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HOLLAND WINDMILL CHORUS BARBERSHOP HARMONY CELEBRATES "SOUNDS OF SUMMER" IN TULIP TIME SHOW

APRIL 23, 2012 -- Good-time barbershop harmony will resound through tunes ranging from contemporary to nostalgic in "Sounds Of Summer", presented by Holland Windmill Chorus as part of this year's Tulip Time Festival on Tuesday, May 8, starting at 8pm in the Knickerbocker Theatre, 86 East Eighth Street in Holland. This year's show is sponsored again by United Federal Credit Union.

Continuing a Festival tradition since the 1960s, the 90-minute show offers something for everyone, kicking off with a rampant Chorus tribute to "The Beach Boys" presenting a medley of their most popular songs. Featured guest quartets performing in Holland for the first time bring female as well as male barbershoppers to the program, with "The Fabulous Sound Sisters" and "Take Note". Rounding out the program are two local quartets highlighting members of the Chorus -- "Break Time" and "2 by 2".

"The Fabulous Sound Sisters", a Michigan quartet gaining notice for its humor as well as ringing chords, combines four women from the award-winning Fenton Lakes Chorus, current Sweet Adelines Division A International Silver Medalists. Formed in 2004 and quickly claiming their first Regional Novice Quartet Championship the following year, this foursome collectively brings to the stage more than 100 years of Sweet Adelines and competition quartet performance experience.

"Take Note", current top-ranking senior men's quartet in Illinois, is consistently ranked among the top ten senior quartets in North America, having just won that distinction yet again at the Barbershop Harmony Society's annual senior quartet contest in Tucson, AZ last January. The group excels with a varied repertoire that includes memorable music ranging from the "big band days" to the hits of the '50s and '60s.

"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.

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. For information about the Chorus, contact Art Lane at (269) 857-2781

Tickets for Tulip Time's "Sounds Of Summer" are available at \$18 individually or at special group rates from the new Tulip Time Office, now located at 74 West 8th Street in Holland, or online at www.tuliptime.com, or by phone at (616) 396-4221 or toll-free (800) 822-2770.

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