Today: Chorus Contest

Rounds 1 & 2 of the Chorus Competition are today, with Round 1 starting at 10 am to 2:30 pm, in the Conference Center, and Round 2 going from 4 pm to 9 pm.

Choruses from many districts and a one affiliate will compete for the big gold medal. Central States District has four entrants (Pathfinder Chorus, Ambassadors of Harmony, Smorgaschorus, Central Standard), Johnny Appleseed District touts three competitors (Southern Gateway, Singing Buckeyes, Men of Independence), while four districts have two entrants each: Rocky Mountain District (Sound of the Rockies & Saltaires), Illinois District (Sound of Illinois & New Tradition), Far West District (Voices of California & Westminster Chorus), and Dixie District (Music City Chorus & Sound of Tennessee). The following districts each have one chorus in the competition: Land O’ Lakes District (Midwest Vocal Express), Carolinas District (Palmetto Vocal Project), Seneca Lakes District (Harmonic Collective), Society of Nordic Barbershop Singers (ZERO8), Mid-Atlantic District (Voices of Gotham), Sunshine District (Heralds of Harmony), Ontario District (Toronto Northern Lights), Cardinal District (Circle City Sound), Southwestern District (The Marcsmen), Evergreen District (Northwest Sound), Northeastern District (Vocal Revolution).

Last year’s champion, Vocal Majority, will reign over this year’s competition. VM has a long and illustrious history in BHS Choral Competition; winning an amazing thirteen (13) gold medals since 1975 – their first gold medal win in their 45-year reign. Dallas, TX, is the seat of this powerhouse and talented chorus.

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Chorus Mic Test Trivia -

Boise Chordsmen is the mic test chorus for tonight’s Chorus Contest. A bit of trivia about what they will perform was leaked ahead of time, and we have this bit of trivia for you:

When I Lost You by Irving Berlin - Berlin was enjoying success following publication of his hit Alexander’s Ragtime Band. He met a beautiful girl and married her. They took their honeymoon in Tahiti, but she caught Typhoid fever ... and died.

Berlin stopped writing music and fell into a deep funk for two years. Finally, his brother-in-law (her brother) urged him to write again.

This song (When I Lost You) is how he worked through his feelings for his wife. Looking at his list of songs, they are all happy, peppy, up- tunes. This song is his only ballad.

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Photos from around the Convention:

Reflections of a chandler in sunglasses atop a head makes for an unique and interesting shot.

Who says tags can only be sung by four individuals? There are four parts but multiple people can enjoy singing together … case in point!

What a magnificent venue! One of the good things about the Tabernacle is that we can fill the lower floor and had room in the Mezzanine, we won’t be able to come close to filling the Conference Center’s main seating area … but the acoustics in the Tabernacle were amazing, too. !!!

Barbershopper’s are a special breed, but spelling out one’s hobby using the periodic table on a t-shirt is just a little bit beyond unique, isn’t it? … but FUN!

Daily Tag