

All-Star Barbershop Quartet Show Rings In Holiday Season

“Spirit of the Season” debuts in The Villages on Dec. 1 at The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center.

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December entertainment kicks off at The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center with “Spirit of the Season,” a holiday concert showcasing the best barbershop has to offer.

Under the direction of Tony De Rosa, four world champion barbershop quartets come together in a multimedia concert experience guaranteed to warm the heart of the sullenest Grinch or most miserly Scrooge. The quartet lineup includes Quorum, Storm Front, Midtown and Three and a Half Men.

“The audience in The Villages will really appreciate the kind music we bring in,” De Rosa said. “It’s four-part harmonies and the best of barbershop, really.”

The show is presented by the Association of International Champions, an affiliate of the Barbershop Harmony Society. Each of the four quartets is winners of the Barbershop Harmony Society’s International Quartet Contest, including De Rosa’s

own quartet, Three and A Half Men, which won the 2024 gold medal.

Established in 1938, the Barbershop Harmony Society is the oldest organization dedicated to promoting and preserving barbershop music. It has several affiliate groups, including the Association of International Champions, and competitions. De Rosa has been a member of the association for more than 30 years and is the current head of the International Champions Music Committee.

Every year, the association hosts a show for the summer convention, which includes performances from world champion quartets like Three and A Half Men, Storm Front, Midtown and Quorum. The winter show debuted last year, the result of a creative session following the COVID-19 pandemic.

“This particular show in The Villages is a follow up to the first holiday show held last year in Orlando,” De Rosa said. “We really wanted to include the community last year, but the planning didn’t line up on our part. We couldn’t find a venue.”

Now, the show not only has a venue but an all-new lineup of barbershop quartets to debut at The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center.

Storm Front won the 2010



Quorum, the winners of the 2022 International Quartet Contest, will perform alongside three other barbershop quartets in “Spirit of the Season” at 3 and 7 p.m. Dec. 1 at The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center.

International Quartet Contest, making the quartet the senior champions of the night.

“They are one of our more comedic and lighthearted groups,” De Rosa said. “They sing wonderfully, obviously, or they wouldn’t be champions, but they are known for the unique and funny way they delivered content on the international stage.”

Quorum took the 2022 international champion title, followed by Midtown in 2023. Both groups have been singing together for years and were first-time champions.

Once a vocalist wins the International Quartet Contest, they can compete again in a different quartet. The only rules are that the new quartet cannot have more than two members belonging to the original winning group.

De Rosa is a five-time champion, a record-breaking number for any one vocalist. But what makes his performance in Three and A Half Men really special is his relationship with the group’s tenor, Joseph De Rosa.

“Our tenor is my son, Joseph,” De Rosa said. “It’s really special and exciting to share that experience with him.”

“Spirit of the Season” will be divided into two parts. The first half of the show is more secular, featuring traditional songs like “Silver Bells,” “I’ll Be Home For Christmas,” “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas,” “My Grown-Up Christmas List” and more. For the second half of the show, the quartets will cover sacred songs such as “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,” “Mary,

Did You Know?,” “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” and “Silent Night.”

“It’s all a cappella, so it’s a celebration of the miracle of the human voice,” De Rosa said.

Enjoy a night of holiday and harmony with “Spirit of the Season” at 3 and 7 p.m. Dec. 1 at The Sharon. Tickets are \$30 and up. Go to thevillagesentertainment.com.

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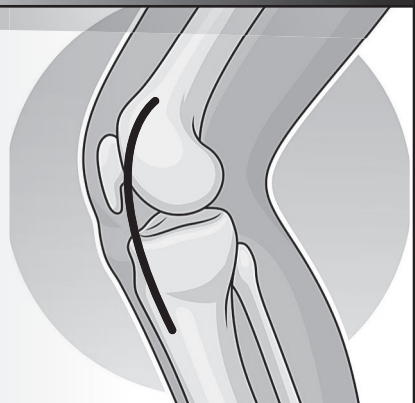


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