

What Is Barbershop Harmony?

- 4-part harmony with singing parts for tenor, lead, baritone, and bass
- Unique to barbershop, the melody part is the lead, the second highest pitched voice part. The tenor, baritone, and bass parts create the characteristic **barbershop chords** that include lots of “7th chords”... whatever they are. (Ask our director.)
- When all parts sing **vowels** in the **same way** and precisely **on pitch**, then higher **harmonic sounds** are created that seem to soar and **ring** through the roof.
- “**Ring**ing” chords tend to send chills down your spine and make your neck hairs stand up.

OUR MOTTO:

“Keep The Whole World Singing”

OUR GOAL:

“Keep All Neck Hairs Standing”

Membership Requirements

- Male gender
- Love to sing harmony (...and can)

That’s it. There are no age, education, or cultural requirements. In fact, we want to become a more **diverse** chorus, like the communities where we live and perform.

Your desire and ability to sing, to be enthusiastic, and to entertain are all that we look for.

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You know you are interested, so call

Joe Lerza

859-272-8600

and accept his invitation

See You Soon!

The Kentuckians
Chorus
Men's Barbershop Chorus of
Central Kentucky

Membership In The Kentuckians Chorus



*Cardinal District AAA Chorus Champions
2010, 2011, 2012*

*All You Need To Know
To Join In The Fun!*

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Singing Experience

- If you have some formal singing experience, that is great...it can help
- If you have no formal singing experience, don't worry...we have some easy and proven ways of getting you up to speed.
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Audition Requirement

You must audition to join the chorus. First your best voice range and singing part will be determined. Then grab some music and join us on the risers. Our chorus members will sing with you and help all along the way so you can audition when you feel prepared and ready.

The director will evaluate your ability to sing your voice part accurately while the other three parts are being sung along with you. Informal coaching and support is available at every rehearsal session.

Rehearsal Information

We rehearse every Tuesday evening at Crestwood Christian Church 1882 Bellefonte Dr. Lexington KY. Enter through the breezeway and turn right. You'll find us!

- 6:30-7:00PM Quartet and Tag Singing. (attendance recommended, but is optional)
- 7:15-9:45PM Chorus rehearsal on risers (please plan to arrive by 7:00PM)
- 8:30-8:45 PM Break time is always observed for announcements, re-hydrating & social time

Costs Of Membership

- Dues: There are annual chapter, district, and national dues that total about \$170.
- Formal Uniforms: All formal dress uniforms including tuxedo, dress shirt, tie, vest and shoes are FREE...provided by the chapter.
- Casual Uniforms: All casual uniform shirts (white-short sleeved, blue-long sleeved, & blue tee shirt) are purchased by the members. These are worn with khaki pants and brown shoes & brown belt which you probably already own.
- As a chorus we attend District contests once or twice a year. We must pay for our own travel, room, and food expenses. However, sharing rides and rooms can reduce individual costs on these trips

The Benefits Of Membership

- Make new friendships and enjoy the camaraderie of guys from different backgrounds and professions...and most of them have a sense of humor
- Access to learning tracks...mp3 files of your singing part blended with the other parts, making it much easier and faster to learn.
- Experience the thrill of singing at a high level along side men dedicated to producing the best musical performance for thousands of fans each year.
- Find any guys that sing the other 3 parts of a song and sing in a quartet, on the spot. (We do this all the time.)

- Practice and perform a wide variety of music arranged in the barbershop style, including traditional, "pop", valentine, holiday and spiritual songs.
- Enjoy the satisfaction of lifting people's spirits with song throughout your own community.
- Take it with you! No matter where you travel, barbershop singers have the unique and instant ability to harmonize on many recognizable classic songs.

Attendance Requirements

We sing as a chorus so it is expected that each member is committed to attending all rehearsals and performances to the maximum extent possible. This means that:

- Chorus members are expected to regularly attend rehearsals and sing at scheduled performances.
- When there are conflicts with personal schedules, they should be infrequent and the director needs to know about them well in advance.

*The Kentuckians
Chorus*

Barbershop Harmony From The Heart of Kentucky