participating in barbershop quartets, ultimately rising to the level of international competition. He has participated in Harmony Society teaching camps and "Harmony College" seminars, coaching music theory, visual performance and music interpretation. Wood holds a degree in K-12 Vocal Music Education from Western Michigan University, graduating cum laude in 2008. While there he sang in the noted WMU Chorale, the first U.S. choir to win the prestigious European Choir Competition.

For more information about Holland Windmill Chorus or to request an alternative audition time, contact chapter president Jay Bylsma by phone at 616.638.6344 (Holland) or vice-president/chapter development Art Lane at 269.857.2781 (Saugatuck).

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