



2017 DAILY BULLETIN

DESERT NEWS



Saturday  
July 8th

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QUARTET FINALS TONIGHT!!

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

An Overview of Daily Details

Saturday, July 8

General Contest & Judging Meeting

9am - 9:50am, PH - Wilshire AB

Gold Medal Hour - Forefront

9am - 9:50am, Bally's - Event Center

Mixed Barbershop Harmony Association Meeting

9am - 12pm, PH - Westwood Board Room

Convention Office

9am - 1pm, PH - Sunset 3-4

Registration / Exhibits / Harmony Marketplace

9am - 1pm, PH - Mezzanine

Harmony University Classes

9am - 3pm, Bally's - Skyview 1-6

AHSOW Room

9am - midnight, PH - Santa Monica 4

Contest Administrator Category Meeting

10am - 12pm, PH - Sunset 2

Music Category Meeting

10am - 10:30am, PH - Sunset 1

Performance Category Meeting

10am - 10:30am, PH - Sunset 5

Singing Category Meeting

10am - 10:30am, PH - Sunset 6

Gold Medal Hour - Ambassadors of Harmony

10am - 10:50am, Bally's - Event Center

AHSHOW General Membership Meeting

11am - 12pm, PH - Santa Monica 4

Harmony Platoon

11am - 12:30pm, PH - Melrose 3

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Gathering

12pm - 12:50pm, PH - Sunset 1

Harmony Platoon / Brigade Singing

12:30pm - midnight, PH - Melrose 3

World Harmony Jamboree

(Separate purchase required. Tickets available at Registration)

1pm - 3:30pm, Bally's - Event Center

MegaSing

3pm - 3:45pm, Bally's - Skyview 5 & 6

BarberTots Room

5pm - 10pm, PH - Sunset 2

SCHEDULE....continued

Saturday Night Spectacular - Together We Sing

5:15pm - 6:30pm, PH - Axis Theater

International Quartet Finals

6:45pm - 10pm, PH - Axis Theater

Chordatorium, presented by Society President, Skipp Kropp (open to everyone)

10:30pm - 1am, Bally's - Event Center

MEGA-SING

Be sure not to miss this year's MegaSing event in the AIR CONDITIONED Bally's Skyview 5/6. It will start at 3:00pm Come and join in the fun!

2017 Quartet Finals Outcome Difficult to Predict; Presumed Favorite Main Street Faces Veteran Field

(submitted by bulletin staff writer, Ford Fuller)

With its seventh consecutive Finals appearance, **Main Street** is certainly the presumed—if not the sentimental!—favorite to capture its first gold medal in the Las Vegas 2017 Quartet Contest.

Sure to challenge strongly is up-and-comer **Signature**, with the highest ever qualifying score of 91.9 in only their second top ten appearance.

Not to be counted out are six-time top ten finisher **Throwback**, four-time top ten finisher **After Hours**, and three-time top ten finishers **Quorum** and **Artistic License**.

Rounding out the Top Ten is **Stockholm Syndrome**, making their second top ten appearance, and newcomers **Category 4**, **'Round Midnight**, and **Newfangled Four**.

Interestingly, two of the top ten quartet finalists came up through the Collegiate Quartet Contest, now known as the Youth Barbershop Quartet Contest, or YBQC: **Newfangled Four** earned gold at Toronto (2014) and **After Hours** placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at Kansas City. Based on the number of YBQC contestants here in Las Vegas, the appearance of more youth quartet contest alumni is a trend that is sure to continue. Harmony Foundation International is to be congratulated for its support of this important youth initiative.

Yes, tonight's quartet champion is hard to predict, but the high level of qualifying scores guarantees an exciting quartet finals. As he left the Axis Theater after the semifinals, one audience member exclaimed, "I've been to 27 International Conventions, and that was the best Top 20 I've ever seen [and heard]!"



Throwback



Signature



Main Street



## Rounding Out the Top 10 Quartets



Quorum

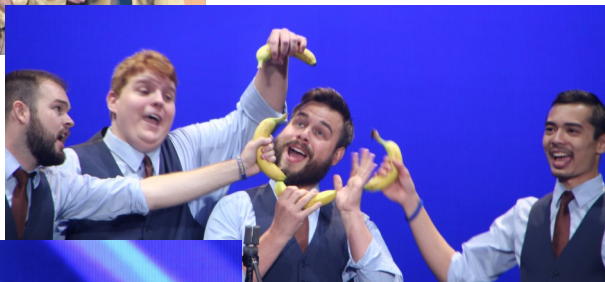
Category 4



Artistic License



Newfangled Four



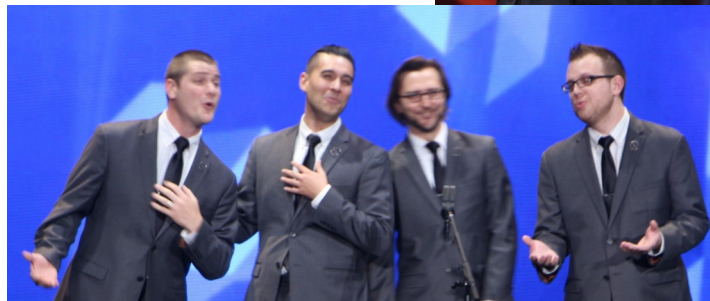
Stockholm Syndrome



'Round Midnight



After Hours



## CHORUS & QUARTET PHOTOS

If you are interested in ordering photos of one or more of the competing choruses and quartets this year, AFTER THE CONVENTION, go to: [www.barbershop.org/photos](http://www.barbershop.org/photos)

The following Harmony Foundation Classes are canceled for Saturday:

### Jay Dougherty

9:00am, Bally's, Skyview 4

*Become the Most-Improved Quartet*

### Joe Hunter

12:00pm, Bally's, Skyview 3

*Demystifying Performance*

## VISIT THE CHORDATORIUM!

The singing is nonstop!  
(presented by Society President, Skipp Kropp (open to everyone))

Have fun in a relaxed, casual environment at the **Chordatorium**.

Sign up your quartet to sing some songs...or just listen to some great quartets perform their favorite tunes.

The action's in Bally's Event Center, Saturday 9:30-11:30 pm and after quartet finals Saturday, 10:30pm to 1:00am.

## Join Us in the TAG ZONE

(with teachers)

*(Harmony University)*

**Saturday, July 8th**

**Near Harmony Marketplace and Registration**

**Noon-1:30pm**

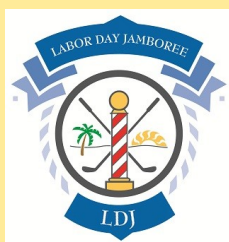
**(Mark A. Lubart)**

**1:30-3:00pm**

**(William Stutts, Jr)**

**3:00-4:30pm**

**(William Stutts, Jr)**



## LABOR DAY JAMBOREE

What's one of the best follow-ups to International in Las Vegas? Sunshine District's Labor Day Jamboree in Orlando Florida. This has become one of the highlights of the barbershop year and is held on Labor Day Weekend. Dates this year are September 1-4, 2017. Come relax in Orlando, Florida at the Orlando Airport Marriott Hotel and take in some of the best Barbershop in the country.

Activities include shows on Saturday and Sunday evening with afterglows following, tag singing around the pool (and elsewhere), the Dave Labar Almost Classic, Classic Golf Tournament and the Grapefruit League Novice Quartet Contest. This year's shows include:

Signature

Windsor - SAI 2016 Silver Medalist

The New Fangled Four

Category 4

Boardwalk

LDJ is also known for surprise appearances by other top groups. For more information, see the Sunshine District Website at [sunshinedistrict.org](http://sunshinedistrict.org) or the LDJ website at [labordayjamboree.com](http://labordayjamboree.com). Hotel reservations are now open at \$109 /night or \$129 /night including breakfast for 2. Come join the fun!

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## Which Quartet?

With the Quarterfinals and Semifinals over, the field of 55 quartets vying for the coveted title of CHAMPION QUARTET has been narrowed to the Top 10. Tonight at 6:45pm the Quartet Finals will start in the Axis Theater. Here is the order of appearance by these top performing groups:

Mic Testers: Rooftop Records

1. 'Round Midnight
2. Stockholm Syndrome
3. Throwback
4. After Hours
5. Signature
6. Quorum
7. Main Street
8. Artistic License
9. Newfangled Four
10. Category 4

Best of Luck to Everyone!



**AIC SHOW 2017**  
*(photos by bulletin staff photographer, Chris Wethered)*





Various sights and people around the convention.  
(photos by bulletin staff member, Chris Wethered)

On the mezzanine, just outside Harmony Marketplace, four different groups singing tags.  
(photo by bulletin staff member, Dave Kennedy)

