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Celebrate 50 Years with Harmony, Inc. *And Discover the History of this Unique Sound*

(City, State) Harmony, Inc. is celebrating 50 years of barbershop music. Made up of more than 80 chapters and 2,000 singers across the United States and Canada, Harmony, Inc. is an all-women's a cappella singing group dedicated to preserving the unique art form of barbershop music. Chapters across the country will be celebrating this milestone with events throughout the year, culminating at the International Contest and Convention this November in Rhode Island.

“Over the years, women across the United States and Canada have shared the joy of barbershop singing,” commented Diane Zanetti, Harmony, Inc. board member. “Singing with Harmony, Inc. has given members the opportunity to share their love of music with the community and with friends. We are excited to join together and celebrate our 50th anniversary at the International Contest and Convention.”

Harmony, Inc. was established in 1959 when a group of 150 women formed an organization focused on democratic principles and open lines of communication to all members. Stretching from Ontario, Canada to Spring Hill, Florida, Harmony, Inc. continues to grow based on their original concept of one voice, one vote.

Each year, chapter choruses and quartets get together for conventions and competitions. While competition focuses on performance of the classic barbershop songs, many choruses perform contemporary songs in the barbershop style as well.

Harmony, Inc. continues in the traditions of its founders and lives the motto of “A blend With Friendship.” Although many women come for the music, they stay for the friendships; friendships that are made across towns, state lines, and international borders. Many women sing with mothers and daughters, making it a true family affair.

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Barbershop music became popular again in 1938 when two men who enjoyed singing in four-part a cappella harmony style brought together 24 other men in Tulsa, OK to sing for an evening. They had so much fun they agreed to come back the next week. By the third week there were 150 men attending the meeting and the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Singing in America was born. It wasn't long before the wives of the Society formed their own organization, called Sweet Adelines International. Members of the Sweet Adelines International decided to start their own women's barbershop organization called Harmony, Inc.

The popularity of barbershop singing continues to spread and can be heard today by men and women throughout the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, The Netherlands, Germany, Ireland, South Africa, Scandinavia, New Zealand, Australia, and Japan.

Established in 1959, Harmony, Inc. is a nonprofit international singing organization for women who are dedicated to the performance, promotion and preservation of four-part a cappella harmony in the barbershop style, personal growth and development through music and leadership education, the practice of democratic principles, and the celebration of friendship. For more information about Harmony, Inc. visit www.HarmonyInc.org or call 1 (888) 871-7762.

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