

From: Smokyland Sound Barbershop Harmony Chapter

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Subject: Press Release for Joint Show with Southern Harmony Brigade in Oak Ridge

Singing resources from all across Dixie will unite for a spectacular show on Saturday night, the Sept 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the Historic Grove Theater in Oak Ridge. **The theme** of the show is: "I'm Goin' South".

**The Historic Grove Theater** is located at 123 Randolph Rd. It shares the facility with the High Places Community Church, in the Grove Center Mall near Krogers. For map directions and a picture of "The Grove" online, visit [here](#). (Note: For this and every link here, after using it, leave the browser to return to this letter).

The feature chorus will be members of the **Southern Harmony Brigade**, a select group of the most experienced Barbershop Harmony singers representing about three dozen chapters of the Sunshine, Carolinas and Dixie Districts of the Harmony Society (the latter formerly known as SPEBSQSA). For details about the Brigade, visit their web site at [www.southernharmonybrigade.com](http://www.southernharmonybrigade.com). At the show, the Brigade chorus will sing at least 1/4<sup>th</sup> of the concert as the headliner chorus. The occasion for their being in Oak Ridge is for the members to attend their annual convention meeting / rally, which always includes preparing and presenting / contributing to a show like this.

A District champion quartet will also be a guest performer, sharing the limelight in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half with the Brigade chorus. They are the current Sunshine (Florida) District champions (2016); "**Rooftop Records**" is well known and appreciated for its quality of performance among barbershoppers worldwide. Those who are interested to preview a few tunes by "Rooftop Records" may check them out with YouTube videos linked from the Smokyland Sound Chapter web site. They also have a web site of their own, where they host and stream 4 videos of some of their previous performances: <https://www.rooftoprecordsquartet.com>. They placed in the top 12 among international competitive quartets last year, and 17<sup>th</sup> the year before.

In addition to the headliners, the show event will also be a **joint effort of three other chorus** organizations plus four other quartets (for a total of 9 performing groups). The headliners are: The Southern Harmony Brigade chorus (about 50 performers), and the "Rooftop Records" quartet, mentioned above, plus:

- a BBS chorus of two combined chapters, one local to Knoxville (**Smokyland Sound**) and one from far East Tennessee (Bristol and Kingsport area) called the "**Appalachian Express Chorus**."
- The "**Foothills Sound Youth Chorus**", a group of young men (HS and college age) from the Knoxville area. You can find video tracks by them on You Tube.
- Two quartets from the young men's chorus, named: "**865**" and "**Brickyard**".
- Two older men's quartets from the local area: **Collector's Edition** and **Rocky Toppers**.

The locals will sing first and the latter half of the Oak Ridge program will be musical "sets" by the headliners, plus a grand finale of all the performers together, putting as many as 100 singers on stage.

**Tickets will be sold** at two different price levels: \$18 Regular price; and a discount of \$3 per ticket for seniors, students and groups of 10 or more. Tickets are available three different ways: by telephone order, by advance purchase from one of the barbershop singer performers, or at the entrance box office on performance night (on a space available basis). For telephone orders, purchase may be made by: credit card or PayPal (debit). In person, or at the door, tickets may be purchased by check or cash.

For more details, please call the telephone ticket order phone number. The telephone order number is: 865-368-0961.

Proceeds to benefit the various Barbershop chapter musical activities in Knoxville, E. Tennessee and the three Districts that compose the Brigade's service area. For more details, visit the chapter web site at:

<http://www.smokylandsound.com/>

Printed programs will be used for the show, and **advertising space is available** for prospective advertisers or sponsors. To explore this option, call 865-539-4400. Prices vary according to the size of the ad, and placement in the sequence of pages, with most options ranging from \$25 for a quarter page to \$100 for a full page.

A flyer is available as a part of the press release for color printing from your computer and posting where you wish, but the pictures there are small. Alternately, **full sized Pictures** of all the performing groups involved are available on the Smokyland Sound web site.

The host for the show is the Smokyland Sound Barbershop Harmony Society chapter singers of Knoxville.

