



CONVENTION EXPRESS FRIDAY

Welcome to the biggest barbershop event outside of North America. We have so much in store for you this weekend. Don't be the one to miss out on the contests, shows, education sessions, socialising and partying. Check out your timetables and be ready to have fun.

We are thrilled to have Central Standard with us, these guys are oozing a wealth of barbershop talent and will undoubtedly wow us, this weekend. Trust me that you will not want to miss this great opportunity to experience their showmanship. You may even get to sing with them if you come along to their masterclass on Sunday morning.

Tonight's show promises a couple of hours of entertainment with barbershop of the highest level. If you've not yet got a ticket, then get your seat from the BABS Reception Desk. Before that, we have a wonderful day of activities, the Quartet Semi-Final and of course the afterglow, which will take place in Hall D and Level 5 Bar.

The Convention Team has worked extremely hard for the past year to ensure this is a great weekend, but so much depends upon your participation. If it's your first visit to Convention, we hope you have a great time. Check the daily timetable, so you don't miss out on what's going on! If you don't understand anything, just ask at BABS Reception Desk, they are there to help you to get the best out of your first BABS Convention.

Have a great time and sing your hearts out.

Alan Bithell

BABS Convention Manager

Stop Press: Two Breakout Sessions Cancelled

We would like to apologise to those who had planned to attend the two Harmony College Breakout Sessions on Friday at 16:00 by Kirsty Williams, and on Sunday at 14:00 by Doug Harrington.

Unfortunately, Doug and Kirsty are now unable to attend our Convention and these two sessions will be cancelled. The remaining breakout sessions will still be taking place so please make sure you keep them in your schedule.

Convention Express Articles

Send a good luck message to your chorus or quartet, say happy anniversary, happy birthday or if you have a unique story or interesting snippet, put it in Convention Express. Place your story in the box at the BABS main reception by 16.00 each day for the following day's publication.

Welcome to Harrogate



USEFUL INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES

You will have noticed on your way in that we have security guards with trained 'sniffer-dogs' at the doors to the venue. These dogs have heightened ability to detect substances that would threaten the safety of our Convention.

As a consequence of this heightened security, the doors from the Premier Inn and the bridge across from the Crowne Plaza to the HCC will be locked, in order to direct delegates through the security monitored doors.

There will be three large plasma TV screens around Hall D to enable delegates socialising or eating in there to keep up to speed with the contests.

Check out the timetables and locations so you do not miss anything that may have changed from previous years, e.g. the Mixed Chorus Contest will be on Sunday, the party with Motown DeLuxe will be in Hall D. The Sunday Worship will be held in the Harewood Suite on the ground floor of the Crowne Plaza and the Massed sing is incorporated within the Central Standard masterclass also in the Harewood Suite.

The venue cloakroom is free to use, but will not be manned so you leave articles at your own risk. However, as always there will be a bag-drop area near the changing rooms for performance gear to be left.

Please remember, as you leave, to deposit your lanyard in one of the boxes by reception. There are currently about 8,000 of these lanyards in circulation and we can save more than £2,000 each year if we recycle them.

Food Hub - Hall D
See back page for details
Look out for Special Offers!

Your 2017 Chorus Champions Reporting



As outgoing champions, the Great Western Chorus would like to wish all the choruses 'good luck' for the contest tomorrow. We've had a great year and we want to give you a taste of one of the highlights from it.

Saturday 17th February 2018 was a very special night for us. We hosted a night of 'firsts' for an expectant audience hoping to experience something different from barbershop in the UK.

Our special guests were Signature quartet, performing on their first ever show outside the USA. The four powerhouse voices of Will, Daniel, Matt and Dan have been together since 2013. An unforgettable performance at international in Las Vegas last year earned them the silver medal.

They certainly didn't disappoint with their rousing, 'Somebody to Love', the immense 'A Change is Gonna Come', and the hauntingly beautiful 'Dance With My Father'.

Their powerful soul sound delighted us for the whole

second half, ending with the encore 'Lift Up My Head'. We hope they bring their unique combination of barbershop soul and witty repartee back very soon - by the end there certainly wasn't a dry eye in the house!

We were also stoked to be joined by two other quartets for the evening. Fortuity the 2011 LABBS gold medalists and the 2013 Sweet Adelines Region 31 champions, and competed on the international stage in America for four consecutive years from 2013. The stunning Sarah, Sophie, Gemma and Veryan treated us to a set ending with 'Yes Sir, That's My Baby'.

And then Trailblazers, the 2015 British youth quartet winners, having formed the same year, went on to compete in international in the 2016 youth quartet contest in Nashville. They have the Spanish international quartet title under their belts too. The talented Alex, Ali, Nick and Simon, having tantalised us with their entrance, sung up

a storm and ended by serving up some 'Frim Fram Sauce'.

Our chorus had some fun too of course! We brought out the big guns with Chess's Anthem and the rousing 'Great Day'. And we literally brought big guns out with our canon in Hooked on the Classics and a slightly smaller gun with our new high drama version of Copacabana (who shot whom?). No prizes for guessing who was Lola!

It was our first time staging one of our big shows in the historic Victoria rooms in Bristol. First opening its doors in May 1842, and served as the most important and lively cultural centre in the West of England. Although not there in 1842, it was here that some of our founder members, such as Terry Barton, thrilled to their first barbershop performance and The Great Western Chorus was born shortly afterwards.

Such a large show doesn't put itself together, and many people helped make it a resounding

success, but special thanks must go to Paul Hargest, Brian Fox, and Alex Sanctuary.

And if after all this you wish you'd bought a ticket, never fear. Join one of over 2,500 people who have watched it online via our YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/user/greatwesternchorus>).

For the first time, we streamed the whole performance live with over 900 people tuning in across 17 countries. With half that audience under the age of 35, we hope this helps to assure the future of British barbershop singing in the UK.

Look out for our February 2019 show - special guest performers are being finalised hope to see you there!

Have an awesome SING 2018 convention and we'll see you in the bar.

Paul Richmond

Communications Manager
The Great Western Chorus
of Bristol



Harmony Store at Convention

The following are available to Buy
Direct from the BABS Reception

Pitch Pipes

Kratt F-F Pitch Pipe: **£21.00** Tomba E-E Pitch Pipe (with zipped pouch): **£16.00**

Tomba Large Print Sticker

Larger print keys sticker for easier use: **£1.00**

Barberpole Cat Songbook

12 original pole cat songs: **£5.50**

BABS Songs for Special Occasions

12 songs for singing at special occasions: **£3.50**

On Demand Free to View

After the successful trial last year, this free service is being repeated for Harrogate. The Quartet, Chorus and Mixed Chorus Contest sessions are all being recorded in High Definition, and will be available to view free of charge.

You can watch any contest performance, by logging on to the web site www.singondemand.co.uk and you'll be able to watch any of the contestants when you want, where you want and as many times as you want. This a viewing only service, you will not be able to download performances.

The service will be available to view by Sunday 3rd June and remain live until 1st May 2019. Pick up a leaflet from the BABS Reception Desk.

New Look Convention Stage



We would like to convey a special thanks to CPS, our technical consultants and sound/lighting providers, who after a lot of consultation and planning, have created a new look to our Convention stage.

The new Cyclorama cloth, held by specially designed framework, will provide us with a platform for enhanced mood lighting for contest and shows. This "touring" stage can be used wherever we hold convention, so that we can retain a consistency of presentation.

Looking for a New Uniform?

Lyn Oakes, a British based clothing manufacturer, will have a display in the Convention Foyer area, on Saturday and Sunday. They focus on producing quality designed uniforms and creating unique stand-out jackets. Call by and say hello or visit their web site www.lynoakes.co.uk

What's on Saturday

0800: BABS Reception Open

0950: National Chorus Finals (results around 17.45)

12.30: Sing with Portobello Road, 2017 Gold Medal Quartet

1400: Breakout Session - Different Way to Prepare a Chorus

1600: Breakout Session - Views from Central Standard

2100: Saturday Show - Standard Entertainment

2230: After Glow with food service



Quartet Semi-Final Contest Scores

The scores for the quartets who qualify to sing in Sunday's Final, plus the International qualifying quartet, are not issued until after the Final on Sunday. The scores for the quartets who unfortunately didn't make it through, will be available from the BABS Reception Desk later on this evening.



Official Convention Photographer

Formal and performance photographs will be on view and available to buy at the Event Photos stand in Hall D approximately 30 minutes after you leave the stage.

www.event-photos.co.uk

2019 Early Bird

New Offers - Big Savings

Pick up a Leaflet
from BABS Reception Desk

Tonight's Show - A Great Start to the Weekend

FRIDAY

HARMONY IN HARROGATE

8.30pm
Tickets: £25

Friday Show Featuring
The Great Western Chorus
Sound House
Triggers' Broom
Central Standard
The BOC Chorus
Scramble
Portobello Road

THE HARMONISERS BIG BAND
are performing at the
BLUES ALLEY JAZZ CLUB
on Saturday!



Come and hear the HARMONISERS BIG BAND
at the Club this weekend.

Tickets are still available from the usual outlets – don't miss the
chance to hear these famous musicians perform their legendary set.



BLUES ALLEY
The nation's finest jazz and supper club
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www.SussexHarmonisers.org.uk

Are You Ready for Super Sunday?

17 hours of activities, contests and partying

FOOD HUB - HALL D

Hot Daily Specials

Friday

Indian Theme

Lamb Balti & Pilau Rice £6.00
Chicken Tikka Massala & Pilau Rice £6.00
Sweet Potato & Lentil Dansak £5.50 (v)

Extra: Individual Naan Bread - £2.00

Saturday

American Theme

Beef Burger with selection of toppings £5.50
Hot Dogs with selection of toppings £5.50
Spicy Butterbean & Pepper Jambalaya £5.50

Extra: Cheesy Chipotle Potato Skins - £2.50

Sunday

Roast Style Sandwiches

Roast Pork, Stuffing & Apple Sauce £6.00
Roast Beef, caramelised onions & gravy £6.00
Vegetable Nut Roast £5.50

Extra: Crispy Roast Potatoes & Gravy - £2.95

All available on a First Come First Served Basis

Hot Food Times

Friday: Lunch 1200 to 1430 Dinner: 1830 to 2030
Saturday: Lunch 1200 to 1430 Dinner: 1830 to 2100
Sunday: Lunch 1200 to 1430 Dinner: 1700 to 2030

SPECIAL MAIN COURSE OFFER

Main Course
with a Pint

£7.50

Main Course with a
Soft Drink £6.75

Lunch & Teatime

Baked Jacket Potato £4.50

Served with one Filling – cheese,
beans, coleslaw or tuna mayo
Additional fillings £0.70

Cold Food

Sandwiches, snacks, coffee
and tea served all day.

Friday: 1000 to 0030
Saturday: 1000 to 0130
Sunday: 1000 to 0130
Monday: 0930 to 1230

Look out for special offers!

Full Bar Service

Fully stocked bar with
draught beer served all day.

Afterglow
Special
Pie, Peas
& Pint
£6

Tagtime on Sunday

Hall D - 9.30 to 10.30

With David Tanner & Jo Braham

Tags taught by these two experienced
barbershoppers

- * All voices welcome
- * Instant harmonies
- * Loads of fun
- * Smiles on faces - Boom!

Don't miss this great Sing a Tag session

Important Information

Your Convention Delegate Badge must be
worn and be visible at all times.

Persons not wearing a legitimate delegate badge or
in possession of an appropriate ticket will be asked
to leave. Please do not be offended if asked to show
your badge, it is for your own protection and
compliance with licensing and health and safety
regulations. Please be advised that the cost of a
replacement badge will be £5.

Food and drink is not allowed in the Auditorium.

To comply with copyright rules and to avoid potential
distractions only officially approved video recording,
audio recording and photography may take place in
the Auditorium or at any official event. This includes
any form of digital photography whether by camera
device or mobile telephone. Anyone found infringing
this ruling will be asked to leave. A competition will
be stopped whilst this happens which could have a
serious impact on a competitor's performance.
Please ensure that you're not the one to jeopardise
a performer's chances on the competition or show
stage.

For the comfort of other delegates and so as not to
interfere with any performance, please ensure that
mobile phones, pagers, watch alerts or any other
electronic communication equipment with an audible
facility are switched off or placed into silent mode.

Photographs will be taken of all competitors prior to
their appearance on stage and during their performance.
These can be ordered from the official photographer,
'Event Photos'. All material recorded for distribution
by BABS is licensed with MCPS. BABS holds the
copyright of the recordings.

In order to comply with licensing and health and
safety regulations, non-registered delegates and
members of the public attending the evening shows
must leave the building immediately after the end of
the performance.

Please refrain from singing outside of the venue
after 10.00pm. The HIC is subject to the national
ban on smoking indoors. Please do not smoke
outside within 10 metres of any entrance or exit to
the venue.

Co-operation in all these matters will be appreciated.

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