

The Pioneer District of the Barbershop Harmony Society presents

# LET'S GO PIO

## 2024 FALL CONVENTION

October 17-20

Grand Rapids, MI | Hosted by Grand Rapids Chapter  
Hotel: DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton 4747 28th Street SE  
Theater: DeVos Center for Arts and Worship 2300 Plymouth Ave SE

### Schedule of Events

#### Thursday, Oct. 17

**SingFest** 6pm – 9  
Thornapple Brewing

#### Friday, Oct. 18

**Registration** 10am – 5:30  
DoubleTree Hotel Lobby  
*Moves to DeVos Center for Arts at 6pm*

**Harmony Marketplace & Historian Display** 10am – 5pm  
Salon A (DoubleTree)

**District Board Meeting** 10am  
Boardroom (DoubleTree)

**House of Delegates Meeting** 1pm  
Salon C+D (DoubleTree)

**Educational Sessions** 3pm & 4pm  
DoubleTree Hotel  
*See below for more details*

**QCA Meeting** 3pm  
Boardroom (DoubleTree)

**Tag Room** 5pm  
Wolverine A

**Quartet Semifinals** 7pm  
DeVos Center for Arts

#### Saturday, Oct. 19

**Registration** 9am  
DeVos Center for Arts

**Harmony Marketplace** 9am-10  
Salon A (DoubleTree) 2pm-5

**Family Mic Tester** 10am  
**Chorus Rehearsal**

DeVos Center for Arts  
**Chorus Contest** 10:30am  
DeVos Center for Arts

**Tag Contest** 3pm – 4  
Restaurant in DoubleTree

**Quartet Finals** 7pm  
DeVos Center for Arts

**Chapter Hospitality Rooms** ~10pm  
DoubleTree Hotel

#### Sunday, Oct. 20

**Worship Service** 9am – 9:45  
Wolverine A (DoubleTree)

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

**3pm**

Performance Skills... for the Rest of Us  
*Dave Fobart, Kentwood A*

*"... We'll look at things your group can do that don't require tap dancing skills OR a theater degree."*

**4pm**

How to Reboot Your Chorus  
*Mike Louque, Kentwood A*  
*Spend time with a founder of Central Standard and Fog City digging into the details, the successes, the lessons learned, and how they would apply in launching your chorus.*

## DISTRICT QUARTET SEMIFINALS

Friday, October 18 | 7pm

DeVos Center for Arts and Worship

### Welcome

Mike Krenz  
Chair of Host Chapter

### Presenter

Maria Christian  
BHS Board Director

### Mic Tester

Tenor: Staci Slamka  
Bari: Kathryn Summers

Girl Talk  
Lead: Holli Houtz  
Bass: Kendra LaPointe



### 1. The Mackinac Express\*

*Grand Rapids, Lansing*

Tenor: Rich Harlow  
Bari: Kevin Lenneman

Lead: Brad Sharlow  
Bass: Steve Warnaar

### 2. Old Thyme Harmony Quartet\*

*Lansing, Marquette County, Pontiac-Waterford, Motor City Metro*

Tenor: Pat Hefner  
Bari: Tim Oliver

Lead: Jacob Welty  
Bass: Don Horton

### 3. Mixture\*

*Saginaw Bay*

Tenor: Teri Brink  
Bari: Patricia Osborne

Lead: Lee Leffingwell  
Bass: Zach Rolfs

### 4. Clefhanger\*

*Grand Rapids, Frank Thorne*

Tenor: Jenn Nolte  
Bari: Paul Nolte

Lead: Jessica VanBeek  
Bass: Jeff Opperman

### 5. Great Woolf Quartet\*

*Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Motor City Metro, Frank Thorne*

Tenor: Sonnet Rumora  
Bari: Jon Woolf

Lead: Charlie Gross  
Bass: Dave Woolf

### 6. Vintage Blend\*\*

*Grand Rapids, Gratiot County*

Tenor: Mark Wilson  
Bari: Kirk Wood

Lead: Jamie Carey  
Bass: James Masalskis

### 7. Fourth and Long\*\*\*

*Grand Rapids, Lansing*

Tenor: Alan Coombs  
Bari: Mike Krenz

Lead: Doug Weaver  
Bass: Noel Carlson

### 8. Evenin' Gentlemen\*

*Greater Detroit, Motor City Metro*

Tenor: Paul Keiser  
Bari: Joe DeSantis

Lead: Keith Opal  
Bass: John Paul

### 9. 'Rived\*\*\*

*Monroe North, Motor City Metro, Frank Thorne*

Tenor: Gabe LaPointe  
Bari: Matt Bidigare

Lead: Jake Kershaw  
Bass: Ryan Berry

### 10. Baritonics\*\*

*Grand Rapids, Livingston County, Lansing, Marquette County*

Tenor: Mike Hansen  
Bari: Gary LaRoy

Lead: Tim Oliver  
Bass: Steve Warnaar

### 11. Four Under Forty\*\*\*

*Saginaw Bay*

Tenor: Ally Brandt  
Bari: Kyle Betzold

Lead: Kevin Rose  
Bass: Zach Rolfs

### 12. Boysen Blue\*<sup>1</sup>

*Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo*

Tenor: Ethan Steele  
Bari: Muamen Alsheikh

Lead: Charlie Gross  
Bass: Josh Cavalli

### 13. Five Star\*

*Grand Rapids*

Tenor: Cole Carey  
Bari: Jeff Opperman

Lead: Jamie Carey  
Bass: James Masalskis

### 14. W-4\*

*Motor City Metro*

Tenor: Kayla Wells  
Bari: Ken Wells

Lead: Tony Williams  
Bass: Tyler Wells

## Intermission

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\*District Championship

\*\*Senior Int'l Prelim

\*\*\*Score-feedback only

<sup>1</sup>Novice eligible



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Family Mic Tester Chorus Director

Kevin Keller

### Judging Panel

Mike Thompson (SWD)  
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 Ryan Wisniewski (SWD)  
 Dave Fobart (SUN)  
 Mike Louque (CSD)  
 Dr. Christopher Loftin\* (SHD)  
 \*Guest Judge



**INTERNATIONAL CHORUS QUALIFIER**

Saturday, October 19 | 10:30am  
DeVos Center for Arts and Worship

**DISTRICT QUARTET FINALS**

Saturday, October 19 | 7pm  
DeVos Center for Arts and Worship

**Welcome** Doug Weaver  
Director of Events

**Presenter** Tyler Wigginton  
Harmony Foundation Int'l  
National Fundraiser

**Mic Tester** Family Mic Tester Chorus  
Directed by Kevin Keller

**1. Capitol City Chordsmen\*\*** Lansing  
Brad Sharlow

**2. Harbor Sounds\*\*** Saginaw Bay  
Zach Rolfs

**3. MI-X\*** Motor City Metro  
Brandon Smith, Holli Houtz

**4. Pioneer Spirit Chorus\*\*\*** Frank Thorne  
Jamie Carey

**5. Livingston Lamplighters\*\*** Livingston County  
Jay Hall

**6. Harmony United\*\*** Greater Detroit  
Paul Keiser

**7. Mall City Voices\*\*** Kalamazoo  
Dave Woolf

**8. City Lights Chorus\*** Motor City Metro  
Aaron Pollard, Brandon Smith

**9. Floral City Harmonizers\*\*** Monroe North  
Chris Berry

**10. Essex Vocal Express\*** Windsor  
Steve Pauling

**11. Great Lakes Chorus\*** Grand Rapids  
Jamie Carey

*\*International Chorus Prelims*

*\*\*International Chorus Prelims / Small Chorus Contest*

*\*\*\*Senior Prelim*

*†Most Improved Chorus eligible*

Small Chorus Championship Award

Most Improved Chorus Award

Announcement of Chorus Int'l Representative(s)

**Welcome** Chris Berry  
District President

**Presenter** Joelle Laginess  
District Director of Communications

*Please join in singing  
O Canada and The Star-Spangled Banner*

Mic Tester Quartet

**Cruise Control\*\*\***

*Grand Rapids, Frank Thorne*

Tenor: Shosh Sprecher

Lead: Catie Carey

Bari: Kayla Reed

Bass: Cole Carey

Finalist Quartets

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Pioneer District Raffle

Bush League Trophies

Hall of Fame Award

Int'l Senior Quartet Representative(s)

Quartet Novice Award

District Quartet Champions