

# *The VIRGINIANS*

## *BARBERSHOP CHORUS*

*Mike Wallen, Musical Director*

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*The Virginians* are the performing chorus of the Richmond, VA Chapter of The Barbershop Harmony Society, officially The Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America (SPEBSQSA).

One of 700 choruses, *The Virginians* recently celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and is one of the oldest, continuous singing groups in the Greater Richmond area. The group competes in many society sponsored events, and is the 2000 Mid-Atlantic District and 2005 Southern Division Chorus Champion. It is currently ranked 17<sup>th</sup> in the Society.

Its mission is to provide wholesome, top-quality musicianship, combined with enthusiastic showmanship for a variety of gatherings, including national conventions, local civic and fraternal meetings, banquets, and fund raising events.

Selected by SPEBSQSA, they will represent the United States as ambassadors of harmony in St. Petersburg, Russia in August 2006. The group has sung for the Governor and other state officials and regularly participates in public concerts at the new amphitheater in Pocahontas State Park, the Maymont Park Christmas festival, and the Dogwood Dell summer arts program. In addition, they produce annual spring and Christmas shows, featuring the chorus, chapter and guest quartets. They travel regularly to give performances for foundations for the arts in Williamsburg, Petersburg, West Point, Killmarnock, Hopewell, Mathews, and Rappahannock, for examples. Collectively, their music is enjoyed by an estimated 20,000 persons annually in the state.

Their repertoire includes traditional barbershop favorites, patriotic, and contemporary music enhanced with precision choreography and costuming.

*The Virginians* meet each Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM, at the Northstar Academy, 8055 Shrader & Carousel Roads, Henrico County, Richmond, VA. Guests are always welcome and are encouraged to participate in the rehearsal.

For more information, please call 1-866- VA-SINGS or visit <http://www.virginians.org>