



Chorus Biography



The Masters of Harmony, based in Santa Fe Springs, California, is one of America's great musical success stories. The handful of men who created it in 1985 were united by a desire to achieve the highest possible levels of musical artistry and they stated that goal for all to see in the chorus motto, "Dedicated to Musical Excellence." Their unwavering commitment to high standards drew in other like-minded men who swelled the Masters ranks to over one hundred members. These amateur singers come from all walks of life—CEOs, doctors, attorneys, engineers, teachers, police officers, students, retirees—men of all ages, from all walks of life. Such is the lure of singing with the Masters that its members come from all over Southern California—from Santa Barbara to San Diego, from Santa Monica to Riverside. What unites these men is their passion for sharing beautiful four-part harmony with others and for over twenty years, the Masters of Harmony has been recognized as one of America's premier a cappella groups.

The Masters of Harmony periodically compete with more than 800 choruses from the United States, Canada, and several foreign countries. The Masters have won eight international championships – San Francisco (1990), Calgary (1993), Salt Lake City (1996), Anaheim (1999), Portland (2002), Salt Lake City (2005), Nashville (2008), and Kansas City (2011). A chorus winning the gold medal in such competitions is not eligible to compete for another championship for the next two years.

The Masters of Harmony repertoire includes traditional American songs, Broadway show tunes, patriotic songs, songs of faith, and more. Some of their songs involve choreography that adds visual interest and excitement to every performance. Songs from past and recent Masters of Harmony performances have been recorded on one of the seven CDs the Masters have recorded to date: *Showtime*, *Masterpiece*, *California Gold Rush*, *The Way We Were*, and *Portrait* present songs from show repertoire while *Caroling! Caroling!* and *Christmas Eve in Our Hometown* are collections of heart-warming holiday music.

The chorus has performed in some of Southern California's best-known concert halls, including the Crystal Cathedral, the Ambassador Auditorium, the Cerritos Center, the Richard and Karen Carpenter Center for the Performing Arts, and the Walt Disney Concert Hall. Engagements include barbershop shows, community concert series, commercial bookings, as well as their own shows in the Los Angeles area each spring and Christmas season.

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