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**Voices of California
Offers Our Third Annual
Singing Clinic**

VoCal's Annual Singing Clinic is a free four-session course for men of any age wanting to learn about singing. There's no obligation to attendees. Upon completion, you may be invited to sing with the Voices of California chorus at our upcoming holiday concert at the Folsom Three Stages Theater (Harris Center for the Arts) on December 7th of this year.

Group classes will be taught by the musical directors, clinicians and vocal leaders of the award winning Voices of California. Classes will focus on instruction in singing techniques and vocal production. Students will participate in an atmosphere of warm enthusiasm and fun. Class materials will include music samples and learning tracks. Students will get the chance to sing with an award winning, world class show chorus, and possibly be invited to join!

Lesson Curriculum:

Session 1 - Thursday, Nov. 7, 7:30PM
Posture and Breathing: The basis for all good singing
Air: The fuel for singing

Session 3 - Thursday, Nov. 21, 7:30PM
Phonation: Creating the sounds of music
Resonation: Creating good vocal vibes
The "Inside Smile"

Session 2 - Thursday, Nov. 14, 7:30PM
Articulation: Creating words that communicate
The fundamentals of vowels, diphthongs, and consonants

Session 4 - Monday, Nov. 25, 7:30PM
Coordination, range, and dynamics
The fundamentals of musical style

About the Voices of California: The California Delta Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society (BHS) was founded in January 2010 (performing under the name of The American River Chorus) with an objective of providing entertaining, musically excellent performances to the Sacramento region and beyond. We now perform under the name Voices of California and continue to seek this objective.

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The Mission of the California Delta Chapter is to create harmony as a male singing ensemble through performance, fraternity, personal growth, and shared musical experiences of the highest caliber. Our Vision of harmony includes singing a cappella music primarily in the barbershop style. It also reflects our commitment to inspiring musical excellence, ensuring each member's musical growth, and fostering singing in our communities.

In competitions under the banner of the BHS, the Voices of California has won Northeast California/Northern Nevada Division contests the past four competition cycles and is the first Sacramento based Chorus in history to qualify for the BHS International Convention and Competition. We proudly earned 18th place in a field of 30 finalists in July of 2013 at Toronto, Ontario, CAN. Recently VoCal has earned a second trip to the International Contest, Las Vegas, July 2014.

The Chorus rehearses each Thursday night at 7:30 PM at the Collings Teen Center, 1541 Merkley Ave, West Sacramento 95691. More information is available on our website www.voicesofcalifornia.org, or by calling (800) 385-3659.

About the Barbershop Harmony Society: Founded in 1938 in Tulsa, Okla., the Barbershop Harmony Society (originally named the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Incorporated - SPEBSQSA) is the largest all-male singing organization in the world with nearly 26,000 members, including 1500 quartets in 800 chapters. Another 5,000 Barbershoppers are members of affiliated organizations in Australia, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, The Netherlands, Finland, New Zealand, South Africa, Spain and Sweden. The Society is headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee and is home to the Old Songs Library, the world's largest privately held collection of sheet music, containing 750,000 sheets and over 250,000 titles from the heyday of Tin Pan Alley. The Society serves as a repository for barbershop memorabilia, early recordings, costumes, research materials, and historical documents tracing the roots of the barbershop style.
www.barbershop.org

About barbershop style a cappella music: Barbershop harmony is a uniquely American musical art form. It is known for its four part harmony and the "expanded sound" created by its consonance, unique chord structure and vocal placement. The chorus does not sing every song in this format but it does place a strong emphasis in this style.

