HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY - IN SALT LAKE CITY

What is there to do in Salt Lake City on this Fourth of July? This year you can snow ski – a ski resort, Snowbird, has announced they have enough snow to be open for skiing (!!) – or you can water ski on the lakes in the state, or you take a snowboard to a sand dune for ‘land skiing,’ OR, hey, you’re at Barbershop International, what do you think there is to do??

At 9 a.m. be at the Hilton Grand Ballroom and enjoy an hour of Vocal Majority music with the GOLD MEDAL HOUR performance by a habitual Gold Medal winning chorus from Dallas, TX.

Then at 9:30 a.m. After Hours will hold a meet and greet in the Little America Grand Ballroom. Come press the flesh and learn about this Gold Medal winning quartet.

Also at 9 a.m., the Annual PROBE meeting will be held at Little America’s Wasatch Room. This is a must attend for all chapter newsletter editors, or if you want to have a chapter newsletter but don’t have one currently, you have got to be there!! TODAY is also the International Quartet Semi-finals, starting at 10:45 a.m. and finishing up by 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Center.

Then TONIGHT is the Association of International Champions (AIC) SHOW – for which you need a separate ticket, not just your convention registration – at 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Conference Center.

So up and at ‘em, get to those early events and be prepared for outstanding Quartet singing at the Semifinals and the AIC SHOW tonight. (Both of these events are open to free tickets for Utah residents – by BHS – “who are not Barbershoppers” . . . just not local Barbershoppers! Ask for details at the Convention Office.)

A once in a lifetime A Cappella experience

AIC Show: FAMILY HARMONY

Close Harmony, charming, moving performances by your favorite champion quartets singing popular themes from beloved classic television shows! Fun, silly, often hilarious and most importantly a beautiful expression of life and love with family through harmony.

That’s what you will see tonight in the AIC show (separate ticket required) for this family show. From 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm in the Conference Center, the best of the best will be there to see, hear and enjoy!

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This show is put on by the Association of International Champions so that confirms the quality of the performances to be given. If that isn’t enough, the featured performers are from: *After Hours, Main Street, Forefront, Instant Classic, Storm Front, Crossroads, OC Times, Vocal Spectrum, Joker’s Wild*. WOW!

But if you can’t attend you can still see the show, you can watch it live streamed on FloVoice -

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**Daily Tag** - *I Love to Sing ’Em* by Mac Huff

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**Freedom Fest Gala** in Provo, Tue. night, Signature with Alan Osmond -

(L – *Signature* with Alan Osmond; below – singing with an Osmond, historic! - Photo credit: Greg Duerden)

Signature sang the National Anthem, then after dinner they performed at the Freedom Festival Awards Gala at the Provo Convention Center. Provo’s Freedom Festival grew to the Nation’s largest Fourth of July celebration from the Stadium of Fire, began by Alan Osmond and his brothers. There is a parade with over one million along the Provo Streets, the Stadium of Fire – this year featuring Keith Urban – and lots of fireworks and flags and patriotism.

Tag Singing is one of the regular events of Convention – sometimes to the wee ‘early’ hours. These four were singing late into one recent evening. They are (L to R): Rae Watney, of Leeds, UK; Bear Schael, of Santa Fe, NM; Michael Rinehart, of Bellvue, WA; Robert Holmshhead, of Concord, MA. A good time was had by them and those listening!!

(photo credit: Greg Duerden)
Top 20 Quartets selected for Semi-Finals Today (July 4th)

After three rounds of Quarter-finals the top 20 Quartets in the world were selected in a random order draw after the final round, Wednesday starting about 10:45 a.m.

Mid Atlantic District garnered five quartets in the final 20 (25% - the top percentage of all districts); Sunshine District has three quartets in the semi-finals; Johnny Appleseed District, SNOBS – Society of Nordic Barbershop Singers – and the Far West District all have two quartets in the top 20 (10% each); with one each for Southwestern District, Rocky Mountain District, Ontario District, Pioneer District and Dixie District.

Mic-testers for the Semi-finals will be Legacy Road; they will be on about 10:51 a.m.

Performing first on today about 11:01 a.m. in the Conference Center will be Studio 4 (Mid Atlantic District), followed by Frontier (Pioneer District) about 11:11 am, #3 is Trocadero (SNOBs) coming on stage about 11:21 am, fourth in performing order is The Newfangled Four (Far West District) coming on about 11:31 am, fifth is Pratt Street Power (another from Mid Atlantic District) performing at about 11:41 am, coming on stage about 11:51 am performing sixth is Throwback (Sunshine District), #7 is Artistic License (Far West District) performing about 12:01 pm, eighth is Maelstrom (Rocky Mountain District) coming on stage about 12:11 pm, followed by #9 Clutch (Southwestern District) about 12:21 pm, next at 12:31 pm and performing in tenth position is Signature (Sunshine District). A 15-minute Intermission will be followed by the 11th quartet on stage for the semi-finals The Core (Johnny Appleseed District) about 1:02 pm, performing at 1:12 pm will be twelfth Midtown (another Mid Atlantic District one), lucky #13 is Rawsunah (SNOBs) performing about 1:22 pm, with fourteenth as Gimme Four (one more from Mid Atlantic District) going on stage about 1:32 pm, #15 is Yonge Guns (Ontario District) will perform about 1:42 pm, with sixteenth in performance order being Rooftop Records (another from Sunshine District) at about 1:52 pm, next is Round Midnight (another from Mid Atlantic District) taking stage about 2:02 pm, eighteenth is Momma’s Boys (Evergreen District) performing about 2:12 pm, with the nineteenth performing as Category 4 (Dixie District) entering stage about 2:22 pm, and 20th will be Legacy Road (Southwestern District) coming on to finish the semi-final performance at about 2:32 pm.

A special performance by Double-Double will conclude the performance at about 2:42 pm followed by announcement of the order of appearance for the top 10 quartets in the Finals.

Scoresheets will be made available shortly after the conclusion of the semi-finals distributed to the following hotel lobbies: Little America, Red Lion, Sheraton, Raddisson, Marriott City Creek, Marriott City Center, and Hilton in Salt Lake City.

After Hours is the reigning Gold Medal winning quartet for 2019, and later this week their reign will end as another quartet will take their place. The cycle continues.

From Your Lenz: Hats abound in the summer sun and these ladies are “rockin’ la chapo” on Trax in SLC (top), in the Tabernacle (r) and seeing their lovely faces (far right)
Some Mom’s feel a need to be ‘up close’ at all times, even when their boy is on stage … or is she checking out their nose hairs?!

This audience member had a need to be even closer to the groups on stage in the Tabernacle during the Quartet Quarterfinals.

Some people’s knees are nice, other people’s knees aren’t; but, this set of knees are the Canadian patriotic inked “bee’s knees.”

We all know Barbershop is a great family experience and the Brett Morris Family, from Dallas, TX, shows it is a very fun and exciting family experience here in Salt Lake City in 2019!

Several other happy faces from SLC 2019 International Convention:

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