

# **NORTHLAND BARBERSHOP CHORUS FACT SHEET**

## ***The Sault Ste Marie Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society Founded Dec. 1961***

**Mission Statement:** “To provide a fulfilling musical and personal experience for our membership, and to enrich the life of our communities through barbershop harmony.”

**Chapter Meeting Night:** A new season begins each Sept. We meet every Monday night from the first Monday after Labour Day until mid June. We're off in July/Aug. and for 1-2 weeks at Christmas.

**Meeting Time and Place:** 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 pm at Salvation Army Hall, 670 John St., Sault, Ontario.

**Extra Rehearsals:** Two rehearsals per year apart from Monday nights are scheduled for the individual sections to meet with their section leaders. These are usually held on Sat. afternoons. As well, two Saturday rehearsals (9:30 am – 3:30 pm) are scheduled leading up to the annual show. During the week of this show, we meet nightly from Monday-Thursday. The dates for these extra rehearsals are announced in September.

**Annual Show:** Usually the first or second Saturday in April, always avoiding the Easter weekend. Annual Shows are held at Sault Community Theatre Centre inside White Pines High School.

### **Expectations:**

- Admission to the Chorus is based on your ability and desire to sing. You must have the basic ability to carry a tune and match a pitch. A private evaluation and voice placement will be done before you are offered an admission application. You will be given advice as to which voice part best suits your vocal timbre and range.
- Members of the Chapter are normally expected to attend a minimum of **75%** of the regular rehearsals, and **100%** of the special rehearsals. We take attendance!
- New music and learning CD's are handed out in Sept. along with a rehearsal Master Plan for the year. Music is taught by the quartet teaching method and memorized through the member's individual use of part-specific learning CD's. Many additional learning tools are available to members through our website: [www.northlandchorus.com](http://www.northlandchorus.com) The ability to read music, while an asset, is not required. Doing your homework, however, is! Our goal is to rehearse not until we get it right, but until we cannot get it wrong!
- Members are expected to be “off the music” (all words and notes memorized) by a specified mid-January date.
- The Chorus may sing at 6-10 functions per year in addition to the annual show. We don't accept invitations to sing in public until each man has indicated whether or not he will commit to attend. The commitment of a sufficient number of singers in each section is required before we undertake to sing a public performance.

**Dues:** Dues are payable upon acceptance of your application for membership, and once per year thereafter.

Youth Member (Age 25 & under): \$105 US / \$148 CDN (First Year: \$20 US / \$30 CDN)

Regular Annual Renewal (Age 26-74): \$210 US / \$296 CDN

Senior Annual Renewal: (Age 75+): \$157.50 US / \$222 CDN

Dues are subject to annual adjustment. The Chapter keeps none of the dues it collects. All dues are forwarded to our regional District office and to the International head office in Nashville for provision of member services.

**Uniforms:** These are provided at no charge but a refundable \$50.00 deposit is charged when a uniform is issued. These uniforms remain the property of the Chorus. You will need your own black shoes. Members are responsible for dry cleaning and normal upkeep of uniforms.

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