

2011 FWD SoCal High School Quartet Contest

Information for Quartets, Parents, Chaperones, and Music Educators

NOTE: *All HS Quartets can check in at the HSQC area in the convention registration area on Saturday, May 7, 2011. Just ask for Paul Girard or call me on my cell (619) 865-2274, if you need anything at all.*

<i>The PRE-CONTEST briefing will be in the Band Room around 2:00PM on SATURDAY.</i>
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Hello!

Welcome to the wonderful world of barbershop harmony! Thank you for registering your quartet for the SoCal High School Quartet Contest (HSQC), sponsored by the Far Western District (<http://bhsfwd.org/>) of the Barbershop Harmony Society (<http://www.barbershop.org/>). This should be an exciting contest.

When and Where: The SoCal HSQC is being held in conjunction with our barbershop Southwest Division Convention on Saturday, May 7, 2011. You can get more info about the Division contest at this link <http://www.fwdconventions.org/2011Div1/> and also in the accompanying INFO PACKET addendum. The contests are being held at the Duarte Performing Arts Center, 1401 Highland Ave., Duarte, CA (near Pasadena). See the appended maps and layouts.

The Schedule: High school quartets can check in after 9 AM to get the latest information. *Gather in the HSQC briefing room (Band Room) at 2 PM for instructions and learning a “tag” to sing as a group.* This is a chance for any quartets or parents to get their questions answered, so we will always allow time for that. The HSQ contest is scheduled to begin around 4:00 PM, but could start earlier. Currently, there are five quartets indicating interest. The judges’ coaching sessions follow the contest, and all parents and Music Educators are encouraged to sit in on these sessions.

Contest events start Saturday morning with our Men’s Choruses at 10 AM. After a break for lunch, we’ll see the men’s quartets compete to qualify to go to the District-level convention in the Fall. This will be followed by the HSQC. You are welcome and encouraged to attend these until Intermission at around 2 PM, when you assemble in the Band Room. We’ll also get to hear the winning chorus and men’s quartet, and the high school quartet champs, in a short show following the announcement of awards. Although the choice of what to perform is up to them, most often the quartets will repeat one of the songs from the competition, since those two songs have been rehearsed to a high level and are ready for performance. This is perfectly acceptable. Do not feel that you need to have a third song prepared for this, but you are welcome to sing another in your repertoire. It need not be a contestable barbershop song.

Our high school youths will then retire to the HSQC briefing room to have their performance reviewed for learning purposes. We should be done with everything by about 6-6:30 PM. This will be followed by an “afterglow” pizza party at a local restaurant. Many of the men’s quartet contestants will drop in and sing, and so can you.

The Costs: All competing quartet members in the high school quartet contest are getting registration packages at no cost to them, compliments of the FWD. That means they get to attend ALL of these events FREE. **Please note that you and any other family or friends can attend for the reduced rate of FREE to cheer the boys on.** Special name badges will be issued if you give me the names of the guests expected to arrive. You can obtain these on site when you arrive.

Courtesy and Distractions: Remember to be completely silent during the actual performance of any contest song by a quartet. But, banners, signs, pom-poms, and cheering sections are all encouraged as groups are introduced (just no noisemakers or air horns, please). If younger brothers or sisters find it difficult to remain quiet through the contests, sometimes they may need to wait out in the lobby. No one will be allowed to enter or leave the auditorium during a performance to prevent distraction from people moving and the light of opening doors.

Flash photography is a no-no, and video or audio taping of any barbershop contest, except by authorized agents, is prohibited due to copyright regulations. To help preserve the experience for the guys, we've arranged for each quartet to be video recorded. Each quartet will receive a DVD video and audio CD of their contest performance.

YMIH E-Mail: If you would like to stay informed about other events throughout the year pertaining to our Young Men in Harmony Programs, you can sign up for that email list by sending a blank email to: FWD-YMIH-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Contacts & Information: Each quartet typically has a BHS chapter contact person to call for more information. That should be the first person to contact if you have any more questions about this weekend. If you still need help or can't get hold of your contact, feel free to contact me at any time.

This is sure to be a FUN day for the guys. Thanks for coming and/or allowing them to join us and showcase their talent.

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2011 FWD SoCal HSQC Registrar
(619) 865-2274 cell

SouthWest Division May 7, 2011 SUMMARY SCHEDULE*

- 8:00 Set-up of risers, registration desk, sound system, judges area
- 8:30 Chorus rooms available after 8:30AM
- 9:00 Registration open
- 10:00 BHS Division Chorus Contest
- 11:00 Chorus Evaluations in respective warm up rooms
- 1:00 BHS Division Quartet Contest
- 2:00 Intermission
- 2:00 HS Quartets assemble in Band Room in Building ____**
- 4:00 HS Quartet Contest (Immediately following BHS Quartet Contest)**
- 5:00 Awards and Show of Champions (Immediately following HS Quartet Contest)
- 6:00 HS Quartet evaluations**, followed by Afterglow at Round Table Pizza
- 7:00 Men's Quartet Evaluations at Double Tree Hotel

***This is an approximate schedule – the final schedule will be available at lobby**

High School Quartets

will have a sign-in table identified that will provide additional information. The room shown on diagram of last page is in a separate building.

Check for latest information when you pick up your registration in the lobby.

CAUTION! The times are approximate; be sure you have checked in by 11:45 AM.

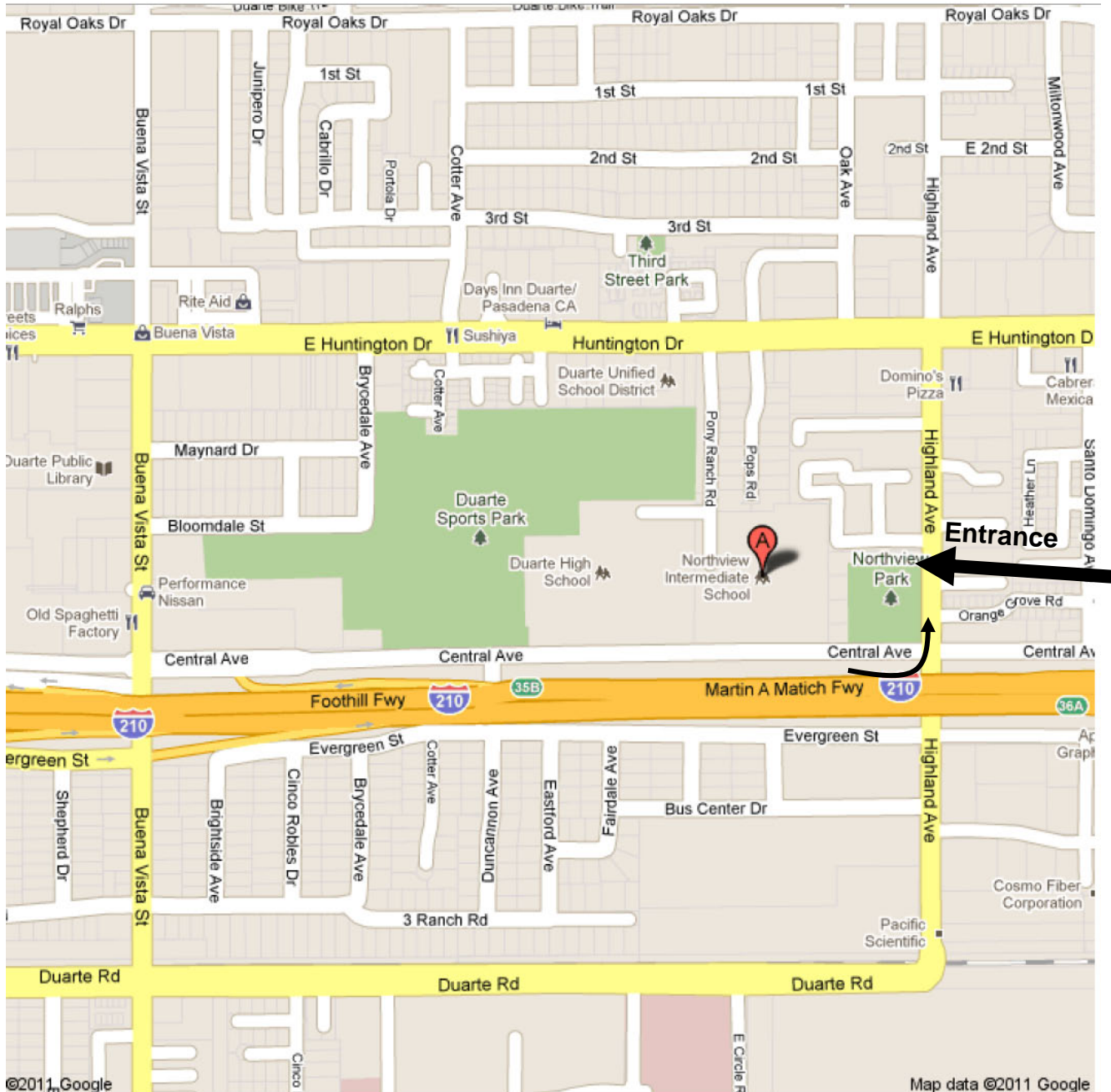
HS Quartet Interface: Paul Girard (619) 865-2274

Contest Manager: Len Jensen (818) 468-5500

Information also here: <http://www.fwdconventions.org/2011Div1/>

Duarte Performing Arts Center

1401 Highland Ave, Duarte CA 91010



FROM 210 freeway

Get off at Buena Vista, (North) for 120 yards

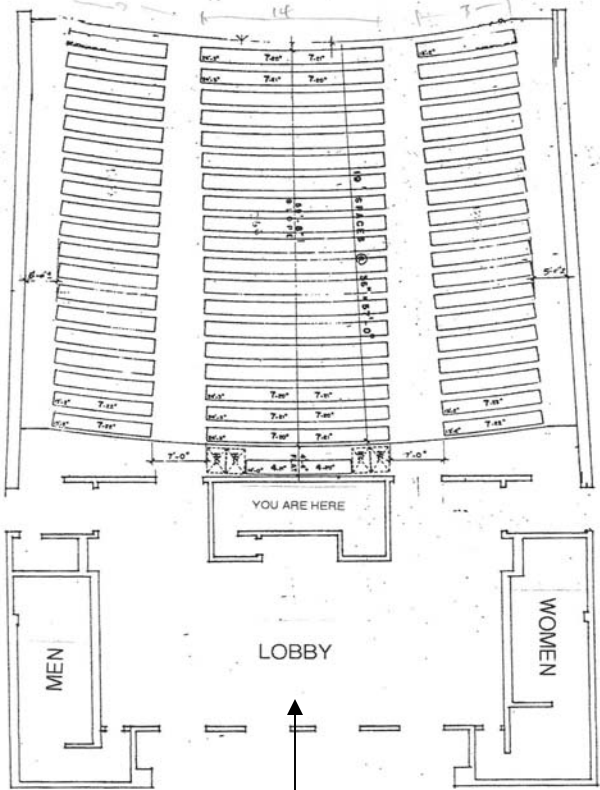
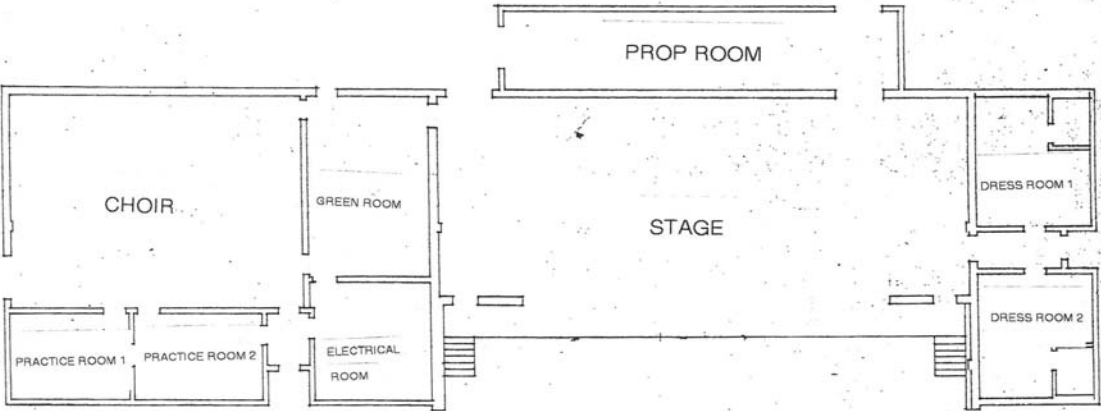
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Turn left (North) onto Highland Avenue for 142 yards

Turn left in to the Performing Arts Center complex.

Performing Arts Center

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Registration

Afterglow

(Approximately 2 ¼ miles west of contest)



Afterglow at

Round Table Pizza 626 W
Huntington Dr Monrovia, CA
91016

Turn into mall at Hwy Esplanada – signal light

There are many restaurants in the area. The closest ones are:

[Domino's Pizza](#) - [more info »](#)

1802 Huntington Drive, Duarte, CA
(626) 359-3030 ↑

[The Green Banana Leaf Restaurant](#) - [more info »](#)

1740 Huntington Drive Duarte, CA 91010, Duarte, CA
(626) 301-9541 ↑
<http://www.greenbananaleaf.com/duarte.html>

[Cabreras Mexican Cuisine Inc](#) - [more info »](#)

1856 Huntington Drive, Duarte, CA
(626) 359-3614 ↑
<http://www.cabreras.com/>

[Route 66 Roadhouse & Tavern](#) - [more info »](#)

1846 Huntington Drive, Duarte, CA
(626) 357-4210 ↑
<http://route66roadhouse.com/>

[Sushiya](#) - [more info »](#)

1723 Huntington Drive, Duarte, CA
(626) 359-9800 ↑
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Sushiya/147626051918096>

[California Skewers](#) - [more info »](#)

1845 Huntington Drive, Duarte, CA
(626) 440-8888
<http://caskewers.com/>

[Burbon Street Bistro](#) - [more info »](#)

1845 Huntington Drive, Duarte, CA
(626) 357-7703
<http://local.yahoo.com/info-62271928-burbon-street-bistro-duarte>

[Burger King](#) - [more info »](#)

1415 Huntington Drive, Duarte, CA
(626) 303-1129 ↑

[The Slaw Dogs, Duarte](#) - [more info »](#)

1355 Huntington Drive, Duarte, CA
(626) 808-9777 ↑
<http://www.theslawdogs.com/>