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## NSC February '25 News

Membership Stats a/o 2/15/2025: NSC Active Membership: 488  
NSC Registered Active Quartets: 43

### February is Full of Important News...

- High School **A Cappella Spring Sing** in March!
- **NSC Contest:** Register your Chorus and/or Quartet in our Spring Contest
- **NSC Showcase:** The Chorus Showcase is your (non-competitive) chance to entertain and win the audience favorite!!
- **NSC Annual Convention:** Registration for Convention and Hotels
- **NSC Midwinter** photos from San Antonio
- An Interview with **Mr. Mic Boom**, from San Antonio
- **CSLT** updates
- A reminder about our **Coaching** offerings!
- **Leadership Academy** 2025 files available
- **Singing Valentines**
- **Lakeside Harmony Weekend & HX** in August at Furman Univ.
- Where to...plan your next opportunity to **find us Singing!**
- And last but not least, our trusty **Calendar** of upcoming events

#### NSC YOUTH

## High School A Cappella Spring Sing March 29

SALEM  
ACADEMY

A CAPPELLA SPRING SING



One day singing workshop  
for all students grades 8-12

Saturday, March 29, 2025

**March 29 is a new one day singing workshop in the Carolinas District that is open to all singers in grades 8-12 and hosted by Forecast Quartet and the Salem Academy A Cappella Singers. This event will be held in the Fine Arts Center at Salem Academy in Winston-Salem NC, and we will teach and sing custom arrangements created just for young voices in TTBB, SSAA, and SATB voicings.**

Thank you to sponsors so far that include the Carolinas District, the Winston-Salem Chapter, the Durham Chapter and others!

If you know high school students interested in participating, or if you have a music teacher contact you would like us to invite, please email [Mike.Fitch@Salem.edu](mailto:Mike.Fitch@Salem.edu) to get more information!

Registration is now open: <https://tinyurl.com/SpringSing2025>

This barbershop a cappella singing workshop is open for all students grades 8-12. Registration is only \$20 per student and that includes lunch, snack break, T shirt, music, instruction, and everything needed for a great day of singing.

**A Cappella Spring Sing** Open to all students grades 8-12 Saturday, March 29 Workshop 9a-5p / Public performance 5p-6p Salem Academy Elbertson Fine Arts Center 430 Leaders Avenue, Winston-Salem, NC

At 5pm that day there will also be a performance showcase in Hanes Auditorium that is free and open to the public. This show will include performances from our Salem Academy A Cappella Singers, Forecast Quartet, other local high school groups, and the combined women's, men's, and mixed voice high school ensembles from our singing workshop held that day.

Please contact [Mike Fitch](#) if you have any questions.

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#### [NSC ANNUAL CONTEST](#)

## Enter Your Quartet or Chorus (or Both) in the Spring Contests

**ENTER NOW! Register your quartet or chorus in the District Spring conventions.** As has been our model for the last couple years, this is the only contest weekend for Carolinas Barbershop Harmony, and winners will be selected for:

- District Quartet Champion
- District Senior Quartet Champion
- District Novice Quartet
- District NextGen Quartet (competitors under age 26)
- International Quartet representative
- International Senior Quartet representative
- District Chorus Champion
- Most Improved Chorus
- District Plateau WInners based on chorus size
- International Chorus representative
- International Senior Chorus representative

**[Click here to Enter the Contest](#)**

**The deadline for entering the contest is Saturday, March 22.**

In addition to sharing your talents with an appreciative audience, all competitors will have the opportunity to receive feedback from the judges on how to take your performance to the next level.

Please contact [Steve Curulla](#) if you have any questions.

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## The Best NSC Weekend: Convention 2025!

Our NSC Spring Convention and Contest is less than 3 months away, **April 4-5 in Pinehurst, NC!** Please come and entertain us, applaud us, get some great feedback, and have the (best barbershop) weekend time of your life!

**[Click here for REGISTRATION for the Convention and hotel links;](#)** special Hotel Rates available until March 4. Competitor registration is linked above. ***Expect more conversations about WHY one might enjoy this event...***

Contact [Jason Kekas](#) if you have any questions.

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## Audience to Select Winner of Chorus Showcase

If your chorus wants to perform for the District but is looking for a more flexible option than the traditional two-song contest set, then the **Chorus Showcase** is for you! We've offered this opportunity for the last couple of years and it's proven to be very popular. Choruses in the Chorus Showcase will have 10 minutes to present whatever packet they choose. No rules on # of songs, conforming to Barbershop style, musical accompaniment, or limitations in talking. Just entertain us!

This year we are enhancing the event by having the winner of the Showcase be determined by audience vote (as long as there is more than one chorus performing in the Showcase format). Please note: choruses can enter either the Chorus Showcase or the traditional contest, but not both. As a result, choruses performing in the Showcase format are not eligible for the District championship chorus award and other titles. Performers in the Chorus Showcase will receive feedback from the judges, and will need to purchase a full contest registration.

Contact [Steve Curulla](#) if you have any questions.

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[MIDWINTER CONVENTION, SAN ANTONIO](#)

## Congratulations to our Entertainers from NSC!

And a grand time was had by all...



**Our Seniors Quartet, Aspire**, brought the crowd true entertainment! *Steve*

Curulla, Wally Miles, Rob Hopkins and Ted Leinbach! Their songs, **Erica Love Story** [Rob Hopkins] and **Remember?** [Rob Hopkins] were entertaining, and so well done. Congratulations! Also, be certain to ask any of them, "Who the heck is Julie?"

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**Our Seniors Chorus, Carolinas Harmony Express**, was a collection of members from across the district and made us listen, laugh, and enjoy! Their songs, **Trout Don't Live In Ugly Places** [Larry Triplett] and **Mountain Music** [Jon Nicholas] were fabulous. Ask them for their stories!

(Mark your calendars to be with us in January 2026 in Pasadena CA.!)

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#### MIDWINTER STORIES

## Have You Seen this Person?

Click through for our investigative report and interview with the elusive **Mic Boom**, just off his performance on the Midwinter BHS stage

in San Antonio. We caught up with him at 4:45 a.m. on his way to the airport, kinda dark out, and, well, even then he is so well-spoken! It's a moment for the NSC History books...

[Click here for the video story...](#)



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#### [CSLT STATS](#)

## CSLT Updates

Justin has kicked off 2025 with his team, making plans to contact every chapter in our District. Some recent stats:

### **CSLT Chapter Visits Completed:**

- Greenville Area Chapter (Paul) 1/28
- Greensboro Chapter (Ken) 2/3
- Upstate South Carolina (Nate) 2/8
- 8 remaining chapter visits prior to April convention

Contact [Justin Slack](#) if you have any questions.

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#### [MUSIC](#)

## Coaching Available!

Our District Coaching Program is here for you! We have one chapter on the list for coaching so far this year. Contact Tom now and schedule some stellar coaching!

Contact [Tom Parker](#) if you have any questions.

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#### [LEADERSHIP ACADEMY](#)

## Files Available Leadership Academy 2025

We hosted a successful leadership academy with over 130 different attendees registered for over 160 classes. It was a great experience working with the Sunshine District. Access to videos as well as presentations are [available here on our Google drive.](#)

*~For more information, contact [Bob Boone](#), Dean Leadership Academy*

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#### [NSC Chapters](#)

## Proof: Singing Valentines are Fabulous!



[LHW and HX 2025](#)

## Lakeside Harmony Weekend & Harmony Explosion Camp!

**SAVE THE DATE**

**LAKESIDE HARMONY WEEKEND 2025**

**JULY 18-20, 2025**

*HARMONY EXPLOSION 2025*

**JULY 17-20, 2025**

New location: Furman University in Greenville, SC

The most fun-filled, educational Barbershop weekend in the Southeast!

You won't want to miss it!

**CAROLINAS**  
BARBERSHOP HARMONY  
NOTHING COULD BE FINER

**SOUTHEASTERN**  
HARMONY

- Yes, this year we're moving up 185 forty-five miles or so to beautiful **Furman University**, where we'll enjoy a less spread-out (and less hilly!) area.
- Super Gold-Star faculty, featuring many international quality coaches and teachers
- Fabulous Saturday night show, featuring Full Effect (2024 6<sup>th</sup> place qtet), the youth chorus, and the wacky wonderful Boardwalk qtet !
- Information available soon on our website

[NSC CHAPTERS](#)

## A Reminder: ALL Officers on BHS Database

**MOST IMPORTANT** (besides singing): ALL CHAPTER SECRETARIES please be certain to update ALL your 2025 officers in the BHS Member Database! We

use this information for mailing lists, among other things. **And please review ALL officers listed for your Chapter...we have many missing term ending dates, giving us expired information.** ~Thank you!

## [BHS NEWS](#)

# Endless Opportunities to Experience our Best!

1. [Carolinas Annual Convention and Contest](#) is **April 4-6** in Pinehurst NC. Registration is available for contestants, convention and hotels!
2. The latest NEW ADDITION to the opportunities in barbershop is the [Un-Convention in Nashville](#) over Memorial Weekend, **May 23-25!**
3. Don't forget a mountaintop experience: our [2025 International in Denver, June 29-July 6!](#) It's a "don't miss" event, with an enhanced chorus contest draw to make it even better in 2025.
4. Our very own **Lakeside Harmony Weekend** and **Harmony Explosion Camp**, in partnership with the Southeastern Harmony District, will occur at Furman Univ, South Carolina: **July 18-20 for Adults, July 17-20 for Students.** More info to follow shortly-it's affordable, welcoming, and a can't miss event!
5. As it's often called 'The best week in singing', [Harmony University](#) will be held again **July 27 - Aug 3 in Denver.** Classes, coaching, choruses...you name it, you can experience it!

## Our Calendar

### Your Link to Upcoming **District** and **BHS** Events



Click the link for the official [District Calendar](#), that includes time and place. Here's a recap of what's scheduled to date. Contact District Secretary **Richard Harris** at [secretary@carolinasdistrict.org](mailto:secretary@carolinasdistrict.org) to get your **chapter show** cleared for posting to the District calendar, etc.

**Mar 22 - NSC House of Delegates** meeting via Zoom

**Mar 29 - A Cappella Spring Sing** - Winston-Salem, NC

**April 4-5 - 2025 NSC Convention and Contest** - Pinehurst, NC

May 23 - 24 - [BHS Un-Convention](#) - Nashville, TN

## Important Links

[> Carolinas Barbershop Harmony](#)

[> Barbershop Harmony Society \(BHS\)](#)

[> NEW LINK! BHS Free Classes and Tutorials!](#)

[> Previous Carolina Crooners](#)

Please send in letters, photos and comments with your opinions, ideas and

experiences to share, and ideas to ponder. We hope to see you at our 2025  
Convention and Contest in April!

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