



The Alliance of Greater Central Ohio

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In Tune With Excellence

BIOGRAPHY

The Alliance of Greater Central Ohio began as an idea in 1998 with a small group of men meeting in a basement. These men loved to sing and shared an intense desire to focus their time, efforts, and energy on singing and performing at the highest possible level. They believed that there were other performers who shared this passion, men who would join them in the formation of a male ensemble designed to be “in tune with excellence.”

Officially chartered in January 1999, The Alliance won the Johnny Appleseed District small chorus competition in April 1999; and, the following October, they captured their first district chorus championship. Since this auspicious beginning, The Alliance has won the JAD Chorus Championship in eight of ten tries (1999, 2002-2008).

By winning the 2008 JAD Chorus Championship, they created a new district record of seven consecutive chorus championships and secured a ninth consecutive invitation to the Barbershop Harmony Society’s International Contest, which will be held in Nashville in July of 2008. The Alliance has finished among the top two percent of the more than 800 barbershop choruses in the world. Performances in Montreal (2003) and Louisville (2004) earned the chorus fourth- and fifth-place bronze medals.

Aside from a common love of four-part harmony, the members of The Alliance are a very diverse group. From students to corporate executives, construction equipment operators to doctors, the members have a wide variety of occupations and experience. At the most recent international competition, the members ranged in age from 18 to 80. Though most members come from the central Ohio area, several members travel from Cincinnati, Dayton, Akron and Cleveland, as well as from Western Pennsylvania and Michigan, to prepare and perform with The Alliance.

The Alliance of Greater Central Ohio, along with the other 800+ chapters of the Barbershop Harmony Society in the United States and Canada, is a 501(c)3, non-profit organization. The chorus is rooted in four-part barbershop harmony, but sings a wide variety of music, including jazz, contemporary, traditional choral and sacred selections. Members of the chorus include both professional and amateur singers. Under the musical leadership of David Calland, the 50-man chorus blends the vocal talents of these men into a distinctively rich, unparalleled sound. In just 10 years, The Alliance has grown from a kernel of an idea into one of the premier men’s choruses in the world.