

Worldwide Barbershop Quartet Association

San Antonio, TX - January 20 – 24, 2027

Convention Schedule

Wednesday, January 20 - Arrival Day – No activities planned

Thursday, January 21

8:00a	-	10:00a	Breakfast	Texas Ballroom
9:00a	-	5:00p	Registration Desk (Closed for lunch 12n-1p)	Texas Hallway
1:00p	-	2:00p	Tag Sing #1	Brazos Room
2:00p	-	3:00p	Heritage Sing #1	Brazos Room
2:00p	-	4:00p	Discovery Singing (Woodshedding) #1	Rio Grande Rm
3:00p	-	4:00p	Chestnuts #1 – Chris Sizer	Brazos Room
4:00p	-	5:00p	BE a Judge – Hat Draw & Orientation	Texas Ballroom
6:00p	-	8:30p	Worldwide Quartet Semi-Final Contest	Texas Ballroom

Friday, January 22

8:00a	-	10:00a	Breakfast	Texas Ballroom
9:00a	-	10:30a	Registration Desk	Texas Hallway
10:00a	-	11:00a	General Session – Richard Lewellan	Texas Ballroom
11:00a	-		Buses Depart for the Alamo	Hotel Lobby
12:00n	-	12:30p	Alamo Mass Sing	Downtown
1:30p	-	2:30p	Tag Sing #2	Brazos Room
2:00p	-	4:00p	Discovery Singing (Woodshedding) #2	Rio Grande Rm
2:30p	-	3:30p	Heritage Sing #2	Brazos Room
3:00p		4:30p	Pick-up Quartet Session – Tim McShane	Austin Room
3:30p	-	4:30p	Chestnuts Sing #2 – Chris Sizer	Brazos Room
4:00p	-	6:00p	Registration Desk Open	Texas Hallway
4:30p	-	6:00p	Lodge Forum #1	Brazos Room
6:00p	-	7:00p	WBQA Champs Reception	Texas Ballroom
9:00p	-	12:00a	President's Hospitality	President Suite

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Saturday, January 23

8:00a	-	10:00a	Breakfast	Texas Ballroom
8:30a	-	9:30p	Discovery Singing (Woodshedding) #3	Rio Grande Rm
9:00a	-	1:00p	Registration Desk	Texas Hallway
9:30a	-	11:00a	Lodge Forum #2	Brazos Room
11:00a	-	12:00n	BE a Judge – Hat Draw & Orientation	Texas Ballroom
1:30p	-	3:30p	Worldwide Barbershop Quartet Finals Contest	Texas Ballroom
6:00p	-	9:00p	Saturday Night Banquet	Texas Ballroom
9:00p	-	12:00a	President's Hospitality	President Suite

Sign-up at the Hotel Reception desk for transportation to the airport on Sunday

Sunday, January 24

8:00a	-	10:00a	Breakfast	Texas Ballroom
12:00n			Checkout of hotel	

Say final farewells to all of the friends you have made and have a safe journey home.

Back home, tell all of your friends the fun you had and encourage them to join our rapidly growing and the ONLY all-male Barbershop Harmony organization.

[NOTE: All events and times are tentative and may be changed depending on room availability. Be sure to check the schedule at the Convention Desk for last minute changes and updates]

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San Antonio 26 Convention Events

1. **Tag Singing** - Jim Bagby

Do you find you can't wait to get to the end of a song, so you can enjoy the grand and glorious finish? In the Tag Singing room, all we sing are those great endings! We'll share the classics and new tags, with music and by ear. Join us to enjoy one of the best parts of barbershop singing!

2. **Heritage of Harmony Sing** – Bill Biffle, Rich Gray

A fun read through of BHS's 50th anniversary songbook, available from barbershop.org as a hard copy or download. Real barbershop songs arranged in the barbershop style for easy singing. Although a few books will be provided, bringing your own will be a sign of "judgment, brains, and maturity".

3. **Discovery Singing (Woodshedding)** – Toban Dvoretzky, Steve Shannon, Mike Ebbers, Brian Beck

Woodshedding is "discovery singing" – creating harmonies by ear without referring to existing arrangements. With a little practice, almost anyone can do it. It's how our hobby began. There is no feeling quite like ringing chords that you've discovered. Come and find this out for yourself.

4. **Pickup Quartets** – Rich Gray, Steve Shannon, Mike Ebbers

One reason to attend a barbershop gathering is to enjoy singing in a quartet. But what do you do if you didn't bring your quartet with you? Answer: you come to the Pickup Quartet event, be placed into a quartet, and choose, practice a song, and sing for the group.

5. **Singing the Chestnuts** – Christopher Sizer

The Barbershop Chestnuts are short arrangements of songs in traditional barbershop style. They are intended to illustrate what WBQA is trying to promote. In this session we will hand out and sing through several Chestnuts, all of which are available to members FREE! On the WBQA web site at www.sppbsqsus.org.

6. **Lodge Forum** – George Gipp, Kenny Hatton, Keith Richmond, Steve Shannon

Find out how the first Lodges were formed, how they did it, how they attract men to sing in their group. A great time for current Lodge officers and prospective Lodge leaders to come together to find out what works. A must for all Lodges to have a representative here to participate. Attend the sessions and receive a $25 rebate on your convention registration.

7. **Quartet Coaching** – Rich Gray and members of WBQA Champion Quartets

Free coaching by a WBQA Champion Quartet member. Get vital points how to improve your quartet sound. Find out what they recommend to become a top quartet. Your quartet must pre-register for this and all members of your quartet must have purchased a Convention Registration. Coaching will be in your hotel room.