

## Seattle Chapter invites men of community to sing

The “Capture Your Voice & Sing” program by the Seattle SeaChordsmen Men’s Barbershop Chorus of the Evergreen District is an event that happens every year. We welcome men from all over the Seattle and Puget Sound area to take a class for six weeks and learn about the great art of barbershop harmony.

“We’ve increased our numbers by more than one-third, and it really makes a difference in our sound,” said Ted Chamberlain, Musical Director. “We have a lot more fullness and power, especially in the bass section. We can really deliver the ringing harmonies that are the hallmark of barbershop singing,” (*Magnolia Voice* 2015)

Ted Chamberlain is a musical educator and three-time Evergreen District Quartet champion. (Vocal Attraction-1989; Vocal Magic-2005; 4.0-2015) He is both a classically trained singer, with a vocal performance degree, and a seasoned barbershopper who sang most recently with Sincerely Yours. Ted has also directed several choruses, including his current directorship of the SeaChordsmen. He is a National Board Certified Choir and Orchestra teacher at Meridian Middle School in Kent, Wash., and also runs a private vocal instruction (and barbershop coaching) studio out of his home.

The six-week class emphasizes singing with a free and vibrant tone, healthy singing habits, intricacies of close harmony a cappella singing and a chance to sing on the chapter’s annual holiday show. Membership is not the sole drive of Capture Your Voice, but many graduates become enthusiastic members. The emphasis is to give a free class to the men of the community to learn more about singing and the art of singing barbershop and a cappella harmony. “Nineteen men signed up, and eleven graduated, eight of whom were in the holiday show. Four of the recruits have already become permanent members of the chorus, and more memberships are in the works.” (*Magnolia Voice* 2015)

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