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AFTER HOURS wins International Barbershop Quartet Championship

Flawless harmonies and jazzy interpretation propelled **After Hours** to the pinnacle of a cappella singing, as it captured the 2018 international quartet championship of the Barbershop Harmony Society on Saturday, July 7 in Orlando.

Singing a range of songs from Broadway including “Butter Outta Cream” from *Catch Me If You Can*, “The Next Ten Minutes” from *The Last Five Years*, and classics like “Honeysuckle Rose,” the quartet posted the highest winning score in the history of the annual competition, now in its 80th year.

The quartet edged out strong challenges from the silver medalist **Signature**, who brought smoky intensity to blues-tinged numbers like Ray Charles’ “Hard Times (No One Knows Better than I)” and the pop/country stylings of **Throwback**.

The top five finishers were:

1. **After Hours**, 8523 points, 94.7%
2. **Signature**, 8442 points, 93.8%
3. **Throwback**, 8205 points, 91.2%
4. **Quorum**, 8115 points, 90.2%
5. **Stockholm Syndrome**, 8093, 89.9%

The members of After Hours are:

- Tim Beutel, tenor -- Tremont, Illinois
- Drew Ochoa, lead -- Windermere, Florida
- Bryan Ziegler, bari -- Madison, Wisconsin
- Dan Wessler, bass -- Freeport, Illinois

The international quartet contest included 50 quartets representing the US, Canada, Sweden, Great Britain, and New Zealand. For [full scores](#), see www.barbershop.org/orlando.