

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to be a professional singer?

If you like to sing in the shower or croon along with the radio and can carry a tune, we welcome you. If you've had some experience in a glee club at school or in a church choir, so much the better.

Must I be able to read music?

Reading music is indeed helpful, but we also provide various types of learning tracks for practice at home. There is plenty of opportunity to learn to read music as you go along.

Are there age restrictions?

We welcome men and women of any age.

To better understand the fun and enjoyment we experience during various activities, please check out our photo/video gallery under "The Members" tab at www.acappellaconnection.ca

Will I have to audition to be able to join?

No. Most people have enough musical ability to actively contribute, however, you will need to demonstrate ability to sing our repertoire in order to participate our performances.

How much time will it take?

We meet one night for rehearsal and chapter meetings with an occasional night or day for performances, but you can get as involved as you wish by also singing in a quartet or other performing group or by becoming a member of an administrative committee.

How much will it cost?

Like most organizations, we do charge annual dues. For about \$5.00 per week, you can be a member of the Strathroy Chapter and the Vocal Federation Chorus.

Will I have to sing in a quartet?

You may enjoy our hobby by singing solely in the chorus, but we encourage all members, to participate in quartet activities whenever possible.

Will there be activities for my family?

We welcome family members to several special meeting nights throughout the year. We also organize several family events each year such as a Christmas Party, a Golf Tournament and barbeques, etc. Although it is certainly not a prerequisite for membership, wives, husbands and significant others of Vocal Federation members, can often be found assisting in chapter fund raisers and social events.

Contact Us

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Or the following Strathroy Chapter Member:



Invites You to Join Us in Song



A Barbershop Style Chorus
*Singing as the Strathroy Ontario Chapter
of the Barbershop Harmony Society.*

We meet every Wednesday at St. Andrews Church,
152 Albert St. (corner of Richmond and Albert
Streets), Strathroy. Enter at the back.

Vision Statement

The Strathroy Chapter will provide the opportunity to men and women of all ages to blend their voices in the unique style of barbershop harmony singing and will provide wholesome entertainment for people of all ages through this and neighbouring communities wherever our services may be desired.

Mission Statement

To realize our vision, the Strathroy Chapter will:

- provide the means for men and women to participate in and enjoy the singing of barbershop-style harmony both in chorus and quartet singing.
- provide for its membership an organized process to learn and sing barbershop-style harmony from written arrangements or by “ear singing”
- develop members’ vocal talents and performance abilities so that each time they sing together, they perform to the best level possible.
- provide an atmosphere and programs that result in a high level of camaraderie and social benefit to members.
- be a community leader in the cause of preserving and encouraging vocal music at schools, churches and social events.
- enrich the lives of the less fortunate people in our communities by singing barbershop music for senior citizen homes, nursing homes and hospitals.
- initiate, promote and participate in charitable projects, especially those projects which will benefit the Ontario District’s barbershop charities

Who We Are

A Cappella Connection is a group of men and women who sing four-part harmony. We are members of the Strathroy Ontario Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, and international organization dedicated to preserving “Barbershop Harmony”

We Meet every Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the basement of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at the corner of Albert and Richmond streets in Strathroy. Enter at the rear door.

We invite men and women of all ages to join us and experience fun and enjoyment singing four-part harmony in barbershop style.

Barbershop Style

Barbershop Style is four-part harmony, sung a cappella, consisting mainly of major and 7th chords. The TENOR sings mostly above the melody; the LEAD usually sings the melody; the BASS sings the lower notes and the BARITONE sings either below or above the melody to supply the 4th note in the chord.

Barbershop Harmony became popular in the late 1800s and early 1900s, and was widely performed in Vaudeville shows which travelled across North America. Today, a cappella singing has regained popularity with old and young alike. We strive to incorporate music enjoyed by all age groups.

What We Do

We:

- sing for our pleasure
- strive to improve our vocal techniques, our interpretation of songs and our showmanship to enhance our performance
- perform for a variety of audiences throughout our entire membership area
- produce an annual show
- compete with our chorus and quartets at contests sponsored by the society
- support Harmonize for Speech and Sing Canada, our society service projects
- promote other forms of barbershopping (example, quartets, octets, etc.)



Strathroy Chapter Affiliations

The members of the Strathroy Chapter are members of the Ontario District of the Barbershop Harmony Society. The barbershop Harmony Society has its headquarters in Nashville Tennessee and is made up of 17 Districts across the United States and Canada.
