

MAPLE LEAF CHORD COMPANY 2017-2018
Ontario District Seniors Chorus
Recommendation to the House Of Delegates, April 2017

Preamble

Last year at this time the HOD approved a new project, The Ontario District Senior Chorus. By all measures, this project was an outstanding success. Participation from across the District and the level of the performances were superb. Many men achieved personal barbershopping goals - singing in a big chorus, singing in a very good chorus, singing on the International Stage. Other men found that their interest in barbershopping was rejuvenated by the project. We put 73 men onto the District Fall Convention stage and 63 men on the stage at Mid- Winter 2017. Despite unknowns and many surprises re the management of the Mid-Winter Convention, the 2016-17 project came close to meeting its budget. Thus to paraphrase from the original proposal “ It was a huge win-win-win for everyone.”

After Mid-Winter there was a large interest from the participants in having another Seniors Chorus experience in the District.

However, one can never repeat the energy and excitement of doing something for the first time. Also, Costa Mesa, CA (Mid-Winter 2018) is not the same sort of tourist destination that San Antonio was. Thus Ray Danley, Music Team, and I are proposing that the District Seniors Chorus sets the District Fall Contest as its primary objective for this year. Participation at Mid Winter will be an ancillary opportunity, if the BHS has a Seniors chorus Festival, and if the ONT chorus earns an invitation.

Note: - The Seniors Chorus Event is not an official Society contest. It is a Festival where the performances will be adjudicated like the Youth Chorus Festival rating system of superior, excellent, good, etc while recognizing a Festival Grand Champion. Each chorus will receive their own score, but the scores of all choruses will not be published.

The DMT approved the 2017-18 project at its February 2017 teleconference. Now we need the approval of the HOD, to establish the MLCC 2017-18 as an official District activity/event.

It is planned that the Seniors Chorus will be revenue neutral for the District. However, some start-up funding will be needed to purchase and distribute music and learning tracks.

Proposal

Based on the attached rules, conditions, and budget, It is recommended that the Ontario District endorse the creation of The Maple Leaf Chord Company 2017-18 , Ontario Seniors Chorus.

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RULES AND MANAGEMENT

ELIGIBILITY

- all participants must be members in good standing any chapter, including Frank Thorne, of the Ontario District.
- all participants are or will be 55 years old or older on the day of the contest at the Mid-Winter Convention (Jan 2018)
- The music team and the director are or will be 55 years old or older on the day of the contest at Mid-Winter.
- the average age of the chorus will be 60 or older on the day of contest at Mid-winter

GOALS

Primary - Have a great barbershop singing experience over the summer 2017.

Learn new skills and 2 new songs.

Meet barbershop brothers from across our great District.

Perform at a high level in the Ontario District Fall Convention and Contest October 2017.

Earn a high enough score from the panel of certified judges to be worthy of an invitation to the Seniors Chorus Festival at Mid-Winter, January 15-20, 2018.

Secondary - After the Fall District Contest decide, by chorus vote/survey, on participation at Mid-Winter.

Factors affecting this decision include:

- being invited to participate in a Seniors Chorus Festival at the Mid-Winter Convention in January 15-20, 2018.
- having enough participants to make up a part-balanced chorus of an appropriate size.
- identifying the Music Team and Director

NOTE: at the time of writing this proposal it is not known if there will be a Seniors Chorus Festival at Mid-Winter 2018

ADJUDICATION - Fall District Contest and Qualifying for Mid-winter

- the Maple Leaf Chord Company (ONT District Seniors Chorus) will sing 2 songs that are contestable by BHS Judging standards.
- The panel will consist of certified judges and may be single, double, or triple.
- All categories will be represented with a currently certified judge.
- The scoring of the seniors chorus should in no way interfere with participation in the chapter chorus competition.
- **If** the Seniors Chorus Festival is repeated for 2018, 5 Districts will be invited by the BHS to enter the Seniors Chorus Festival at the 2018 Mid-Winter convention.
- Invitations will be based on a 2 song score judged by a panel of certified judges.

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MANAGEMENT

- the chorus will be as inclusive as possible with membership and participation.
- vocal and performance coaching will be part of the experience
- it is anticipated that the chorus will select a management team [Treasurer, Manager, communications group] from within their ranks at the first rehearsal.
- Music, learning tracks, and the rehearsal schedule will be available as soon as the project is approved by this HOD (April 2017)
- There will be 4 rehearsals, approximately 1 PM - 4 PM, on Sunday afternoons in different venues spread across Southern Ontario.
 - June - 23
 - July - 23
 - Aug - 20
 - Sept - 17
 - October 27-28 - Ontario District Fall Contest
- Dr. Ray Danley and the Music Team will repeat their Leadership roles for Phase 1.
- The songs will be Drivin Me Crazy from the Polecat II Book and If Had My Way, arr D. Harrington.
- The Ontario District Seniors Chorus will perform for score at the Ontario Fall 2017 Convention.
- the Mid-Winter Convention 2018 is in Costa Mesa, CA.

EXPECTATIONS

- Participants in the Maple Lea chrod company 2017-18 - the Ontario Seniors Chorus - agree to:
 - commit to learning all the notes and words, and the visual plan for the 2 songs by predetermined dates - probably mid-July for notes/words and Sept for the visual plan.
 - attend at least 3 of the planned rehearsals in Ontario and perform for score at the 2017 Ontario Fall Convention, October 27-28.
 - Missing more than one of the rehearsals in ONT will require discussion with the Music Team re continued participation.
 - provide their own tuxedo and any other uniform parts that may be required by the visual team
 - pay for all of his expenses related to this activity - music, learning tracks, convention registrations, travel, food, lodging, etc.
- The District will provide:
 - use of the District Website
 - a rehearsal space at the Fall convention
 - initial start up funding for the purchase and distribution of music and learning tracks
 - recognition of the chorus as an official District activity

COST OF PARTICIPATION - see attached Draft Budget

Phase 1 - Performing on stage at the ONT Fall Contest October 27-28, 2017.

The cost will be \$30 per man.

This basic cost is in addition to the previously mentioned costs of uniforms, travel, and registering for the Ontario Fall 2017 Convention.

Phase 2 - Participation at Mid-Winter, Jan 15-20, 2018, Costa Mesa CA

If the Ontario Seniors Chorus is invited to sing in the Chorus Festival at Mid-Winter 2018,
AND IF the men decide to go, there will be an additional registration cost of \$10.

This is in addition to the travel and convention registration costs that will be incurred.

MAPLE LEAF CHORD COMPANY - ONT SENIORS CHORUS						
BUDGET 2017 - JANUARY 2018						
This budget is based on having lived through the first iteration of this District activity.						
ASSUMPTIONS						
- 60 men paying \$30 each						
- 4 rehearsals at various venues in Ont						
- one external coach for one day						
- District support - website and webmaster						
- exchange rate of Can\$1 = US\$.70						
- some men will already own copies of the 2 songs						
PART 1 -ONTARIO FALL CONTEST						
Revenue						
- registrations @ 30 each X				60	\$ 1,800.00	
Water sales 4X \$15					\$ 60.00	
				TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 1,860.00	
Expenses						
PayPal -\$ 0.58 per on-line registration					\$ 29.00	
(estimating 10 men paying cash)						
If I Had My Way D Harrington - Arr fee = US\$ 80						
50 copies = US\$ 62.50 (US\$ 1.25 each)						
US \$ 142.5 via Paypal = \$Can					\$ 197.90	
Drivin Me Crazy - BHS Polecat II - Cat# 202223						
20 copies - @ US\$182 each + Shipping US\$18						
20 copies _ @ US\$ 160 each - digital download						
Total US\$ 84.4					\$ 109.72	xchange est at 1.30
- learning tracks for the songs @ US\$ 15 each					\$ 39.00	
- Mechanical Rights for the learning tracks						
CMRRA - Pay-As-You-Press - Can\$52 each					\$ 104.00	
- duplication, mailing, etc					\$ 150.00	
- Rehearsal Venues 4 x Can \$140					\$ 560.00	
- Coach - \$200					\$ 200.00	
- water- 8 cases @ \$3 each					\$ 24.00	
- uniform accessory @ \$6 each					\$ 360.00	
				TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,773.62	
				District NET	\$ 86.38	

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Part 2 - possible participation at Mid-Winter, January, 2018							
Assumptions							
- 50 man chorus							
- Nov rehearsal in ON							
- one paid rehearsal at Mid-winter							
Revenue - Mid-Winter							
member levy @ \$10						\$	500.00
water						\$	15.00
Revenue						\$	515.00
Expenses - Mid-Winter							
rehearsal at Mid-Winter US\$ 300						\$	510.00
water - 2 cases @\$3.00						\$	6.00
Misc, postage, calls etc						\$	30.00
Expenses						\$	546.00
Net cost of Mid-Winter						-\$	31.00
potential TOTAL COST OF MLCC - 2017-18						\$	55.38