

INTERNATIONAL PRELIM QUARTET
FINALS CONTEST
6:30 p.m., Saturday, April 23, 2016
Grand Rapids Christian High School
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Welcome. **Mike Hansen**
Pioneer District President, Lansing Chapter

Master of Ceremonies **Doran McTaggart**
Windsor Chapter

Mic Tester Quartet _____

INTERNATIONAL PRELIM QUARTET FINALISTS

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(During intermission)

Awards acknowledgments

Glenn Van Tassel Heritage award

Harmony Foundation Drawing

(After contest)

Internat'l Prelim Youth Quartet is announced

2016 District Senior Quartet is announced

Internat'l Prelim Quartet is announced

Each announced quartet sings one song

2016 District Championship Chorus sings

2016 District Championship Chorus Director directs
"Keep The Whole World Singing"

PIONEER DISTRICT of the
BARBERSHOP HARMONY SOCIETY

Spring Convention
April 22-24, 2016

Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506

Host Chapter: Grand Rapids



MURRAY PHILLIPS

Society Board Representative
Barbershop Harmony Society



Crowne Plaza Hotel
Grand Rapids, Michigan

MURRAY PHILLIPS

Murray Phillips and his wife Mary live in Wolfville (NS) where Murray is a member of the Kentville Chapter, and Mary is a member of Valley Voices, a Harmony, Inc. chorus. Murray is the Society Board Representative to the Pioneer and Ontario Districts. He is Immediate Past President of the Northeastern District, a past Chair of the BHS Events Committee, and is Chair & CEO of Sing Canada Harmony. After singing in a high school quartet, Murray didn't join barbershop for several years. He has now jumped in with both feet, and has over 20 years under his belt.

He first joined the Pierrefond (QC) Chapter. When it merged with the Montreal Chapter, he became VP of Membership, Secretary, and then President, and co-chaired the successful Montreal 2003 International Convention. He edited the Greater Montreal Chapter Bulletin for eight years. He sang bass in "Key of Eh?" for 12 years. He is now Chapter Secretary and Bass Section Leader with the Dukes of Kent of the Kentville (NS) Chapter, and has served as its President for three years.

Murray was an Association Executive with the Canadian Electricity Association for over 30 years and was Secretary/Treasurer. He finished his working life as a financial services advisor. On retirement, he and Mary moved to Nova Scotia where they sing with the 100 voice Acadia University Chorus.

Mary and Murray will celebrate their 50th Anniversary in June. They have two grown sons, a gorgeous daughter-in-law and a beautiful granddaughter.

2016 PIONEER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Mike Hansen
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Director, Contest & Judging	Brian Dunckel
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CONVENTION ADMINISTRATION

DISTRICT	POSITION	HOST CHAPTER
Roger Lewis	Chairman	Bud Kraft
Roger Lewis	Housing	
Jeff Woodworth	Auditorium	Jim Johnson
Don Kill	Backstage	Paul Slack
Brian Dunckel	Judges Services	Doug Weaver
Todd Hoath	Registration	Robert Ryan
Doug Weaver	Raffle	Aaron Tabor
James O'Dell	Publicity	
	Worship Service	Pete Testers
	Harmony Marketplace	John Baker IV
Brian Dunckel	Joe Barbershop Chorus	

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All competitions take place in the
Grand Rapids Christian High School auditorium.
Registrations will be at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on Friday,
but will be at the high school on Saturday.
All other activities take place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.
Both facilities are located in Grand Rapids, MI

Friday – April 22, 2016

10:00 a.m.	Pioneer Board of Directors Meeting – Harbor Springs Room
10:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Registration – Mackinaw/Petosky Room
11:00 a.m. – On	Harmony Marketplace – Mackinaw/Petosky Room
1:30 p.m.	House of Delegates Meeting – Thornapple Room
1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	AHSOW Woodshedding – Traverse City Room
3:00 p.m.	QCA Meeting – Harbor Springs Room
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	“Beginning directing & conducting” (Al Fisk) – Salon E
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	“Developing an effective recruiting program” (Ev Nau) – Salon A
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	“How to rid yourself of stage fright” (Paul Ellinger) – Salon E
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	“Tag – You’re It!” (William Stutts, Jr.) – Cheyboogan Room
7:00 p.m.	International Prelim Quartet Semi-Finals Contest, International Prelim Youth Quartet Finals Contest, and District Seniors Quartet Contest – Grand Rapids Christian H.S.
(Time TBA)	Evaluations and coaching for eliminated quartets – Judges’ rooms, Crowne Plaza Hotel
10:30 p.m. (approx.) – On	AHSOW Woodshedding – Travers City Room

Saturday – April 23, 2016

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Registration – Grand Rapids Christian H.S.
9:00 a.m. – On	Harmony Marketplace – Mackinaw/ Petosky Room
9:30 a.m.	Joe Barbershop Chorus rehearsal (Directed by Chris Hebert) – (Location TBD)
10:00 a.m.	Pioneer District Champion Chorus Contest – Grand Rapids Christian H.S.
(Time TBA)	Chorus eval’ns & coaching in Salons A-E
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	“Tags & ????” Michigan/Superior/Huron Room

6:30 p.m. Audience sing along (director TBD)

6:35 p.m. Second place tag contest winner sings

6:40 p.m. First place tag contest winner sings

6:50 p.m. Swan Song Performance – Mt. Pleasant chapter
2015 Pioneer District championship chorus

6:58 pm. Singing of National Anthems

7:00 p.m. International Prelim Quartet Finals Contest
– Grand Rapids Christian H.S.

(Time TBA) Evaluations and coaching for quartets
– Judges’ rooms, Crowne Plaza Hotel

10:30 p.m. (approx.) – On Chapter Hospitality Rooms
– Salon Rooms

10:30 p.m. (approx.) – On AHSOW Woodshedding
– Traverse City Room

Sunday, April 24, 2016

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Worship Service
– Michigan/Superior Room

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Post Convention Recap Meeting
– Thornapple Room

JUDGES

Administrator	Jim Sams	Dixie
Assoc. Administrator	Rob Arnold	Ontario
Music	Scott Kitzmiller Jeff Taylor	Cardinal Ontario
Presentation	Robert Strong Ev Nau	Dixie Central States
Singing	Chris Hebert Chad Wulf	Far Western Johnny Appleseed

GUEST JUDGES

Administrator	David Bjork	Cardinal
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**PIONEER DISTRICT
CHORUS CONTEST
10:00 a.m., Saturday, April 23, 2016
Grand Rapids Christian High School
Grand Rapids, Michigan**

Welcome **Roger Lewis**
Pioneer District Director of Events

Master of Ceremonies **Jamie Carey**
Director, Grand Rapids chorus

Mic Tester Chorus **Joe Barbershopper Chorus**
(Directed by Chris Hebert)

CHORUS/CHAPTER DIRECTOR

- 1. Huron Valley Harmonizers** Robert Pettigrew,
Huron Valley Chapter, Plateau 2 William Stutts, Jr.
- 2. The Mall City Harmonizers** David Woolf,
Kalamazoo Chapter, Plateau 2 Jonathan Woolf
- 3. Gentlemen Songsters** Steve Sutherland
Detroit-Oakland Chapter, Plateau 2
- 4. Arrowhead Chorus** David Longroy
Flint Chapter, Plateau 2
- 5. The Mountain Town Singers** Jessica Thompson,
Mt. Pleasant Chapter Jeff Rayburn
(Scores for evaluation only)
- 6. Lakeshore Chorus** Stephen Pauling,
Grosse Pointe Chapter, Plateau 1 Carl Uridge

INTERMISSION

- 7. Sun Parlour Chorus** Dan Bezaire (#)
Windsor Chapter, Plateau 2
- 8. The Big Chief Chorus** Thomas Blue,
Pontiac-Waterford Chapter, Plateau 2 Ferdinand McFadyen
- 9. Capitol City Chordsmen** Steven Warnaar
Lansing Chapter, Plateau 2
- 10. Harbor Sounds Chorus** Jeff Bonn
Saginaw Bay Chapter, Plateau 4
- 11. The Guardians of Harmony Chorus** Matthew Tipton,
Rochester Chapter, Plateau 2 Michael Hartrick
- 12. Great Lakes Chorus** Jamie Carey
Grand Rapids Chapter
(Scores for evaluation only)

(#) = Certified Director

INTERNATIONAL PRELIM QUARTET
SEMI-FINALS CONTEST, INTERNATIONAL
PRELIM YOUTH QUARTET CONTEST AND
DISTRICT SENIORS QUARTET CONTEST

7:00 p.m., Friday, April 22, 2016
Grand Rapids Christian High School
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Welcome **Bud Kraft**
Convention Chairperson, Grand Rapids Chapter

Master of Ceremonies **Brian Atkinson**
Grand Rapids Chapter

Mic Tester Quartet **Ebb-N-Flo**
2011 Pioneer District Quartet champions

1. Double O Four Saginaw Bay, Rochester,
Marquette County

** Tenor – David Worley Bari – David Flattley
Lead – Robert Bammert Bass – Bruce Nyland

2. 4got2shave Kalamazoo

* Tenor – Gary Monroe Bari – Patrick Hall
Lead – David Dolph Bass – Brendan Monroe

3. Evenin' Gentlemen Detroit-Oakland

* Tenor – Terry Webner Bari – Roger Boyer
Lead – Keith Opal Bass – John Paul

4. Four Instance Western Michigan University, Wayne
State University, Kalamazoo Valley Community
College, Central Michigan University

*** Tenor – Matthew Harrell Bari – Jonathan Woolf
Lead – Connor Lindenmuth Bass – Alex Arlin

5. Rolls Voyce Grosse Pointe, Flint, Pontiac-Waterford,
Motor City Metro, Mt. Pleasant

* Tenor – Bruce LaMarte Bari – David Gillingham
Lead – T.C. Conner Bass – TR Gerard

6. Limited Edition Pontiac-Waterford, Rochester

** Tenor – Tom Blackstone Bari – John Cowlshaw
Lead – Jeff Doig Bass – Charlie Perry

7. Old Rules Grand Rapids

** Tenor – Dennis Brown Bari – R T Williams
Lead – Doug Weaver Bass – Al Smith

8. Detroit Sound Machine Motor City Metro, Huron
Valley, Livingston County, Frank Thorne

* Tenor – David Ebersole Bari – Geo. Jackson, Jr.
Lead – Dylan Broome Bass – Jason Hall

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9. Frontier Eastern Michigan University,
Michigan State University

*** Tenor – Chris Cordle Bari – Brandon Smith
Lead – Aaron Pollard Bass – Cody Harrell

10. Upper Deck Grand Rapids, Mt. Pleasant

* Tenor – Mark Wilson Bari – Brandon Ciesielski
Lead – Jamie Carey Bass – James Masalskis

11. Olde Thyme Harmony Quartet Lansing, Grosse Pointe

* Tenor – Jacob Welty Bari – Timothy Oliver
Lead – Donald Horton Bass – Martin Smeltzer

12. The Chordsmen Hillsdale

* Tenor – Kent Cushman Bari – Adam Steider
Lead – Mike Ridenour Bass – Todd Hoath

13. Chordiology Huron Valley, Frank Thorne

* Tenor – Cliff Dake Bari – Rob Pettigrew
Lead – Paul Ellinger Bass – Dave Spizarny

14. Yesterday's Memories Flint, Saginaw Bay

* Tenor – Robert Sheppard Bari – Jeff Bonn
Lead – Christopher Carland Bass – Jack Guttosky

15. Throwback (Out of District) Frank Thorne (SUN),
Hershey and Hamilton Square (MAD),
Miami (SUN), Frank Thorne (SWD)

**** Tenor – Paul Saca Bari – Alex Rubin
Lead – Sean Devine Bass – Michael Skutt

16. Right On Q Motor City Metro, Windsor, Rochester

* Tenor – Matthew Tipton Bari – Rick Anderson
Lead – Kenneth Klein Bass – Ed Bax

17. Tonal Eclipse Battle Creek, Kalamazoo, Michiana-
Metro, South Bend-Mishawaka (CAR), Grand Rapids

* Tenor – Matthew Root Bari – Phillip Spencer
Lead – Mark Spear Bass – Kerry Foley

18. Coda Honor Detroit-Oakland, Pontiac-Waterford

* Tenor – Euel Kinsey Bari – Raymond Sturdy
Lead – Aaron Wilson Bass – David Montera

* International Prelim Quartet Competitor only
** Internat'l Prelim Quartet & Dist. Sr. Quartet Competitor
*** Internat'l Prelim Youth Quartet Competitor only
**** Out of District International Prelim Quartet Competitor