

International Mic Tester Chorus Planning Meeting Minutes

1. Overview and Goals of meeting

- Brief overview of the International Mic Tester chorus hosted by Commodores
 - a. arrangements are in progress by Steve Armstrong (Dylan and Prince medleys)
 - b. Paul Wigley is the director
 - c. Jamye Casperson will be doing the admin work

2. Criteria for Director to approve for participation:

- a. Able to memorize
- b. Right notes, right words at the right time
- c. Don't have to add, but can't detract
 - *vocally AND performance (expressions etc)
- d. It is ok if they can't stand on risers
- e. If the director won't make a choice, send Paul Wigley a video

3. Other Criteria for Participation

- a. Attendance requirement: Be at the 3 summer rehearsals
 - *may make an exception for absence once
- b. Monetary requirement: as of now, no
 - *upcoming costs: split cost of rental space, shirts for performance, BHS membership

4. Rehearsal Schedule for 2026: Rehearsal location TBD, but in Twin Cities

- a. Saturday, May 16th 1:00 - 4:00pm
- B. Saturday, July 18th 1:00 - 4:00pm
- C. Saturday, August 22nd 1:00 - 4:00pm
- D. Friday Oct. 16th at District Convention Time TBD but probably 9:00 - 10:30am

We may perform as mic testers for 2026 District Convention chorus competition on Saturday Oct. 17th at 9:00am. This will be determined based on where we are in rehearsals May and July.

5. Action Items:

- a. Naming of this chorus: "Northern Nexus Chorus"; "The Purple Tambourines"; Metro Collective; Mill City Singers; The Ten Thousand Tones (other words to consider including/substituting: Assembly, Connection, ...)
 - i. PLEASE SEND ANY NAMING IDEAS TO JAMYE at: jkcasperson@gmail.com
- b. Tracks and music will be sent out as soon as they are complete
 - i. We will follow the tracks EXACTLY

FAQ's

1. How late in the process can someone join this group?
Can join until 1st rehearsal of May 2027: director discretion after that
2. Do they have to be a BHS member to participate?
Yes and they have to pay for international convention
Can be a Frank Thorne member
3. Is there a limit to how many people can be on the risers?

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No, we want a large, well prepared, excited group of barbershoppers

4. What if my chorus needs guidance in learning prior to May 16?
Contact Paul Wigley to do a zoom meeting with your members
paul.wigley54@gmail.com
5. Who do I contact with questions?
Contact Jamye Casperson jkcasperson@gmail.com

Attendance: Gordon Billows (Winnipeg), David Bechard (Commodores), Judd Orff (St. Croix), Dave Casperson (Commodores), Paul Wigley (Commodores), Jim Otto (St. Croix), Jay Althof (St. Croix and LOL Leadership), Jamye Casperson (Commodores), Tim Kunze (Stevens Point), Jack Ryback (West Allis), Dan Smith (Indianhead), Scott Zoellner (St. Paul), Rosanne Labossiere-Gee (Winnipeg), Tony Mason (Commodores), Dale Danielson (Faribault), Steve Grady (Commodores), Curtis Buhl (Mankato)