



**FAR WESTERN DISTRICT
SPRING CONVENTION**
March 15-18, 2018 • Irvine, California



Schedule of Events

Thursday, March 15, 2018

Event	Start	End	Location	Room
Harmony Platoon	9:00 AM	2:00 PM	Atrium Hotel	Sunset Lounge
FWD Board Meeting	2:00 PM	6:00 PM	Hilton Hotel	Monarch 3/4
Harmony Platoon	5:00 PM	10:00 PM	Atrium Hotel	Garden 5
Registration Open (Hotel)	6:00 PM	10:00 PM	Hilton Hotel	Lobby

Friday, March 16, 2018

Event	Start	End	Location	Room
Registration	8:00 AM	8:00 PM	Hilton Hotel	Lobby
Harmony Platoon	8:00 AM	1:00 PM	Atrium Hotel	Hibiscus
FWD Past Presidents Meeting	9:00 AM	11:30 AM	Hilton Hotel	Monarch 3/4
FWD House of Delegates Meeting	1:30 PM	3:30 PM	Atrium Hotel	Garden Ballroom
Society Listening Session	3:30 PM	4:30 PM	Atrium Hotel	Garden Ballroom
Judges Meeting	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	Hilton Hotel	San Clemente
Doors Open (Mic Test)	4:30 PM		Hilton Hotel	Crystal Ballroom
Quartet Contest & Prelim Semifinals	5:00 PM	9:45 PM	Hilton Hotel	Crystal Ballroom
Evaluations (Quartets not advancing)	10:30 PM		Hilton Hotel	Judges' Rooms

Saturday, March 17, 2018

Event	Start	End	Location	Room
Registration	8:00 AM		Hilton Hotel	Lobby
Doors Open (Joe Barbershop Chorus)	9:00 AM		Hilton Hotel	Crystal Ballroom
Chorus Contest	9:30 AM	12:30 PM	Hilton Hotel	Crystal Ballroom
High School Quartet Briefing	11:30 AM	12:30 PM	Hilton Hotel	San Clemente
High School Quartet Contest	12:50 PM	1:20 PM	Hilton Hotel	Crystal Ballroom
Chorus Evaluations	2:00 PM	3:30 PM	Hilton Hotel	To Be Announced
Doors Open (Mic Test)	6:00 PM		Hilton Hotel	Crystal Ballroom
Quartet Prelim Finals	6:30 PM	8:30 PM	Hilton Hotel	Crystal Ballroom
Show of Champions	8:45 PM	9:45 PM	Hilton Hotel	Crystal Ballroom
Evaluations (Finalist Quartets)	10:30 PM		Hilton Hotel	Judges' Rooms

Spring Convention Committee

Spring Convention Chairman	Bryan Forbes	Production	Russ Young & Nick Papageorge
FWD President	Craig Hughes	Stage Manager	Sharon Ernsberger
FWD Executive VP	Bill Rosica	Sound Engineer	Hilton Production Team
FWD Immediate Past President	Gordon Berghold	Lighting Engineer	Hilton Production Team
FWD VP Contests & Judging	Brett Littlefield	Judges Services/Transportation	Justin Barber
FWD VP Southeast Division	Nick Papageorge	Competitor Hosts/Flow	Stephen Henry
FWD VP Southwest Division	Brent Anderson	Riser Coordination	Ken Olson
FWD Events Chairman	Bryan Forbes	Awards	Chuck Hunter, Sr. & Sam Barger
FWD Registrar	David Melville	Front of House	Richard Otto
FWD Treasurer	Rich Owen	Signage	Doug Wollen
Harmony Platoon	Bill Kane	Convention Program	David Melville

International Quartet Preliminary Finals

Hilton Hotel, Crystal Ballroom • Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 6:30 PM

Master of Ceremonies – Craig Hughes, District President

Microphone Testers: _____

1.	_____	Int'l Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/>
2.	_____	Int'l Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/>
3.	_____	Int'l Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/>
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7.	_____	Int'l Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/>
8.	_____	Int'l Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/>
9.	_____	Int'l Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/>
10.	_____	Int'l Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/>

Division Quartet Contest Results

Get the scoring summaries at <https://tinyurl.com/fwd-scores>

Southeast Division	Points
Novice Quartet Champion: _____	_____
Senior Quartet Champion: _____	_____
2018 Quartet Champion: _____	_____

Southwest Division	Points
Novice Quartet Champion: _____	_____
Senior Quartet Champion: _____	_____
2018 Quartet Champion: _____	_____



Show of Champions

Hilton Hotel, Crystal Ballroom • Immediately following the Quartet Finals

Master of Ceremonies – Craig Hughes, District President



★ **High School Quartet Champion** ★

★ **Division Quartet Champions** ★ ★ **Division Chorus Champions** ★

★ **Parade of International Quartet Qualifiers** ★

Upcoming Events in the Far Western District



**2018
IRVINE**

**Far Western District
Spring Convention**

Harmony Platoon

Past Presidents

Board of Directors • House of Delegates

International Quartet Preliminaries

Southeast Division Chorus & Quartet Contests

Southwest Division Chorus & Quartet Contests

FWD High School Quartet Contest

Show of Champions



March 15-18, 2018

Hilton Irvine/Orange County Airport • Irvine, California



FWD Spring Convention
PANEL OF JUDGES

MUSIC

Evan Boegehold - JAD
Columbus, OH

Mark Hale - RMD
Parker, CO

Jeff Taylor - ONT
Oakville, ON

PERFORMANCE

Sean Devine - MAD
Hummelstown, PA

Sam Papageorge - FWD
La Habra, CA

Gary Steinkamp - FWD
Phoenix, AZ

SINGING

Dr. Jay Butterfield - MAD
Lancaster, PA

Eric Dalbey - CSD
University City, MO

Chad Wulf - JAD
Columbus, OH

CONTEST
ADMINISTRATOR

Kameron Owens - JAD
Whitehouse, OH

Sean Smith - CSD
Marion, IA

For an explanation of the judging
categories, visit
farwesterndistrict.org

Welcome to the Spring Convention!



On behalf of the Brea Gaslight Chorus, I am pleased to welcome you to the 2018 Far Western District Spring Convention and Contests. The Spring Convention is an annual event on the Far Western District calendar and this year combines the Southeast and Southwest Division Contests for both quartets and choruses, the High School Quartet Contest and the International Quartet Preliminaries. You are in store for a terrific line up of quartets and choruses and I am certain you will enjoy all of their performances and show them the appreciation exemplary of a barbershop audience.

As the FWD Events Chair and your General Convention Chairman, I would like to extend some words of appreciation to Ron Black for his years of service as your Vice President of Contest and Judging. This contest marks the first for Brett Littlefield, who is your new VP for Contest and Judging in the Far Western District. We look forward to working with Brett and being part of the successful legacy he is sure to build.

In recognition of all of the hard work by quartets and choruses preparing for this contest, please accept our best wishes for an unforgettable and triumphant event.

Bryan Forbes • President, The Gaslight Chorus & FWD Events Chair

Convention Dedication

Justin Miller



Justin Miller is a native Southern Californian who was raised in Westport, Connecticut. Following high school, he returned to Southern California and enrolled at Chapman University, where he earned degrees in Music Education and Choral Conducting. While there he conducted the Chapman University Choir and University Singers in concert, and won awards for his accomplishments in conducting and his contributions to the choral department of the Conservatory of Music. He received his Bachelor of Music degree in 2008, and teaching credential in 2010, both from Chapman.

In 2008, Justin assumed the role of Musical Director of the Westminster Chorus. Under his direction, the chorus has grown into an ensemble with a diverse repertoire while keeping its roots in Barbershop music. In 2009, he led Westminster to the title of “Choir of the World” at the International Musical Eisteddfod in Llangollen, Wales. In 2010 and again in 2015, he led them to the International Championship of the Barbershop Harmony Society. The Westminster Chorus has also toured all over the United States as well as Germany, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and New Zealand.

In 2012, Justin became the Musical Director of the Masters of Harmony. In 2017, he led them to their ninth International Championship. He currently directs both the Masters of Harmony and the Westminster Chorus.

Justin is very active with the Barbershop Harmony Society. He has served on the faculty of Harmony University, is a former Music Judge, and is a sought-after coach.

Justin is the Director of Choral Music at Mater Dei High School in Santa Ana, California where he oversees over 350 choral students in seven choirs. Justin and his wife Andrea have a daughter, Tenley, and a newly arrived son, Mason.

Division Quartet Contest & Int’l Preliminary Semifinals

Hilton Hotel, Crystal Ballroom • Friday, March 16, 2018 at 5:00 PM

Microphone Testers – Harmony Platoon Champions

Quartet members are listed in the following order: Tenor, Lead, Baritone, Bass.

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| 1. | Fortunate Sons - Chase Cullen, Ben Smurthwaite, Jason James, Bobby Reynolds
<i>La Jolla & Westminster chapters</i> | Int'l Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/> | Fall Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. | The Newfangled Four - Joey Buss, Jackson Niebrugge, Ryan Wisniewski, Jake Tickner
<i>Las Vegas, Santa Fe Springs & Westminster chapters</i> | Int'l Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 3. | Tipping the Scale - Adam Marangakis, Cole Dawson, David Camp, Harrison Ashkenasy
<i>Santa Fe Springs, Santa Monica & Westminster chapters</i> | | Fall Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. | Blowin` Off Steam - Jussi Ratula, Justin McQueen, Jeremy Loper, Robert Shelton
<i>Santa Fe Springs, Santa Monica & Westminster chapters</i> | | Fall Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| 5. | Shave the Bear - Jon Sutherland, Tony Hope, Stephen Henry, John Saylor
<i>Brea Chapter</i> | | Fall Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. | Seaside - Glenn Davis, Nick Roberto, Fred Baker, Jordan Johnson
<i>Santa Cruz Chapter</i> | Int'l Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 7. | Dynamix - Doyle Pope, Robert Lenoil, James Morgan, Bruce Morgan
<i>California Delta & Visalia chapters</i> | Int'l Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/> | Fall Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. | Bari and the Three Bears - Christoph Neyer, Toby Jaw, Gregory Anderson, Richard Wood
<i>Fremont-Hayward Chapter</i> | Int'l Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 9. | Hi-Fidelity - Craig Ewing, Tom Moore, Gregg Bernhard, Martin Fredstrom
<i>Fullerton & Santa Fe Springs chapters</i> | Int'l Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 10. | Lords Of The Ring - John Duval, Tom Duval, Carl Buntin, Dave Williams
<i>Inland Empire Chapter</i> | | Fall Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. | Four Fifteen - Bryan Forbes, Larry Gassman, John Gassman, John Saylor
<i>Brea Chapter</i> | | Fall Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. | Good Times! - Mike Conner, Dave Pruszk, Wally Smulson, Greg Dreyer
<i>Las Vegas Chapter</i> | Int'l Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/> | Fall Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13. | Old Town Rascals - Ken Koch, Steve Secules, Mark Lewis, Adam Massey
<i>Temecula & Frank Thorne chapters</i> | Int'l Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/> | Fall Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| 14. | fourtified - Brett Miser, Eric Tomlinson, Tom Teunissen, Rodger Varner
<i>Temecula Chapter</i> | Int'l Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/> | Fall Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15. | Szyzgy - Allan Webb, Jim Schumacher, Bret Wallach, Scott Werkheiser
<i>La Jolla & Santa Fe Springs chapters</i> | | Fall Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 16. | Intonation - Les Dergan, Jeremy McMahon, Dan Ryan, Richard Muhn
<i>Greater Phoenix, Salt River Valley, Santa Fe Springs & Sun Cities chapters</i> | Int'l Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/> | Fall Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 17. | Suit Up! - Justin Klemballa, R.J. Esquivias, Brent Graham, Rodney Armstrong
<i>Salt River Valley, Santa Fe Springs & Frank Thorne chapters</i> | Int'l Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 18. | Art City Junction - Dallin Cox, Stephen Cluff, Cody Humpherys, Kevin Lew
<i>Rocky Mountain District (RMD)</i> | Int'l Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 19. | Velvet Frogs - Craig Ewing, David Livingston, CJ Sams, Bill Wilson
<i>Fullerton, Santa Monica & Santa Fe Springs chapters</i> | | Fall Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 20. | VOX - Jon Sutherland, Matt Ordaz, Vernon Brock, John Saylor
<i>Brea Chapter</i> | | Fall Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 21. | Desert Crossing - Jim Brown, Nick Roberto, Jordan Johnson, Cary Burns
<i>Mesa, Santa Cruz & Frank Thorne chapters</i> | | Fall Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/> |

Southeast & Southwest Divisions Chorus Contest

Hilton Hotel, Crystal Ballroom • Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 9:30 AM

Microphone Testers – JOE BARBERSHOP CHORUS – Brett Littlefield, Director

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| 1. | San Diego - “Sun Harbor” | Southeast | Kathleen Hansen, Director | Fall Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. | Santa Monica - “Oceanaires” | Southwest | Laura Singer, Director | Fall Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. | La Jolla - “Pacific Coast Harmony” | Southeast | Royce Ferguson, Director | Fall Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. | Inland Empire - “Inland Sound” | Southeast | Carl Buntin, Director | Fall Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. | Palomar Pacific - “The Music Men” | Southeast | David Garstang, Director | Fall Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. | South Bay - “Coastliners” | Southwest | Peter Neushel, Director | Fall Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| 7. | Fullerton - “Orange Empire Chorus” | Southeast | Craig Ewing, Director | Fall Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. | South Orange County - “South County Sound” | Southeast | Dawn Castiglione, Director | Fall Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. | Temecula - “Temecula Wine Valley Harmonizers” | Southeast | Sang Park, Director | Fall Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. | Las Vegas - “Silver Statesmen” | Southeast | Jim Halvorson, Director | Fall Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. | Rincon Beach - “Pacific Sound” | Southwest | Mike McGee, Director | Fall Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. | Brea - “Gaslight Chorus” | Southeast | Phil Ordaz, Director | Fall Qualifier <input type="checkbox"/> |



FWD HIGH SCHOOL QUARTET CONTEST
Hilton Hotel, Crystal Ballroom • Immediately following the Chorus Contest
Master of Ceremonies – Brian Philbin
Quartets to be announced
Scoring Judges: Joey Buss, Jackson Niebrugge, Ryan Wisniewski, Jake Tickner, Cody Littlefield, Cary Burns
Contest Administrator: Kent Richardson



Division Chorus Contest Results

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Southeast Division		Points
Most Improved Chorus:		
Plateau A Champion:		
Plateau AA Champion:		
Plateau AAA Champion:		
2018 Chorus Champion:		
Southwest Division		Points
Most Improved Chorus:		
Plateau A Champion:		
Plateau AA Champion:		
Plateau AAA Champion:		
2018 Chorus Champion:		