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Dear Prospective Atlantic Harmony Brigade Participant:

We are glad to learn of your interest in the Atlantic Harmony Brigade!

If you are an avid, competitive quarteter, please carefully read the following description of the third annual Atlantic Harmony Brigade event for the dates, costs, expectations, criteria for participation, activities, etc.

After reading the following description of the event, if it sounds like something you'd like to do **and it's something you feel confident you can do**, you will need to reconfirm your interest to receive an application. Please read this "prospectus" carefully and follow the instructions.

[Print this entire message and read it carefully before applying.]

About the Brigade Program

If, as a quarteter, you are passionate, ambitious, fast learning, experienced and you yearn for a lot of good, challenging quarteting with a network of solid, local, like-minded and accomplished guys, the Atlantic Harmony Brigade may be for you.

Over four hundred men in North Carolina, Indiana and the Mid Atlantic District have enjoyed these unique Brigade rallies in their region- some for over 15 years. Last year the Mid-Atlantic District held its second annual rally with 123 wonderfully well-prepared participants!

We are proud to have earned the support of our District for these grass roots, quartet-oriented program. The AHB is an approved subsidiary of the BHS.

What the Event Looks Like

This is an invitational weekend event of non-stop quarteting and quartet partner switching. Participants can sing in hundreds of quartet combinations. Up to 124 men will arrive in Delaware, solidly prepared (knowing their part on twelve great songs) and ready to spend the entire weekend formally and informally quarteting!

There are two rounds of adjudicated quartet competitions (with randomly selected quartet members and randomly selected songs from those provided). There is also a show open to the public. The cost for the weekend is all-inclusive, covering registration fees, hotel accommodations, meals, and all the learning materials.

The basic information is as follows:

- 1) The event will take place from 4:30 PM on Friday, August 22, 2008, to Sunday morning, August 24, in Wilmington, Delaware. The last "official event" is around midnight on Saturday night, but almost everyone stays up late Saturday night quarteting. Sunday morning's breakfast is part of the package and will leave you going with a glow.
- 2) The cost of the event is \$269 and includes a double occupancy room (Friday night and Saturday night), meals (Friday's and Saturday's dinner, Saturday's and Sunday's breakfast, Saturday night's contest afterglow pizza & refreshment), all learning materials, and all "registration fees." **Financial assistance and full grants will be available by confidential request. Email grants@atlanticharmonybrigade.com for more information.**
- 3) Everyone wishing to participate in the event will need to submit an application and a \$129 deposit. **Applications will be sent out immediately to anyone who reconfirms his interest after reading this information and supplying his name, address, phone number, voice part, and e-mail address.**

Participation is limited to 124 qualified men equally distributed among the four voice parts (31 men on each) on a "first to apply and qualify, first invited" basis, tiered, however, as follows:

- Last year's (2007) participants will be given the courtesy of "priority application review" status until Jan. 30th.
- First time guests who are nominated and sponsored by a 2007/2008 AHB participant will be given the courtesy of an early application review between Feb. 1st and Feb. 15th.
- Un-sponsored first time applicants will have their applications reviewed after Feb. 15th, in priority order by postmark.

All applications should be sent in right away to get the benefit of any applicable early review. The deadline for all applications is March 1st. Learning materials will be issued to all approved Invitees on or about April 15th, giving everyone about 16 weeks to uncompromisingly learn all 12 songs.

If the application is accepted, the applicant will receive additional event information, a fully interpreted high grade learning CD for their voice part, and the sheet music for the 12 songs that will be sung at the event. Deposits will be returned to those applicants who are not accepted or who are "wait listed."

- 4) All participants will be required to learn their part on all 12 songs. ***Everyone is required to have their music and the interpretation completely memorized*** and be absolutely, unfailingly well-prepared when they arrive at the event. This is the binding ethic of the Brigade. Participants invest a good deal of time and effort to be completely prepared, knowing that everyone else who is participating will do so also.
- 5) In reviewing the applications, the invitation committee will be looking for individuals with district (or comparable) quartet experience, special musical and performance experience, or a sponsor's reference to support the individual's ability to thoroughly learn 12 medium to highly challenging songs, cold, 100% words, notes, and interpretation.

The Provisos

Now, as you can see, **the Brigade is not for everyone.** This is an event for ambitious, highly motivated, reasonably experienced quarteters and/or musicians.

While the Brigade is not for beginners, you don't need to be an International Champion either. The object of the Brigade is to provide an exciting venue and a large network for strongly committed, local singers and fertile grounds for the development of high-level quarteting.

Some participants will be looking to form registered quartets. Others will be looking to fill existing quartet vacancies. Still others and everyone will be there to have a great time singing great songs with comparably solid singers!

Your job will be to come so well prepared that everyone will be glad they sang with you. They'll be counting on you to make them look good. You can be sure they'll be prepared to do the same for you. They'll be counting on you to make the time they've invested in preparing worthwhile. There is no leaning whatsoever in this event. ***You should be the guy everyone was glad to sing with!***

The proposed schedule of events (subject to change until finalized):

Friday:

- 4:30- 6:00 - Register and check-in (\$140 balance due); Receive assignment to randomly generated quartet partners and randomly drawn song (out of the 12 prepared for the event).
- 6:00 - 7:00 - Dinner at the conference center
- 7:00 - 8:30 - Opening remarks; Come up with a name for your quartet; Find the other three guys and sing through the assigned song.
- 8:30 - 10:30 - 1st Round Quartet Contest (great fun – folks have come up with some great "shtick" in the past)
- 10:30 - 10:45 - Top 10 Quartets announced
- 10:45 - Late - Sing with as many different combinations as possible. Prizes awarded for the individuals who sing with the most people. (There are over 1 million possible combinations!!!!)

Saturday:

- 8:00 - 9:00 - Breakfast in the conference center
- 9:15 - 11:30 - General meeting and all business disposed of.
- 11:30 - 1:00 - "Free Time" - Remember to sing with more foursomes. Get some lunch (on your own)
- 1:00 - 3:00 - Rehearsal for show. We will put on a show featuring the 124 man Brigade chorus singing 12 great songs. There will also be some quartet opportunities (all quartets auditioned).

- 3:00 - 3:15 - Top 10 Quartets from previous evening's contest will learn what song they will sing tonight (second round)
- 3:15 - 5:00 - "Free Time" (Count on a lot more singing going on!)
- 5:00 - 6:15 - Dinner at the conference center
- 6:15 - 7:15 - Get ready (dressed) for show
- 7:30 - 10:30 - Brigade Show!
- 10:30 - 11:00 - Strike stage and return to conference center
- 11:00 - 11:45 - 2nd Round Quartet Contest
- 11:45 - 12:00 - Winners announced and certificates (suitable for framing) awarded
- 12:00 - ????? - Snacks (Pizza), "Refreshments," and Singing!

Sunday Morning:

- 9:00-10:30 - Breakfast and good-byes to many new friends and great quartet partners!

If you have ever attended Harmony College, Harmony College East, or an International or District convention, where you have stayed up well beyond your bedtime singing with other guys for the fun of it, then you will be able to relate to the Brigade experience. The difference is: instead of trying to figure out what you all know, or what three of you know and one of you can try to "woodshed" their way through, you will all have 12 great songs in common - and you will have more time to do it!

If you know of someone else who may be interested in the Brigade, have him e-mail us at this e-mail address with their interest so we can put them on the list.

To confirm that you've read our above "prospectus" and want to participate in this program and to start the application process. Click on one of the options below.

["I did not attend the 2007 brigade, but have read and understand this prospectus, the AHB preparation work ethic and requirements and want to apply"](#)

["I attended the 2007 brigade, have read and understand this prospectus and want to return in 2008"](#)

Thank you again for your interest!

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Membership Chairmen