



FAR WESTERN DISTRICT FALL CONVENTION

October 11-14, 2018 • Fresno, California



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, October 11, 2018

Event	Start	End	Location	Room
Harmony Platoon	1:00 PM	11:00 PM	DoubleTree Hotel	Salon A1
FWD Board of Directors	2:00 PM	6:00 PM	DoubleTree Hotel	Sequoia Room

Friday, October 12, 2018

Event	Start	End	Location	Room
Convention Registration	8:00 AM	9:00 PM	Saroyan Theatre	Lobby
Harmony Platoon	9:00 AM	1:00 PM	DoubleTree Hotel	Salon A1
FWD Past President's Meeting	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	DoubleTree Hotel	Board Room
AHSOW	9:00 AM	4:00 PM	DoubleTree Hotel	Yosemite Room
Harmony for Lunch	11:00 AM	2:00 PM	Cosmopolitan, 625 O St. • 1 block from hotel	
FWD Hall of Fame Lunch	11:30 AM	1:30 PM	DoubleTree Hotel	Board Room
The Barber Shop Emporium	12:00 PM	4:00 PM	DoubleTree Hotel	Sierra Room
FWD House of Delegates Mtg.	1:30 PM	3:30 PM	DoubleTree Hotel	Sequoia Room
Judge's Meeting	3:30 PM	4:30 PM	DoubleTree Hotel	Judge's Hospitality
Community Sing with John Miller	3:30 PM	4:30 PM	DoubleTree Hotel	Atrium
Doors Open	4:30 PM		Saroyan Theatre	Lobby
QUARTET SEMIFINALS	5:00 PM	9:30 PM	Saroyan Theatre	Auditorium
AFWDC Late Show	10:00 PM	12:00 AM	DoubleTree Hotel	Sequoia Room
Evaluations (qtets not advancing)	10:15 PM	12:00 AM	DoubleTree Hotel	Judge's Suites

Saturday, October 13, 2018

Event	Start	End	Location	Room
Convention Registration	8:00 AM	7:00 PM	Saroyan Theatre	Lobby
Joe Barbershop Chorus	9:30 AM	10:00 AM	Saroyan Theatre	Ready Room
Doors Open	9:30 AM		Saroyan Theatre	Lobby
CHORUS CONTEST	10:00 AM	1:30 PM	Saroyan Theatre	Auditorium
Chorus Evaluations	1:45 PM	3:30 PM	DoubleTree Hotel	see Info Packet
The Barber Shop Emporium	1:45 PM	4:30 PM	DoubleTree Hotel	Sierra Room
AHSOW	2:00 PM	6:00 PM	DoubleTree Hotel	Yosemite Room
Community Sing with Ron Black	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	DoubleTree Hotel	Atrium
Judge's Dinner	4:00 PM	6:00 PM	Offsite	
Doors Open	6:00 PM		Saroyan Theatre	Lobby
QUARTET FINALS	6:30 PM	9:00 PM	Saroyan Theatre	Auditorium
Show of Champions	9:00 PM	10:00 PM	Saroyan Theatre	Auditorium
Evaluations (finalist quartets)	9:00 PM	11:00 PM	DoubleTree Hotel	Judge's Suites
Afterglow Show	10:15 PM	1:00 AM	DoubleTree Hotel	Sequoia Room
Hospitality Rooms	11:00 PM		DoubleTree Hotel	Various Suites

Sunday, October 14, 2018

Event	Start	End	Location	Room
AFWDC Breakfast	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	DoubleTree Hotel	Sequoia Room
Check out, safe trip home!	12:00 PM			

See you at the **SPRING CONVENTION - March 12-14, 2019 in Stockton, California!**

FAR WESTERN DISTRICT QUARTET FINALS

Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

William Saroyan Theatre • 730 M Street • Fresno, California

Master of Ceremonies - Craig Hughes, Far Western District President

Cross City Harmonizers.....2018 FWD High School Quartet Champion

C.J. Miller, R.J. Cameron Gregory, Chris McCuddy, Antwun Puckett

2018 FWD Top Ten Quartet Finalists

Mic Testers: _____

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| 1. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

SUIT UP! • 2017 FWD Quartet Champion

Quartet Contest Results

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

Senior International Representative: _____
Senior Champion: _____
Novice Champion: _____
5th Place Quartet: _____
4th Place Quartet: _____
3rd Place Quartet: _____
2nd Place Quartet: _____
2018 FWD Quartet Champion: _____

INTERMISSION



SHOW OF CHAMPIONS

Immediately following the Quartet Finals

Master of Ceremonies - Craig Hughes, FWD President

★ Lloyd Steinkamp "Standing O" Audience Favorite ★

★ Mixed Chorus Champions ★ ★ Senior Quartet Champions ★

★ Third Place Quartet ★ ★ Second Place Quartet ★

★ District Quartet Champions ★ ★ District Chorus Champions ★



Enjoy Quartets & Choruses in an informal setting. Cash Bar & Food available.

Following the Show of Champions at 10:15 p.m.

DoubleTree Hotel • Sequoia Room • 730 M Street, Fresno

2018 FWD Fall Convention Committee

Convention Chairman	Don Eskender	Production Managers	Nick Papageorge & Russ Young
FWD President	Craig Hughes	Stage Manager	Sharon Ernsberger
FWD Executive VP	Bill Rosica	Competitor Relations	John Gaston
FWD VP C&J	Brett Littlefield	Competitor Flow	Eric Essayan
FWD Events Director	Bryan Forbes	Judges Services	Terry Starr
FWD Registrar	David Melville	Riser Coordinator	Terry Starr
FWD Treasurer	Rich Owen	Emcee Coordinator	Nick Papageorge
Harmony Platoon	Bill Kane, Don Salz, Scott Suwabe	Show of Champions	Craig Ewing
The Barber Shop Emporium	Patsy Miller	Awards	Sam Barger, Chuck Hunter, Sr.
FWD History Museum	Dan Jordan	Program	David Melville, Keith Slater, Tim Truesdell



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PANEL OF JUDGES

MUSIC

John Brockman - FWD
Baker City, OR
John Burri - EVG
Vancouver, WA
Steve Tramack - NED
Nashua, NH

PERFORMANCE

John Coffin - RMD
Denver, CO
Michael Kelly - EVG
Seattle, WA
Paul Wietlisbach - DIX
Mt. Juliet, TN

SINGING

Matt Gifford - BHNZ/FWD
Kapiti Coast, New Zealand
Adrian Leontovich - EVG
Seattle, WA
Dr. Chris Peterson - FWD
Tustin, CA

CONTEST
ADMINISTRATOR

Kendall Williams (CA) - EVG
Monroe, WA
Kent Richardson (ACA) - FWD
San Diego, CA

CANDIDATES

Ben Hawker - Music
Theresa Weatherbee - Performance
Ryan Wisniewski - Singing

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

Welcome to the Fall Convention!

Congratulations! You've finally made it to beautiful downtown Fresno. *(Wait for laugh.)* Seriously, Fresno has been working to beautify the area you're in for several years now. Go down Fulton Street for some major reconstruction. If you're adventurous, go to the Tower District for some swingin' clubs.

But being the barbershopper you are, you'll probably sing your heart out with friends old and new in the hotel lobby. Listen to amazing talent in an afterglow showroom. Peek into the Barber Shop Emporium for a new CD or two. Ring out the old standards with the big gathering at the Community Sing. Hang out in the AHSOW room for those brave enough to woodshed amazing harmonies. Hang on to your straw hats for the best convention and the best singers our Society has to offer!

Don Eskender • Convention Chairman

Dave Briner – Convention Honoree

Greatness can be measured in many different ways, one of which is years of service. Our convention dedicatee, Dave Briner, certainly exemplifies exactly that, but not just because of his 60 years of membership in the Barbershop Harmony Society, which is just the beginning of the measure of this man.

In 1958 he began his barbershop career with the South Bay Coastliners, with whom he sang for 29 years. During his early years with the chorus he was chapter president, show chairman, and Barbershopper of the Year. He then performed with the Masters of Harmony chorus for 14 years where he won five gold medals. Since then he sang with the Brea Gaslight Chorus for ten years, and currently is a member of the South County Sound chorus.

From 1964 through 2012 he attended an estimated 60 BHS or SAI International Conventions, many with his late wife Sally, a two-time SAI Queen of Harmony.

For more than 55 years he has arranged music in the barbershop style, and the BHS has more than 90 of his arrangements in their music library.

In addition to singing bass for 19 years with one of the Society's favorite comedy quartets, The Manhatters, he continued his quartetting with Mutual Fun, the 2000 FWD Senior Quartet Champion and International Senior Silver Quartet Medalist in 2000. Other quartets Dave sang in include the Whippoorwills, Sandpipers, and Larceny and Old Bass.



The Manhatters

For the past 26 years he has attended the annual Tri-W woodshedding camping trips. For 20 years Dave was a certified judge in the Arrangement category, and for 15 years he served on the faculty of Harmony College. Additionally he was Chairman of the Society Music Publishing Committee for 5 years.

When it comes to greatness it's safe to say that Dave Briner measures up!

Acknowledgements

The Far Western District gives special thanks to Brent Anderson for underwriting the production of this convention program.

“Raisin the Bar” in Fresno!



FAR WESTERN DISTRICT QUARTET SEMIFINALS

Friday, October 12, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

William Saroyan Theatre•730 M Street• Fresno, California

Master of Ceremonies – Alan Gordon

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

Mic Testers: Suit Up!..... 2017 FWD Quartet Champion

Justin Klemballa, R.J. Esquivias, Brent Graham, Rodney Armstrong

1. The Front Line Northeast Division - Fresno Chapter
Ken Wenger, Dave Douglass, Mike Alfaro, Adam Kitt
2. Alternate Route Northeast Division - California Delta, Nevada-Placer & Frank Thorne chapters
Barry Givens, Frank Brannon, Corley Phillips, Richard Lund
3. Desert Crossing Arizona Division - Mesa, Santa Cruz & Frank Thorne chapters
Jim Brown, Nick Roberto, Jordan Johnson, Cary Burns
4. Heatwave Arizona Division - Salt River Valley Chapter
Mark Spriggs, Kent Pyper, Marco Teti, Jim Hansen
5. Dynamix Northeast Division - California Delta & Visalia chapters
Doyle Pope, Robert Lenoil, James Morgan, Bruce Morgan
6. Old Folks Southeast Division - Las Vegas Chapter
Buddy Seeberg, Warren Hettinga, Chuck Wines, Gordon Lankenau
7. Classic Edition Northeast Division - Bay Area, California Delta, Marin & Santa Rosa chapters
Jim DeChaine, Phil DeBar, Paul Goldsmith, Richard Kaiser
8. The Artful Codgers Northeast Division - California Delta, Sacramento & Frank Thorne chapters
Shel Givens, Corley Phillips, Steve Allison, Blair Reynolds

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9. Elephants Gerald Northwest Division - Barbary Coast & Nashville, TN chapters
Jon Pilla, James Estes, Gabe Lotto, Chris Lewis
10. Syzygy Southeast Division - La Jolla & Santa Fe Springs chapters
Allan Webb, Jr., Leo James, Bret Wallach, Scott Werkheiser
11. Argenta Northeast Division - Reno & Frank Thorne chapters
Jeff Healion, Scott Olson, Dave Brown, Carl Nesbitt
12. Tipping the Scale Southeast Division - Santa Fe Springs, Santa Monica & Westminster chapters
Adam Marangakis, Cole Dawson, David Camp, Harrison Ashkenasy
13. Capitol Ring Northeast Division - California Delta, Chico, Las Vegas & Reno chapters
Dallas Halvorson, Larry Halvorson, Kevin Palmer, Mike Stewart
14. Western Addition Northwest Division - Barbary Coast, Bay Area, Metro Kansas City, KS & Philadelphia, PA chapters
Jamie Bedford, Matthew Fellows, Wil Mathews, Mike Louque
15. Fourtunate Sons Southeast Division - La Jolla & Westminster chapters
Chase Cullen, Ben Smurthwaite, Jason James, Bobby Reynolds
16. Saucebox Arizona Division - Central Arizona, Greater Phoenix & Mesa chapters
Randy Bingel, Adam Kaufman, Bob Shaffer, Don Koehnlein

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17. VOX Southeast Division - Brea Chapter
Jon Sutherland, Matt Ordaz, Vernon Brock, John Saylor
18. Velvet Frogs Southwest Division - Fullerton, Santa Fe Springs, Santa Monica chapters
Craig Ewing, David J Livingston Livingston, C J Sams, Jr., Bill Wilson
19. High Priority Arizona Division - Central Arizona, Mesa & Frank Thorne chapters
Ray Estes, Byron Bennett, Mark House, Dan Davenport
20. R.I.C.K.S. Northeast Division - California Delta & Central California chapters
Rick Davidson, Rick Stevenson, Rick Brewster, Rick Richardson
21. Dilly Dilly! Southeast Division - La Jolla, Westminster & Frank Thorne chapters
Lane Aikin, Jonny Tillery, Chris Stewart, Shafy Gonzalez
22. Montage Arizona Division - Fullerton, Mesa, Hilltop, MN, Minneapolis, MN & Frank Thorne chapters
Greg Grace, James Souhan, Shreyas Amin, Cary Burns
23. Good Times! Southeast Division - Las Vegas Chapter
Mike Conner, Dave Pruszk, Wally Smulson, Greg Dreyer

24. Seaside Northwest Division - Santa Cruz Chapter
Glenn Davis, Nick Roberto, Fred Baker, Jordan Johnson
25. Intonation Arizona Division - Greater Phoenix, Salt River Valley, Santa Fe Springs & Sun Cities chapters
Hambone Dergan, Jeromy McMahon, Dan Ryan, Richard Muhn

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★ Announcement of the Top Ten Quartet Finalists ★



The Late Show

Featuring Past FWD Quartet Champions!
Friday night, following the Quartet Semifinals
DoubleTree Hotel • Sequoia Room • 730 M Street, Fresno

FAR WESTERN DISTRICT CHORUS CONTEST

Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

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Master of Ceremonies – Jason Dyer

Mic Testers: Joe Barbershop Chorus..... Ron Black, Director

1. Peninsulaires Northwest Division - Palo Alto - Mountain View Chapter.... Sean Abel, Director
2. Golden Valley Chorus Northeast Division - Central California Chapter Bruce Sellnow, Director
3. Coastliners Southwest Division - South Bay Chapter Peter Neushul, Director
4. Voices in Harmony Northwest Division - Bay Area Chapter Julie Starr, Director
5. The Oceanaires Southwest Division - Santa Monica Chapter Laura Pallas Singer, Director
6. Pacific Coast Harmony Southeast Division - La Jolla Chapter Royce Ferguson, Director
7. The Gold Standard Chorus Northwest Division - Santa Cruz Chapter..... Nick Roberto, Director

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8. The Westminster Chorus Southeast Division - Westminster Chapter Justin Miller, Director
9. Fog City Singers Northwest Division - Barbary Coast Chapter..... Chris Lewis, Director
10. Inland Sound Southeast Division - Inland Empire Chapter Mike Smith, Director
11. Sun Harbor Southeast Division - San Diego Chapter Kathleen Hansen, Director
12. East Valley Barbershop Harmonizers Arizona Division - Mesa Chapter..... Russ Young, Director
13. Orange Empire Chorus Southeast Division - Fullerton Chapter Craig Ewing, Director
14. Marin Golden Gate Barbershop Chorus Northwest Division - Marin Chapter Deborah Benedict, Director

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15. Pacific Sound Southwest Division - Rincon Beach Chapter Mike McGee, Director
16. Gaslight Chorus Southeast Division - Brea Chapter Phil Ordaz, Director
17. The Phoenicians Arizona Division - Greater Phoenix Chapter Dan Ryan, Sr., Director
18. Voices of California Northeast Division - California Delta Chapter Gabe Caretto, Director
19. Silver Statesmen Southeast Division - Las Vegas Chapter Gordon Lankenau, Director
20. Stockton Portsmen Mixed Chorus Mixed Barbershop Harmony Association (MBHA) Bill Litz, Director

Chorus Contest Results

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MBHA Mixed Chorus Champion: _____
Most Improved Chorus: _____
Plateau A Champion: _____
Plateau AA Champion: _____
Plateau AAA Champion: _____
5th Place Chorus: _____
4th Place Chorus: _____
3rd Place Chorus: _____
2nd Place Chorus: _____
2018 FWD Chorus Champion: _____