



Attention: All lovers of four-part, close harmony singing!

Your quartet is invited to participate in The **71st Annual Original All-Northwest Barbershop Quartet Contest** to be held on **Friday, March 24**, and **Saturday, March 25, 2017**, in Forest Grove, Oregon.

Contest Rules and Guidelines

- The contest is open to all male, female, and mixed (2M-2W or 3 & 1) quartets.
- An individual may compete in up to two quartets with no songs common to both quartets.
- All numbers are to be performed A Cappella (without instrumental accompaniment).
- Wear appropriate “Gay 90’s” costume. (Do not let your lack of such costuming deter you from participating in the event. It’s really all about the singing!)
- Each group is to perform two songs.
- The first song, your warm-up number, which may be in any style you choose, will not be judged. The second song should be in the “barbershop” style.
- If your quartet makes the finals, you must sing the same contest number on all shows; however, you may vary the warm-up number.
- Speaking is allowed before singing and/or between songs.
- There is no specific time limit, but please be considerate of the audience when choosing your material.

Please Note: Professional quartets are not allowed to compete.

Contest Performance Schedule

Friday evening, March 24th ,

- All groups will perform in the Elimination Round
- Male, Female, and Mixed quartets will be judged together.
- The top 8 quartets, according to our judges’ scores, will be selected to compete on

Saturday, March 25, 2017.

- In order to accommodate our audience, the 8 finalist quartets will appear in two shows on Saturday.
- The first show on Saturday will be a 2pm matinee.
- The second show will be at 7pm.
- Only the matinee will be judged, with the winners announced at the end of the evening show.

Judging will be based on the following simple rules.

- A) Technique- Blend, Pitch, Diction and Precision **40 Points**
- B) Use of Barbershop Style- Harmony and Swipes **25 Points**
- C) Stage Presence- Showmanship and Personality **20 Points**
- D) Appropriateness of Selection and Costuming **15 Points**

Prize money will be awarded as follows.

1 st Place	\$1000	5 th Place	\$375
2 nd Place	\$800	6 th Place	\$350
3 rd Place	\$600	7 th Place	\$325
4 th Place	\$500	8 th Place	\$300

All competing quartets are invited to stay and enjoy the Afterglow on Friday evening. Quartets will receive four complimentary tickets to the Afterglow as well as four complimentary tickets to all shows. Quartet members’ badges give them entry to all shows. For participating quartet members only, we maintain a hospitality room where complimentary food and beverages are available during all shows.

To enter, please fill out the enclosed entry form and drop it in the mail soon along with the entry fee of *\$40.00 payable to BALLADTOWN U.S.A., P.O. Box 625, Forest Grove, Oregon, 97116. We will send you further details following receipt of your entry. Specific questions will be answered promptly. You may contact Butch Berquist at (503)310-7919 or butch_b@frontier.com for information or visit our website: www.balladtownusa.com.

*All groups registering prior to Dec. 31st will be enrolled for free



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The Original All-Northwest
BARBER SHOP QUARTET CONTEST
Presented by the Tualatin Valley Harmony Masters

QUARTET CONTEST ENTRY AND QUESTIONNAIRE

Quartet Name _____

Representing _____
(BHS/SAI Chapter or Other Organization)

PERSONNEL:

HOME TOWN:

CONTACT PERSON:

Lead _____

(Name)

Tenor _____

(Address)

Baritone _____

(City) (State) (Zip)

Bass _____

(Telephone)

Special Requirements (wheelchair or etc.) _____ (email)

SELECTIONS TO BE SUNG

Warm Up Number: _____

Contest Number: _____

Alternative Number: _____

Additional numbers your quartet sings

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

Quartet Recognition Awards

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

QUARTET HISTORY

What year was the quartet formed? _____

How did the Quartet begin? _____

Have you performed at our contest before? _____ What Years? _____

Could you write a short News Release (bio) about your quartet?

Thank you for accepting this Entry and Questionnaire timely.

Please return this registration with the fee of *\$40.00 to:

*No fee for any quartet that registers before Dec. 31st, 2016

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P.O. Box 625
Forest Grove, Oregon 97119

Date _____ Name _____ Phone _____

Check# _____ or Credit Card# _____ Exp _____

CC Code on Back _____ VISA _____ MC _____ DISC _____ email _____