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# Congratulations on completing the “Sing, Sing, Sing!” program!

The Northwest Sound Men’s Chorus hopes that we have helped to bring quality a cappella music in your life. We are very happy to have been able to be a part of your singing journey.

If this experience is something you have enjoyed and would like to be a part of on a regular basis, you should consider auditioning with the Northwest Sound Men’s Chorus. For “Sing, Sing, Sing!” participants, we are offering a streamlined ten minute audition process that builds on what you have already learned. Auditions are done in private with music team members where you will be asked to demonstrate vocal range and the ability to sing your chosen part in a quartet by memory. The song can be any one of the “Sing, Sing, Sing!” songs (“Under the Boardwalk,” “Hearts Full of Spring,” “No More Sorrows” or “Wonderful World”). To best prepare for this, you should be able to sing your part against the ‘missing’ part learning track with very few mistakes or in a quartet with chorus members. If you do not pass the audition the first time, you will be given feedback on what to work on and rescheduled the following week. It is common to not pass auditions the first time – singing in a quartet is a very different experience than singing in a chorus and can take some adjusting to so do not be discouraged.

Being a member of the chorus is an exciting opportunity to learn and grow but does come with an expected work ethic, time commitment and financial cost. The expectations of chorus members are the following:

- Stay in good standing with the Barbershop Harmony Society by paying yearly dues
- Attend weekly rehearsals. Occasional absences are acceptable with notification of director, president and section lead
- Learn, memorize and practice music at home at least three times per week
- Participate in shows, contests and other chorus functions. This can include travelling to distant locations via car, bus or plane and staying in a hotel for several nights. Costs are paid by the individual.
- Participate in chorus operations, ticket selling and event advertising
- Acquire and maintain chorus performance outfits

If you would like to schedule an audition, Don Ferguson will have a sign-up sheet. Auditions begin next week on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Each audition will last approximately ten minutes.

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If you decide that perhaps the Northwest Sound Men's Chorus is a little bit more than you are willing to take on, there are other barbershop choruses in our area that would welcome an experienced a cappella singer like yourself. They include: Harmony Kings of Federal Way ([www.harmonykings.org](http://www.harmonykings.org)), the Kitsap Chordsmen ([www.singkitsap.org](http://www.singkitsap.org)), the Puyallup Valley Harmonizers ([pvhchorus.org](http://pvhchorus.org)), the Seattle SeaChordsmen ([www.seachordsmen.org](http://www.seachordsmen.org)), Tacoma Totemaires ([www.evg.org/~totemair](http://www.evg.org/~totemair)) and the Northwest Vocal Project ([www.northwestvocalproject.com](http://www.northwestvocalproject.com)).

You can always visit our website at [www.nwsound.org](http://www.nwsound.org) to get more information about our chorus, sing-outs, competitions as well as other information about upcoming events. We are planning on a Holiday "Sing, Sing, Sing!" program in the fall similar to the one you just completed using holiday music. If you know of somebody who would benefit from this program, we are already signing up singers. The program begins mid-October and will run through Thanksgiving. Send a note to Don Ferguson with the participant information.

Again, thank you for your contribution in the "Sing, Sing, Sing!" program!

Harmoniously

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