

# *The Town and Country Chorus*

**NOTES ♪ NEWS and VIEWS for December 15, 2020**

Greetings to everyone. We hope that all who are reading this are well. Along with the concerns about COVID there are the usual seasonal cold and flu bugs floating around. When you stop to consider what all is “out there,” it’s amazing that any of us are able to say we’re feeling good.

Christmas will be here in less than two weeks. It, like Thanksgiving, will take on a different look than previous years. The cause for the celebration will not have diminished any. In fact, with life slowing down a little, we may find ourselves giving more thought to the significance of the season.

I’m hearing people commenting favorably on the absence of all the hectic activities. They are not liking it because of all the pain and suffering that COVID has forced upon their lives certainly; but because they have a chance to really look and reflect on Christmas and what blessings they truly have.

Last week we published a listing of barbershop virtual events that are coming up. By no means do I suspect this is a complete list; in fact, I would be very surprised if it is.

Attending live performances, if any were being staged, is out of the question. The means to hear and watch events of any kind lie in these virtual productions. And to do that one needs to have certain equipment and be able to attach one’s self to the internet.

Now, those of you who know me must find it laughable that I would be issuing instructions on how to go about receiving these shows. I’m not, it is technology (magic). I consider it fortunate that this newsletter finds its way off my computer every week. (Maybe it doesn’t – I never know for sure.)

What I’m saying is please, if you want to watch and enjoy any of these great shows, reach out to someone and ask how to go about it. Ask your children, particularly grandkids, friends, neighbors - what you need to do. Maybe they’ll show you, then sit down and watch it with you and become enthusiastic about barbershop in the process. Don’t sacrifice the opportunity, while you are sequestered in your homes, to hear some great music.

Again, if you can, stay in touch with The Town & Country Chorus Facebook page. There are many links to information, shows, announcements, whatever, contained therein. Also check out The Pioneer District, Barbershop Harmony Society, and the Harmony Foundation links below as a way to stay connected to this great hobby.

- Dec 1 - 31 | on-demand | **New Tradition Chorus** | [WATCH](#)
- Dec 5 (Sat) | Noon Pacific/3:00pm Eastern | **Croix Chordsmen** | [WATCH](#)
- Dec 5 (Sat) | 3:00pm Pacific/6:00pm Eastern | **Masters of Harmony** | [WATCH](#)
- Dec 5 (Sat) | 5:00pm Pacific/8:00pm Eastern | **Ambassadors of Harmony** | [WATCH](#)

- Dec 6 (Sun) | 4:00pm Pacific/7:00pm Eastern | **Beehive Statesmen** | [WATCH](#)
- Dec 11 - 31 | **Harbourtown Sound** | [WATCH](#)
- Dec 12 (Sat) | Noon Pacific/3:00pm Eastern | **Land O' Lakes District** | [WATCH](#)
- Dec 12 (Sat) | 2:00pm and 7:30pm Central | **Vocal Majority** | [WATCH](#)
- Dec 12 (Sat) | 6:00pm Central | **Fog City Harmonia**
- Dec 12 (Sat) | 5:00 Pacific/8:00pm Eastern | **SmorgasChorus** | [WATCH](#)
- Dec 12 (Sat) | 5:00 Pacific/8:00pm Eastern | **HALO** | [WATCH](#)
- Dec 12 (Sat) | **Harmony Delegation with Harmony Central** | [WATCH](#)
- Dec 12 (Sun) | 2:00 pm HST | **The Sounds of Aloha** | [WATCH](#)
- Dec 13 (Sun) | 3:00pm Central | **Heralds of Harmony** | [WATCH](#)
- Dec 13 (Sun) | 4:00pm Pacific/7:00pm Eastern | **Westchester Chordsmen** | [WATCH](#)
- Dec 18 (Fri) | 6:00 pm Pacific | **The Westminster Chorus** | [WATCH](#)
- Dec 18 (Fri) | 7:00 pm Central | **Vocal Revolution** | [WATCH](#)
- Dec 19 (Sat) | 7:00 pm Central | **Minneapolis Commodores** | [WATCH](#)
- Dec 19 (Sat) | 7:30 pm Eastern | **AIC Show** | [WATCH](#)
- Dec 19 (Sat) | 9:00pm Central | **San Diego Chorus**
- Dec 20 (Sun) | 3:00pm Eastern | **Vocal Confluence with Voces Solis** | [WATCH](#)
- Dec 20 (Sun) | 3:30pm PT/6:30pm ET | **Alexandria Harmonizers & Northwest Sound** | [WATCH](#)
- Dec 23 (Wed) | 1:00pm Central | **The Collective** | [WATCH](#)
- Dec 23 (Wed) | **PDX Voices**
- Dec 29 (Tue) | 5:00pm Pacific/8:00pm Eastern | **Music City Chorus** | [WATCH](#)

Please take a few minutes of your day and check in with each other, stay connected as best you can. We cannot know when we'll be able to again participate in live rehearsals and see each other face to face. Stay in touch. Somehow, someday, until then, **Keep the Whole World Singing!**

Take care and stay healthy,

**Gary**

*Log into these websites to keep informed as to what's happening in the Pioneer District, the Barbershop Harmony Society, and the Harmony Foundation.*

[www.pioneerdistrict.org](http://www.pioneerdistrict.org)

[www.barbershop.org](http://www.barbershop.org)

[www.harmonyfoundation.org](http://www.harmonyfoundation.org)

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### **Calendar for 2020**

#### **DECEMBER**

**19 Sat:** AIC Christmas Show, *THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON*.

### **Calendar for 2021**

#### **JANUARY**

**28-31, Thu-Sun:** 2021 Virtual Midwinter Convention. Check out the Barbershop Harmony website for details, registration, and how-to's.

#### **APRIL**

**23-25, Fri-Sun:** Spring Convention, The Plaza at DeVos/CHS, Grand Rapids.

#### **JUNE**

**4-6, Fri-Sun:** Great Lakes Harmony Brigade.

**28-July 4, Mon-Sun:** 2021 International Convention, Cleveland, Ohio.

#### **OCTOBER**

**15-17, Fri-Sun:** Fall Convention, Battle Creek, the Radisson and W.K. Kellogg Auditorium.

***“Seek, develop, use and enhance the skills and talents of each member to such an extent that progress seems limitless.”***

