



March 3, 2007
Hosted by Emerson Umbrella Center for the Arts
40 Stow Street, Concord MA

Sponsored by
Sounds of Concord
and
Women of Note

This one-day program will provide a unique and memorable musical experience for male and female high school and middle school students, and raise funds for school Music Departments. Students will pre-register, as a group, with their music teachers or individually. The young men's chorus and young women's chorus will each work with a qualified clinician/director and a teaching quartet to rehearse three songs, while reinforcing good vocal technique. Sheet music and learning CD's will be supplied to students in advance. A show will be held in the evening, featuring the students, and other performing groups. Tickets to the show will be sold, and the show proceeds will help cover the program cost, and provide for a donation to each participating schools' Music Department. Lunch and dinner will be included. A student fee of \$7. will help defray the cost of the meals, and the students' music (which they keep!). **There is no charge for music educators, who are welcome to attend.**

An *educator's seminar* will be offered for music educators during the students' rehearsals. Vocal techniques, basics of barbershop harmony, and tuning techniques for a cappella harmony are among the topics to be covered.

The host will provide the location for the event. The *Sounds of Concord* and *Women of Note* will handle the logistics efforts, and provide the program.

Outline of Schedule

- 8:30am** -Students arrive and sign in
-Students rehearse with director & teaching quartet
-Educators are welcome to attend the **Music Educator's Seminar** running concurrently
- Lunch** -with student performance open mic
- Afternoon** -Rehearsals
-Mini performance by teaching quartets
-Rehearsals
-Rehearsal of finale with adult choruses and quartets
- Dinner** -Prep for show
- 7:00pm** -Show
- After Show** -Refreshments

2006 Participants Include

Acton-Boxboro Regional High School	John Glenn Middle School (Bedford)
Quabbin Regional High School	Nashoba Regional High School
Concord Academy	Marlborough High School
Peabody Middle School (Concord)	Nashua High School South (NH)
Londonderry High School (NH)	Fairgrounds Middle School (Nashua NH)
ConVal High School (Peterborough NH)	

The show will include the young men's chorus, young women's chorus, combined youth chorus, the two teaching quartets, Women of Note, the Sounds of Concord, and a grand finale.

We're working to obtain grants to cover the expenses of the program, in order to enhance the net proceeds, which will be distributed to the Music Departments of the participating schools. Each will be given a set number of show tickets to sell. Each participating school's music department will receive a donation, from the net proceeds, which include tickets sold by the Sounds of Concord, and Women of Note, as well as intermission refreshment sales.

This is our fourth year. Last year's program involved 11 schools, and over 58 students enjoyed the event, and the music educators involved were very pleased with the educational benefits. The first three years of this program have resulted in over \$3400 donated to the Music Departments of participating schools.

Our Festival is modeled after the New Hampshire High School Barbershop Festival, and the 3.5-day Harmony Extreme Camp (formerly Harmony Explosion Camp) which involves about a hundred male high school students in Fitchburg each August.

The sponsors are the Sounds of Concord, the Concord MA chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, and Women of Note, the Hudson MA chapter of Harmony Inc. Both are non-profit 501 (c)(3) organizations.

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