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VALLEY HARMONY SINGERS

BARBERSHOP CHORUS

Are you a guy or gal who id often singing along with the car radio (unless it's talk radio--then we might have a problem), tape or CD? Find you can't experience a shower (bath or rain-- doesn't matter) without bursting into song? Are you looking for a creative outlet that doesn't involve blisters, bruises, or bandages?

We have a solution for you.

Join the Valley Harmony Singers and sing to your heart's content! Come by any Monday evening to one of our rehearsals and see if we are right for you. You don't have to read music, no strings, no obligations to stay or join. Hear what you've been missing. We meet at
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St. Marks Episcopal Church

14646 Sherman Way, Van Nuys

Warm-ups start at 7:30 pm, and we sing until 9:45.

If you decide you like what you hear, becoming a member is a relatively simple process. We ask you to attend at least three rehearsals as our guest--no obligations whatsoever. If you are unsure what part you sing, we'll give you a trial voice placement to determine where best you fit: Tenor, Lead, Baritone, or Bass. Whenever you feel comfortable, you are welcome to join us on the risers to sing. Don't be intimidated by the great sounds you hear--most of us are pure amateurs, and many don't read music. And everyone's a bit intimidated at first--it's natural. You may be coerced, but no one will force you to sing until you are ready.

After your third, or fourth, or whatever visit, whenever you feel properly prepared, we ask you to audition. You will be asked to sing a "polecat" standard from the Barber Polecat Book (we'll give you a copy of the sheet music along with a learning tape as soon as you decide barbershopping is for you). You sing along with three other guys, in a quartet, for the director and voice part section leader. Don't let this intimidate you; we just need to know that you can carry your part. After your "polecat" audition we will ask you to sing one of the repertoire songs that we have been working on during the time you have spent with us. We will, again, provide you with a learning track and sheet music for whichever song you decide to sing.

After you successfully pass the audition, we finalize your voice placement, and give you an application for membership. As soon as you complete the application and return it with a check to cover your dues, the application goes to the board for final approval. Once approved, you get your music, and sing! You will have joined one of the finest musical organizations in the

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Barbershop Harmony Society, and are destined for years of enjoyment. And not one blister.

If you have any questions not covered here, feel free to leave a message on our Singline, 818-994-SING.

Someone will call you back and arrange to meet you at the rehearsal.

The worst that can happen is that you will be thoroughly entertained!