



Newsletter Three, May 2019



Meet Bryan Ziegler (baritone)

Bryan Ziegler has barbershop in his blood. His father brought him to his first Midwest Vocal Express Chorus rehearsal when Bryan was nine. He was instantly hooked, and eventually made his way to the international contest stage. He has earned four collegiate quartet medals (2010-13) and three chorus medals (2002-03, 2012), including gold in 2012 with the Ambassadors of Harmony. Bryan graduated from the University of Missouri-St. Louis in 2012 with a BA in Music, and graduated with an MA in Music Theory from the University of Minnesota in 2014. Bryan currently lives in Madison, WI, where he manages and operates a Caribou Coffee Shop. He enjoys cooking with his beautiful wife, Lauren, and playing with his three children.





Key Convention Information:

Fri 13 Sept to Sun 15 Sept
Christchurch (Isaac Theatre Royal)
Opening Ceremony Friday 12 noon

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

“Early-bird” registration is now open until 30 June.

BHNZ Member (Early-bird) \$275 (then \$325)
Partner (Early-bird) \$150 (then \$175)
BHNZ Youth (Early-bird) \$150 (then \$175)

Register at:

convention.barbershopharmony.nz

Looking for Accommodation?

Please contact Ken Francis [kenf@maxnet.co.nz] if you need advice on where to stay. Please book early though and preferably close to the Isaac Theatre Royal Theatre which is in central Christchurch. Limited parking is available around the Theatre.

When should we arrive?

The YSIH Parade of Champions Concert is on Thursday evening 12 Sept and will also be held at the Isaac Theatre Royal. Please consider arriving on Thursday to attend this wonderful event.

Need transport from the Airport?

A courtesy bus will be available to connect with flights if pre-arranged. It will also be available on the Sunday afternoon to take people back out to the airport. Please contact Laurie Renwick [lp.renwick@xtra.co.nz]

Programme - key times

Friday 13 Sept

1000 Registration Opens
1200 Opening Ceremony
1300 Big Sing
1430 Quartet Semifinals
2000 Evening Event (MC Jeff Hunkin)

Saturday 14 Sept

0945 Chorus Contest (start time may change)
1545 Quartet Finals
1945 Show of Champions
2200 AfterGlow

Sunday 15 Sept

0800 Church Service (Transitional Cathedral)
0915 BHNZ AGM (Rydges Hotel)
1030 Gold Medal Hour with After Hours
1130 BHNZ Luncheon (Rydges Hotel)

The BHNZ Luncheon will be finished by 1330 to enable Members to catch later afternoon flights.

Need help with accommodation?

Ken Francis [kenf@maxnet.co.nz] is your contact if you require advice or assistance with accommodation. There are a range of options available to suit all budgets.

We strongly advise staying close to the Theatre and avoiding having to find parking each day.



CONTEST CORNER

There still seems to be some confusion as to the process of qualification and entry into our BHNZ contests.

There are four easy steps:

1. Ensure everyone in your ensemble is a paid up member of BHNZ – check with your Chapter Treasurer to ensure all dues have been paid and forwarded to BHNZ as appropriate. Ensembles – quartets or choruses – containing members who are not fully paid up members of BHNZ are ineligible to compete.
2. For Quartets, in addition to the above, before the beginning of the contest cycle each year you must ensure your Quartet is registered with BHNZ and appears on the current Quartet Register. This determines you are eligible to enter the qualifying rounds – Regionals – for the BHNZ contest. Contact Angie Schonegger at angieschonegger@gmail.com for further information.
3. All members intending to compete at BHNZ National Competitions must be registered for the BHNZ Convention. Ensembles – quartets or choruses – containing members who are not registered for the convention are ineligible to compete.
4. Complete your entry for the contest before the deadline. In accordance with the current BHNZ Contest Rules available on the BHNZ website, Video Qualification entry deadline is 31 May. The deadline for Chorus Contest Entry is 60 days prior to the contest – 16 July. Some leniency was shown this year during the Regional live contests, but in fairness to all competitors, this will be tightened up as the systems improve. Pay attention to dates that are in the contest rules or circulated as reminders or you may miss your opportunity to compete. If you are going to have trouble meeting a deadline for whatever reason, it is important that you contact Michael Markham mikejohnmarkham@gmail.com and advise him accordingly.

VIDEO ENTRIES:

Once you have completed the above quartet registration steps, please submit a link to your video to Henri Hunkin-Tagaloa - henrietta.hunkin@gmail.com before 31 May 2019.

If you require assistance Henri can help you with this too.

No late entries will be considered.

Scores will be provided within 14 days after 31 May.

Bridget Byrne CPG - Contest

SPECIAL NEWS FOR OUR LONG SERVING MEMBERS

Thank you to all our 20 year plus long serving members who responded to the recent survey regarding a potential special event at the Aftershock Convention. The response was really positive!

After deliberation at Board level, it has been decided to limit this event to an invitation only morning tea on Friday 10.30-11.30am for those members who have reached the milestone of 25 years. Those eligible members will receive an invitation in due course.

However, all our 20 year plus members will receive public recognition at an appropriate time during the convention. This will be published in the schedule so make sure you are in the auditorium at the allotted time to receive your well-deserved recognition from the membership.