



# CONVENTION EXPRESS FRIDAY

Welcome to the biggest barbershop event outside of North America. We have so much in store for you this weekend. Don't be the one to miss out on the contests, shows, education sessions, socialising and partying. Check out your timetables and be ready to have fun.

We are thrilled to have Central Standard with us, these guys are oozing a wealth of barbershop talent and will undoubtedly wow us, this weekend. Trust me that you will not want to miss this great opportunity to experience their showmanship. You may even get to sing with them if you come along to their masterclass on Sunday morning.

Tonight's show promises a couple of hours of entertainment with barbershop of the highest level. If you've not yet got a ticket, then get your seat from the BABS Reception Desk. Before that, we have a wonderful day of activities, the Quartet Semi-Final and of course the afterglow, which will take place in Hall D and Level 5 Bar.

The Convention Team has worked extremely hard for the past year to ensure this is a great weekend, but so much depends upon your participation. If it's your first visit to Convention, we hope you have a great time. Check the daily timetable, so you don't miss out on what's going on! If you don't understand anything, just ask at BABS Reception Desk, they are there to help you to get the best out of your first BABS Convention.

Have a great time and sing your hearts out.

**Alan Bithell**

BABS Convention Manager

## Stop Press: Two Breakout Sessions Cancelled

We would like to apologise to those who had planned to attend the two Harmony College Breakout Sessions on Friday at 16:00 by Kirsty Williams, and on Sunday at 14:00 by Doug Harrington.

Unfortunately, Doug and Kirsty are now unable to attend our Convention and these two sessions will be cancelled. The remaining breakout sessions will still be taking place so please make sure you keep them in your schedule.

## Convention Express Articles

Send a good luck message to your chorus or quartet, say happy anniversary, happy birthday or if you have a unique story or interesting snippet, put it in Convention Express. Place your story in the box at the BABS main reception by 16.00 each day for the following day's publication.

## Welcome to Harrogate



### USEFUL INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES

You will have noticed on your way in that we have security guards with trained 'sniffer-dogs' at the doors to the venue. These dogs have heightened ability to detect substances that would threaten the safety of our Convention.

As a consequence of this heightened security, the doors from the Premier Inn and the bridge across from the Crowne Plaza to the HCC will be locked, in order to direct delegates through the security monitored doors.

There will be three large plasma TV screens around Hall D to enable delegates socialising or eating in there to keep up to speed with the contests.

Check out the timetables and locations so you do not miss anything that may have changed from previous years, e.g. the Mixed Chorus Contest will be on Sunday, the party with Motown DeLuxe will be in Hall D. The Sunday Worship will be held in the Harewood Suite on the ground floor of the Crowne Plaza and the Massed sing is incorporated within the Central Standard masterclass also in the Harewood Suite.

The venue cloakroom is free to use, but will not be manned so you leave articles at your own risk. However, as always there will be a bag-drop area near the changing rooms for performance gear to be left.

Please remember, as you leave, to deposit your lanyard in one of the boxes by reception. There are currently about 8,000 of these lanyards in circulation and we can save more than £2,000 each year if we recycle them.

**Food Hub - Hall D**  
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**Look out for Special Offers!**