

THE MINNEAPOLIS COMMODORES

PRESENT THEIR 63RD ANNUAL SHOW MARCH 20, 2010

"STEPPIN' OUT"



Special Guest Quartets

"STORM FRONT"

*2009 International
Third Place Medalists*

"VOCALITY"

*2007 LOL
District Champions*



“STEPPIN’ OUT”



Director’s Notes from Paul Wigley

Singing - one of the oldest and simplest forms of entertainment in existence; the one thing that everyone loves to do (or at least wishes they could do!). Singing is a musical activity that a human can do from the first cry at birth until the last breath of life. *Singing is life! When words fail, music speaks!* He who sings prays twice! There are so many expressions about the life-force that is singing. This year’s show features the very best of the Minneapolis Commodores...and their many years of singing...from days gone by right up to their most recent musical successes. We all know the joy that one experiences from singing together, and the many ways in which we celebrate so many different life-occasions through singing; new birth (and birthdays), graduation ceremonies, and weddings. We pay our deepest respects to loved ones...all with one universal activity- SINGING! The Commodores welcome all of you to share in our hobby, our passion, and our love as you enjoy “*Steppin’ Out*”.

Message from The Commodore President – Mark Ortenburger

“The Minneapolis Commodores, along with the many people who work so hard behind the scenes, welcome you to our 63rd annual show - “*Steppin’ Out*”. We sincerely appreciate your patronage because, in addition to letting us share our love of music with you, it allows us to provide continuing support to both The University Heart Hospital and the Harmony Foundation, the primary source of funding for Youth In Harmony educational programs.”



Message from the Show Chair – David Speidel

Every year we face the challenge of weaving our musical selections into a theme that presents our audiences with an enjoyable musical and entertaining experience. This year’s script and music selections will take you on a journey through our glitzy hotel setting, Broadway, night clubs, ballrooms and dance halls. You’ll experience the great music selections from *Vocality* and the hilarity of *Storm Front*. Add to that our ever popular *Dixiedores* and you have a fantastic variety of musical entertainment. So be prepared to be entertained and energized as the Minneapolis Commodores and guests present this year’s show - “*Steppin’ Out*”.

Afterglow

Each year the Commodores hold an ‘Afterglow’ at a local establishment to wrap up the day’s festivities. This year’s afterglow will be held at 10:00 PM at **Grumpy’s** (lower level Rose Vine Hall) bar located at 2801 Snelling Ave. N., Roseville, MN. 651-379-1180. Tickets are \$10 each at the door and guest quartets will perform more musical selections for your listening enjoyment.



"STEPPIN' OUT"

Pre Show Entertainment: The Dixiedores

*Clarinet/Banjo - Fred Richardson, Trumpet - Brad Davies,
Drums - Cindy Schlicht, Trombone - Wes Hatlestad,
Banjo - Bob Dowma, Bass - Jim Richards.*

- Steppin' OutChorus
- Puttin' on the RitzChorus
- Wonderful OneChorus
- If I Were a Rich Man *Four Seasons Quartet*
Tenor - Rollie Neve Lead - Dan Smith
Bari - Rich Ongna Bass - Tom Dahlen
- MemoryChorus
- Impossible DreamChorus
- There is Nothing Like a Dame. . . . *Easy Listenin' Quartet*
Tenor - Dick Riemenschneider Lead - Dan Slattery
Bari - John Carlotto Bass - Rod Vink
- CabaretChorus
- Hernandos Hideaway. *Sounds of Renown (VLQ)*
Tenors - Luther Romo, Dick Riemenschneider
Leads - Gordy Aumann, Rollie Neve, Dan Williams
Baris - John Carlotto, Jim Erickson
Basses - Curt Brekke, Mark Ortenburger, Bob Ostergaard
- Dance MedleyChorus
- Charleston *Music Team Quartet*
- Polka MedleyChorus

**** 15 Minute Intermission - Dixiedores ****

GUEST PERFORMERS

Vocality - 2007 LOL District Champions

Storm Front - 2009 3rd Place Int'l Medalists

FINALE

Tribute to Peace (*arr. Jay Giallombardo*)

Minneapolis Commodores

with special guests

Vocality and Storm Front





STORM FRONT 2009 International 3rd Place Medalists

Jeff Selano - Tenor, has been a name in the Barbershop Society for a number of years. A native of Toronto, Canada, Jeff was introduced to Barbershop by his father, Julian, singing in the International champion chorus, the *Dukes of Harmony*. Jeff sang with the International qualifying quartet, *Bandstand*, in the '90s, and may also look familiar as he spent several years singing bass in the five-time medalist quartet, *Riptide*. In addition, Jeff spent six years as a Certified Singing Judge in the *Barbershop Harmony Society*. He lives near Atlanta, GA with his lovely wife, Mary, and their incredible kids, Julian, Camille, and Anabelle.



Jim Clark - Lead, got his barbershopping start in the Rocky Mountain District, watching his Dad, Dr. Dan Clark, singing in the RMD quartet, *Chordial Celebration*, and in the Scottsbluff, NE chorus, the *Sugar Valley Singers*. While in college, Jim sang in a number of quartets, including the 1995 CSD champ, *Freefall*, and the medalist college quartet, *Millennium*. For the past nine years, Jim sang with his wife and other family members and friends in the mixed octet, *The Denver A Cappella Project*. He enjoys spending time at home with his wonderful wife, Rhonda, and their beautiful sons, Simon and Seamus.



Darin Drown - Baritone, is the only member of *Storm Front* who makes his living off music. A music educator for the past 16 years, he is currently the Director of Vocal Music at Grandview High School in Aurora, CO. Darin's love of barbershop started early, seeing his father, Gary, singing in the *Chordial Celebration* and *Sugar Valley Singers* in Scottsbluff, NE. While a trumpet major at the University of Nebraska, Darin founded a college quartet who would go on to compete in the first-ever International Collegiate Quartet contest held in New Orleans in 1992. Darin directs the two-time International medalist chorus, *Sound of the Rockies*, and has also been the musical director and baritone of *The Denver A Cappella Project* the past nine years, singing with his wife, sister, and other family and friends. Darin spends what little free time he has with his wonderful family - wife, Jenny; son, Colin; and daughter, Mary.



Syd Libsack - Bass, has spent all his life immersed in the barbershop hobby. His father, Steve, nearly missed Syd's birth as his quartet, the *Chordial Celebration*, was returning from a show on that particular weekend. Watching his dad singing in the quartet and the chorus in Scottsbluff, Syd found himself dreaming of quartet performances. His freshman year of college, Syd found himself at Northwest Missouri State alongside lifelong friend Soren Wohlers. Together, they founded the college quartet, *Millennium*, which would win the college gold in 2000. Syd currently lives outside Atlanta with his beautiful wife, Abby, and their children, Carley and Graham.



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“STEPPIN’ OUT”

Chapter Officers & Committees

Chapter President: Mark Ortenburger
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 Stage Assistants Russ Born, Matt Speidel
 Afterglow Travis Wuttke



Actors

Lloyd Collings as Wally Wimp
 Bob Dykstra as the Concierge
 Sheila Cole as Miss Pompadore



2007 LOL District Champions

Our performance comes from the heart creating the spirit that makes **Vocality's** music extraordinary. Our aim is to create a magical moment, so while you are sitting in the audience, we sing not to the multitudes, but just to you!

From our inception in February 2007, **Vocality's** philosophy has been to preserve the art of Barber-shop and a capella music and to commit our heart and soul to every performance. We seek to spark enthusiasm and inspire young people to see music in a whole new light – to keep a capella harmony alive and pass it on from our generation to the next.

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Vocality feels privileged to enjoy the fellowship of our Barbershop friends at home and all over the world. It is truly an honor for *Vocality* to have been crowned the 2007 LOL District Champions as well as to have advanced to the semifinal level at the International competition for the past two years.

Tony Blackwood is the lead and story teller of *Vocality*. His true passion for performance developed as he became involved in the theatre and began to explore all types of musical styles. Previously, he sang with David in *Nouveau* where they won the 2003 LOL District Championship. Offstage Tony is busy working at The Hartford as a Senior Service Specialist. When he isn't working he's spending time with his wife Angela visiting new places and trying new things. Tony also sings with *The Great Northern Union Chorus*.

Jay Althof sings tenor just right to put the 'glitz' into every chord. He has represented the LOL District in two other champion quartets, *Grandads Bluff* – 1988 and *Quest* – 2005, and sang with *New Image* for over 15 years. Most recently Jay played the trumpet and was a featured vocalist in *Brady's Big Band* out of the Twin Cities. Jay's love of music is shared by his wife Beth and their two college-bound daughters, Katie and Kristin, all of whom are accomplished musicians in their own right. In addition, Jay works for Greenheck Fan Corporation as a Division Vice President.

David Boyd sings the rich bass notes that make *Vocality* sound so big. As a seven year old, David started singing in the renowned *Minnesota Boys Choir* at much higher pitches than he does today. David's college years found him singing with the *University of Minnesota Men's Chorus*. With a passion for quartetting, he loved the experience of singing with Tony in *Nouveau*, the 2003 LOL District Quartet Champions. He and his wife Jane enjoy traveling (especially Hawaii), spending time together and working with her natural skin care business.

Bob Albachten sings baritone and rounds out *Vocality's* rich tone. He has been singing Barbershop for nearly 30 years in choruses and quartets most notably the *Great Northern Union Chorus* and LOL District Champion quartet *PrimeTime*. In addition Bob has performed in a variety of groups and solo work spanning genres from jazz to gospel to classical to pop as well as dabbling in musical theatre. Bob works as a Personal Care Attendant for a man with quadriplegia and also works all day as a Marketing Database Administrator at Ellerbe Becket, a large global architecture firm. Bob brings enthusiasm and a love of music to every performance.

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Vision Statement

The Society, in association with other a capella organizations worldwide, is committed to enriching the musical lives in every generation and community through the lifelong benefits of a capella harmony singing.

Harmony Foundation

The Harmony Foundation is the official charity of the Barbershop Harmony Society. The Society's charitable mission is to preserve our musical heritage through the support of vocal music education in our schools and communities. Call **(800) 876-7464 ext 8447** for donation, gift-planning or sponsorship information.

Booking the Chorus

We would be delighted to sing for you! Enjoy our tunes, old and new. Whatever your entertainment requirements might be, we can design a package to fit your needs. You will find our novel brand of showmanship and ringing harmony a refreshing change. **Peter Jarnberg (651) 503-6632** or **peter.jarnberg@gmail.com**.

Do you like to sing?

We welcome all men of good character who love to sing. Come and check out this energetic, dynamic group of men and start out on a path to new and exciting musical adventures. Whether you are an experienced singer who can sight-read music, or you just like to sing in the shower, join us for an evening of fun and the fellowship of Barbershop harmony. We rehearse **Tuesday evenings at 7:30p.m.**, at **House of Prayer Lutheran Church, 7625 Chicago Ave. S, Richfield, MN 55424**.

Commodores' Chapter Eternal

Loren Wuttke

Dick Johnson

Olaf Lee

*Their voices & spirits
will be sorely missed..*

OUR 2011 ANNUAL SHOW!

The Minneapolis Chapter's annual show will be **Saturday, March 19, 2011**. Details will be forth coming and also on our website.

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JOIN THE FUN!



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Please consider becoming a sponsor of the The Minneapolis Commodores. Our sponsors play a critical role in helping the chapter provide educational opportunities in the Barbershop style for both individuals and groups in our area high schools. Your sponsorship also helps provide much needed support for the Barbershop Harmony Society's *Youth In Harmony* program as well as for other musical outreach efforts we provide within the greater Minneapolis-St. Paul community.

Many of you have been aware of the Commodores' long history of support for the **University of Minnesota Medical Foundation**, initially through the **Variety Club Heart Hospital** and, more recently, through its successor, the **Rasmussen Center for Cardiac Disease Prevention**. With contributions from our annual shows since 1951, the Commodores have raised nearly \$400,000 for this most worthy endeavor. This is an effort that we are pledged to continue and your sponsorships will help maintain our commitment. Sponsors may, if they wish, designate all or a part of their donated funds to the Rasmussen Center.

We have a number of different sponsorship levels for both individuals and businesses. Your generous gifts are tax-deductible. If you would like to become a sponsor at any level or if you would consider becoming a *Key Business Sponsor* of the Minneapolis Commodores, visit our website at:

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