

The Future of Barbershop

Gregory Bryan, the grandson of Don Petersen, Tualatin Valley Harmony Masters (TVHM) member, joined the chorus in March 2015. Gregory and both of his siblings had been taking private voice lessons and also taking acting classes and performing with the Portland-Vancouver area [Journey Theater Arts Group \(JTAG\)](#). When Gregory decided to try out barbershop singing in 2015, he encouraged his friend, Mitch Radford, to give it a try too.

In June, Gregory and Mitch joined many of our members at Harmony College Northwest in Tacoma, Washington and had a great time. Since joining TVHM, both boys have been enthusiastic participants in the TVHM show and our many singing gigs. Both have been named the Barbershopper of the Month, one in December and one in February. Gregory was awarded BOTM for February 2016 for the enthusiasm and passion he brings to the chorus. He is not afraid to use gestures and his animated and expressive singing has earned him a place in the front row of the chorus. Gregory was recently asked "What does barbershop singing mean to you?" His response included the idea that our barbershop chorus is "family."

Gregory and his family helped get a new class introduced at JTAG, [Advanced Voice: Barbershop](#). Gregory and a dozen friends are currently taking the class. After this class is over, Gregory hopes to recruit a few more friends to TVHM.

Gregory recently took a one-evening introductory welding class that included the opportunity to try welding some scrap pieces together. Gregory looked at the scrap he had to choose from and came up with a barbershop singer. The first picture is Gregory and his grandfather, Don Petersen, showing off Gregory's artwork. The second picture is a closeup of the artwork and is the new profile picture on the TVHM Facebook page.

Do you think Gregory likes barbershop?

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