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NORTHLAND BARBERSHOP CHORUS PRESENTS 58th ANNUAL SHOW:

“The Barbershop Twilight Zone”

The **NORTHLAND BARBERSHOP CHORUS**, the Sault ON Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, will present their **58th Annual Show Sat. April 12th, 2025 starting at a NEW TIME: 7:00 PM** at the Sault Community Theatre Centre. The 40-man chorus will present songs in 4-part a cappella harmony within the context of an original play. More show info can be found here: www.northlandchorus.com/annual-show.html

“The Barbershop Twilight Zone”

The original **Twilight Zone** was an anthology television series created and written by Rod Serling. It was shot entirely in black and white and ran on CBS from 1959 to 1964. In Rod’s often bizarre stories, the characters faced unusual or unexplainable events. Episodes often concluded with an unexpected twist and usually with a moral. “Imagine if you will” a place where sight and sound collide, where time is fluid, where harmony and love conquer all, a place where white tuxes never go out of fashion! That’s “*The Barbershop Twilight Zone*”.

This play will run as the show’s first act and includes 10 songs performed by the **NORTHLAND CHORUS**. It tells the story of homebody and gadget-loving couch potato Chester Field (**LOGAN FRECH**) and his loving wife Sue (**ARIELLA D’AGOSTINO**) who longs for Chester to get off the couch and be more involved in life. Through the time-shifting magic of *The Barbershop Twilight Zone*, we accompany them on a journey through their lives together – from the night they first meet at age 14 through their married years together. Our guide and narrator is the *Barbershop Twilight Zone* equivalent of Rod Serling (**MATTHEW LANCE**) Stage manager is **CHRIS MOZAROWSKI**, stage direction is by **CHRIS HORSEPOOL**, and lighting is by **ROB ROCK**.

Barbershop is not an era; rather it is a style of singing harmonizable music from any era. This show includes songs from The Beatles (**I WILL - 1968**), Everly Brothers (**DEVOTED TO YOU - 1958**), Coldplay (**BROKEN - 2019**), Elvis (**DON’T BE CRUEL – 1956**), John Denver (**ANNIE’S SONG- 1974**) and many more.

The show’s second act will feature “**VOCAL SPECTRUM**”, an iconic quartet from St. Louis Missouri who won gold at the Barbershop Harmony Society’s International Quartet Championship in 2006. They are one of the few winning quartets who’ve stayed together as a performing group for over 20 years and are the only quartet we’ve ever invited to headline our show three times! They previously graced our stage as part of our 50th anniversary show in 2011 and were invited back in 2016.

Each year since 1995, a donation drawn from show proceeds has gone to the Speech-Language Pathology Unit at Sault Area Hospital in support of local speech therapy programs. In 2024, the Northland Chorus passed **\$125,000** in lifetime donations to this cause and aspire to reach **\$150,000** by 2026, their 65th anniversary year, in keeping with their motto:

“We Sing ... That They Shall Speak.”

Revenue derived from the annual show is only source for Northland Chorus donations to the Hospital.

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FEATURED MUSICAL PERFORMERS

- **NORTHLAND BARBERSHOP CHORUS:** Now in their 64th year. Bob Shami – Music Director
www.northlandchorus.com
- **HEADLINE QUARTET – VOCAL SPECTRUM:** Gold Medal quartet from St. Louis, Missouri.
www.vocalspectrum.com

All Tickets: General Admission – **\$38.00* CDN Funds**, available at:

- Theatre Centre Box Office* (Station Mall) Hess Jewellers (Churchill Plaza)
- Any member of the Northland Chorus Soo Theatre/STARS (534 Ashmun St. Soo, Mich.)
- Tickets may also be available at the door. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. Curtain is 7:00 p.m.

* Includes \$4.00/ticket service charge added by the Mall Box Office to all tickets they print.

For more information about the long history of support of local Speech Therapy services by the Northland Chorus, see:
<http://www.northlandchorus.com/about/our-service-project-we-sing-that-they-shall-speak.html>

Northland Chorus - General Information

Barbershop singing had its beginnings in American barbershops of the 1890's through 1920's. Barbershops served as "tonsorial parlours": places where men gathered to share news, camaraderie and a song or two.



Above, at left, the logo of the Barbershop Harmony Society, an umbrella international organization which serves 15,000+ members in 700+ chapters across North America. It granted the Sault Chapter its charter in 1961.

At right, the logo of the Sault Ste Marie Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society. It represents an iconic barbershop singer whose International Bridge/handlebar moustache is symbolic of our membership coming from both sides of the border. The red, white and blue colours represent the colours of the flags of both nations. The four bars in the hat represent the 4-part harmony that is the hallmark of the barbershop style, and recall the stripes of a traditional barber pole. The "oh" vowel being sung is the first sound in each country's national anthem.

Northland Chorus – Sault Ste Marie’s 2010 Medal of Merit Winner



The City of Sault Ste Marie awarded the Northland Barbershop Chorus the 2010 Medal of Merit, the city’s most prestigious honour, in recognition of community service given over 5 decades.

The award is given to nominees for “outstanding achievement in a chosen area which has resulted in making a valuable contribution to the community”. The award was officially presented to all then-currently active chorus members by Mayor Debbie Amoroso at a civic ceremony and dinner held May 7, 2011.



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