

NEWS from



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



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OCT. 22 "TRYIT NIGHT" INVITES ALL AREA MEN TO EXPLORE SINGING BARBERSHOP HARMONY

OCT. 11, 2013 -- Men of all ages interested in singing barbershop-style harmony are invited to a free "Tryit Night" on Tuesday, October 22, from 7 to 9:30pm, hosted by Holland Windmill Chorus. The event takes place at the Chorus' "Harmony Hall", suite H-100 in Holland Town Center Mall. The Mall is adjacent to Dutch Village, on the east side of Highway 31 and south of James Street. Suite H-100 is located along the east side of the Mall's east parking lot, between Brann's Sports Grille and the "WOW Center"

This informal evening offers a no-obligation opportunity for visitors to sample the fun of this classic American, four-part, *a cappella* harmony style in an atmosphere of fellowship and good humor. No prior musical experience or training is essential, as learning CDs plus guidance from the Chorus director and fellow singers have helped many Chorus members develop their talents. Refreshments including pizza, munchies, cake and soft drinks will be served.

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.

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. It is one of 27 chapters that compose the Society's Pioneer District, which comprises all of Michigan and Windsor, Ontario. Founded here in 1945, HWC performs barbershop concerts during Holland's Tulip Time Festival and for other public and private events throughout the year. Chapter quartets also entertain at civic and family events and deliver singing Valentines.

For more information about Holland Windmill Chorus or Tryit-Night activities, contact chapter president Jay Bylsma by phone at 616.399.5721 in Holland or vice-president/chapter development Art Lane at 269.857.2781 in Saugatuck.

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