



*Northern California's Premier Men's A Cappella Chorus*

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**VOICES IN HARMONY WINS FAR WESTERN DISTRICT  
CHORUS CHAMPIONSHIP OF BARBERSHOP HARMONY SOCIETY**

***International medalist men's chorus from the Bay Area will  
represent California/Arizona/Nevada at 2009 International chorus contest***

**October 14, 2008** -- San Jose, CA – On October 11, 2008, **Voices in Harmony**, Northern California's premier men's a cappella chorus, was named Far Western District chorus champions at the annual Fall Convention of the Barbershop Harmony Society in Bakersfield, CA. The chorus outscored fourteen others from California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii. As champions, Voices in Harmony earned the right to represent the Far Western District at next year's International competition in Anaheim, CA, on July 3, 2009, where 28 choruses from around the world will vie for the International championship.

While this is the first district championship for the chorus in their brief three years of existence, it will represent their third consecutive trip to International competition, having qualified as a "wild card" representative in their first two years. Earlier this year in Nashville, TN, Voices in Harmony earned International bronze medals, finishing third in the world.

This championship represented the fifth first-place finish in the Far Western District contest for VIH director Dr. Greg Lyne, who previously directed seven-time International chorus champion **Masters of Harmony**. When asked about the chorus' performance, Dr. Lyne commented, "Each and every time we perform, we strive to deliver entertaining and compelling vocal music. It's a tremendous thrill to be named Far Western District champions. We were very pleased with our efforts, and happy that the judging panel and audience members enjoyed our musical presentation. We're proud to continue to have the opportunity to represent Northern California at the International level."

Besides performing in the contest, the chorus also performed on the Show of Champions at the end of the convention, along with new district quartet champion **Masterpiece**. Masterpiece baritone Alan Gordon is also a member of Voices in Harmony, making him the first Voices in Harmony singer to earn district chorus and quartet championships on the same day.

Local fans can also see Voices in Harmony perform. On November 29, 2008, they will join forces with **Late Show**, 2006 Far Western District quartet champions, and **Pride of the Pacific**, a regional silver medalist women's chorus based in Livermore, to present a holiday show at the California Theater in downtown San Jose. Tickets are available via [www.vihchorus.org](http://www.vihchorus.org). Voices in Harmony will also be the featured performers at an international choral festival in St. Petersburg, Russia, in August 2009.

Founded in 2006, Voices in Harmony is Northern California's premier men's a cappella chorus, and performs all around the world in a variety of musical styles, including barbershop, jazz, Broadway, popular standards, and classical. The chorus is directed by world-renowned choral conductor and clinician Dr. Greg Lyne, and is the 2008 International 3<sup>rd</sup> place medalist chorus in the Barbershop Harmony Society. Voices in Harmony can be reached at (877) 684-3844, or via the Internet at [www.vihchorus.org](http://www.vihchorus.org).

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