

National Anthem at the St. Paul Saints game on Sept. 13th

- Date of performance is September 13. The game starts at 5:07 PM, so we would sing before that. Note that last year there was confusion regarding exactly where to meet inside the ballpark and at what time. This year, we know to coordinate with both our contact (in ticketing) and the person in charge of ballpark music. I'll follow up with more details closer to the date of the game but will give everyone at least a week's notice. For now, plan on arriving about an hour ahead of time so you have ease of parking and getting inside. The game is less than 30 days away, so encourage people to buy their game tickets soon.
 - Link for tickets: <https://www.gofevo.com/event/Northstar2025>
- What are we singing: once again, we will sing only the anthem (no extra music to learn for the 7th inning stretch). See attached PDF of arrangement by Val Hicks. IMPORTANT NOTE: The PDF arrangement is written for men's voices in the key of A; however, we will perform the song in the key of C (up a minor third). Director Brandon Galbraith examined multiple arrangements for men's voices, women's voices and mixed voices and this was the best choice for our mix of barbershoppers. Brandon currently directs the North Stars (men), Vallee de Croix (women) and Great Northern Union (mixed voice), so he takes special care to select music that will fit our needs.
- [New] Are there learning tracks?: yes! Follow this link to find tracks for each individual part and a track to hear all four together: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1yobjU1iNoeoif4VF0pp7MlDo431RFqPL>
- Uniforms: nope - wear something comfortable or feel free to wear something representing your chorus.
- Purpose: (1) have fun, (2) show other spectators what a great time we have and what great music we make, (3) invite others to join in
 - That last extends to your recruiting efforts - feel free to invite guests. The North Stars begin guest rehearsals this Tuesday and hope to have a few extra guys with us.
 - As for FUN, remember to bring families, if you're so-inclined. The Saints promise fireworks and food trucks after the game. Bring a blanket to spread on the field and kick back to enjoy the show.
- In the interest of recruiting, you're welcome to pile on to our Facebook event (<https://www.facebook.com/share/173pHZ4BL2/>) OR create and *market as your own*.