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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 2020: Gotham Guest Month in NYC

Interested in joining Voices or Sirens of Gotham? Come visit us in January!

January 25, 2020: Tin Pan Alley Novice Quartet Contest in NYC

Join us for an afternoon of quartet-singing and revelry at the Belfry (222 East 14th St)!

May 2020: SAI Region 15 Convention in Albany, NY

Sirens of Gotham and its chapter quartets will participate in this barbershop singing competition, where they will be eligible to qualify for the SAI 2021 International Contest.

July 2020: BHS International Convention in Los Angeles, CA

Voices of Gotham will be competing in the BHS International Chorus Contest next summer.

Holiday Showcase
...a celebration of the Holiday Season!
 next Saturday, Dec. 14th, at 2:00 pm
 Norman Thomas H.S., 111 E. 33rd St., NY, NY 10016
 Tickets: \$35; \$20; & \$5 (children & HS students w/ ID)
 Available at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) & at the door.



Big Apple Chorus

Click this QR code
for eventbrite:



We wish the Voices of Gotham and the Sirens of Gotham great success at their shows today; and we wish the Voices a "knock 'em out of their seats" performance at the International Competition in L.A. on July 2nd.

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**HOLIDAY
 SHOW**

Saturday, December 7

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis
 High School
 New York City

With special guests,
 Top-10 International Quartet

the
**Newfangled
 Four**

Presented by Voices of Gotham & Sirens of Gotham

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHORUS LEADERSHIP

Dear friends, family, & fans,

As another year in Gotham comes to a close, we reflect once again on the incredible community we've built with your dedicated help. On behalf of the entire Gotham Family, thank you for choosing to support us and the music we make as we seek to share and encourage a bit of harmony wherever we go. It is a privilege and passion that we cherish so deeply. We hope you enjoy our gift of song today knowing that your continued presence and love inspires us all!

In harmony,



Anna Chelak
2019 Team Coordinator
Sirens of Gotham



Braden Lynk
2019 President
Voices of Gotham

JOIN THE GOTHAM FAMILY AT GUEST NIGHT!

Voices and Sirens rehearse every Thursday night at 7:00pm at Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School (120 W 46th St) in New York City. Visit our websites for more information!

www.sirensogotham.org • www.voicesofgotham.org



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Fermata Club (\$1,000 and above): Larry Bomback, Rafi Hasib, Braden Lynk

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Fundamental (\$84 - \$203): Niiamah Ashong, Robert Hillinck, Dr. Tom & Heidi Lynk, John Maderazo, Frank Ruggiero, Steve Severinghaus, Jeremy Weissmann

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BARBERSHOP ORGANIZATIONS

Barbershop Harmony Society



Founded by O.C. Cash and Rupert Hall in Tulsa, OK in 1938, the Barbershop Harmony Society (BHS) is the first of several organizations to promote and preserve barbershop harmony among singers of all ages. North America is divided into several districts, including the Mid-Atlantic District (MAD) which includes areas of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Voices of Gotham has represented MAD on the international stage 8 times.

Sweet Adelines International



Sweet Adelines International (SAI) was founded in 1945 by Edna Mae Manderson of Tulsa, Oklahoma. The aim was to teach and train women in music and to create and promote barbershop quartets and choruses. Areas throughout the world are divided into several regions, including Region 15, which covers the Greater New York and New Jersey area. Sirens of Gotham is the 2019 3rd Place Region 15 Chorus and recently won 1st place Division A and 1st Place Overall in the 2018 SAI Harmony Classic, an international competition for small barbershop choruses.

OUR PROGRAMS

Arrangers' Lab

The Arrangers' Lab is Voices of Gotham's resident collective of composers who create and arrange new music in the barbershop harmony and contemporary a cappella styles. Already educated in significant university music programs, they apply their skills toward the study of the barbershop tradition and the ongoing development of its repertoire.

In addition to providing Voices of Gotham and its affiliated quartets with custom material, the Arrangers' Lab also leads an ongoing Barbershop Arranging Workshop for members of the chorus at large. In the workshop, participants study existing barbershop arrangements, learn basic theory and composition, and gain insight and feedback on their work.



Tin Pan Alley Novice Quartet Contest

Hosted by Voices of Gotham, Tin Pan Alley is an annual free event open to the public that gives new quartets the chance to compete in front of both an audience and a panel of certified judges from the Barbershop Harmony Society.

TPA fosters choral excellence by encouraging barbershop quartet singing, developing quality singers, educating contestants and spectators on the history of barbershop in New York City, and mobilizing the Arrangers' Lab to produce brand new arrangements. Quartets of all voicings and levels can participate! Many that begin here go on to compete in formal competitions. Pictured here is half of last year's winner Skittles, a mixed quartet!



The next Tin Pan Alley Quartet Contest will be Saturday, January 25, 2020 at The Belfry, located at 222 East 14th Street!

THE PERFORMERS

Voices of Gotham

Larry Bomback, Artistic Director
Phil Cheesebro, Assistant Director

Tenor

Phil Cheesebro+
Jack Lundquist*
Matthew Wells

Lead

Doug Brown
Adam Csatadi
Tyler Fish
Chris Granger*
Brad Hoff
Tyler Indyck
David Lloyd
Alex McCoy
Travis Morse+
Jude Olney
Adam Reneer+
Alexander Ronneburg+
Nick Taber
John Ward
Robbie Weber

Baritone

Louis Ades
Michael Berkson
Ron Cinnella
Alan Dai
Rafi Hasib*
Emmett Ingram
Nicolson Pierre
Robert Pucciariello
Jonathan Riviere
Frank Ruggiero
Tom Tyson

Bass

Eric Blum
Ryan Brown
Bill Ferns
Aaron Greller
Guy Kern-Martin
Dylan Lupo
Braden Lynk+
Greg Mercado
Don Pflaster
Adam Schechter
Steve Severinghaus*
Gabriel Spector+
Ray Sultan
Jude Thomas+
Matt Waskiewicz

* Section Leader (part of Music & Performance Team)

+ Music & Performance Team Member

Sirens of Gotham

Mira Taferner, Artistic Director

Tenor

Lizzie Culbertson
Helen O'Rourke*
Hilary Berryman
Maria Faul

Lead

Amy Heaton
Anna Chelak
Danielle Davidson
Elsa Higby
Emilia Mahaffey
Emily Kaplan
Katherine Menard*+
Kristin Sosanie
Lana Klemeyer+
Lindsay King
Lindsay Thomas
Mika Nagashima
Vicki Tisch

Baritone

Charlotte Dow
Katherine Veil*
Laura Packer
Madelyn Kish
Margot Gerould
Meredith Rich
Sara Burbine

Bass

Alexandra Slade
Alexis DePersia-Norelli+
Allison Reagan
Colleen Christi Willett
Haley Cole
Laura Paglione+
Helen Brew
Maria Boland
Mia Andor Baz
Nina Riffaud
Sabrina Doolittle+
Sam Bunting*+
Stephanie Taglianetti
Teresa Heuser

* Section Manager

+ Creative Team

ABOUT THE ARTISTS



Performing a variety of genres from barbershop, to contemporary pop, to classical, to vocal jazz, Sirens of Gotham takes pride in performing all kinds of a cappella music with precision and heartfelt artistry. The ensemble has accomplished much since its establishment in November 2011, but has grown exponentially since February 2013, when Sirens of Gotham became a chartered chapter of Sweet Adelines International (SAI). Within SAI Region 15, the Sirens have claimed the title of Division A (Small Chorus) Champions three times, and most recently won 3rd place overall, 2nd Place Division AA (Midsize Chorus), and Most Improved Chorus at the 2019 Regional Convention in Albany, NY. In October 2018, they made their international competition debut at the SAI Harmony Classic barbershop chorus competition in St. Louis, MO, where they won 1st place Division A and 1st place overall!

2019-2020 Management Team

Anna Chelak, Team Coordinator
Emilia Mahaffey, Communications Coordinator
Hilary Berryman, Finance Coordinator
Meredith Rich, Fundraising Coordinator
Madelyn Kish, Marketing Coordinator
Lizzie Culbertson, Membership Coordinator
Haley Cole, Performance Coordinator

ABOUT THE DIRECTORS

MIRA TAFERNER – Artistic Director, Sirens of Gotham



Mira is a widely successful performance artist and designer with over 15 years of experience in a cappella, barbershop, and dance. Most recently, she served on the Visual and Music Teams for the Harmonichs, a three-time champion of Barbershop in Germany (“BinG!”), and in March 2016, she took home the bronze medal with her quartet Kickstart at the BinG! National Convention. This allowed her to join the Heavy Medal chorus, a mixed barbershop ensemble from Germany consisting of BinG! quartet medalists.

Mira is a recurring faculty member at BinG! Harmony College and has been an ambassador for expansion and celebration of barbershop music in Europe. She is also a talented graphic designer with over 7 years of work experience.

LARRY BOMBACK – Artistic Director, Voices of Gotham



Larry is the founding director of Voices of Gotham, having served in the position from the ensemble’s inception in 2008 until 2014, when he moved to Philadelphia to pursue career opportunities and grow his family. He returned in July 2018 in a new role as Artistic Director, where he has been tasked with building and expanding the musical leadership from within our talented ranks.

He currently sings tenor with 'Round Midnight, the 2006 New York Harmony Sweepstakes Champions, 2010 Mid-Atlantic District champions, and 2019 Barbershop Harmony Society international finalist. He previously sang tenor with the 2007 International Collegiate Quartet Champion, Road Trip. In addition to founding Voices of Gotham, he was instrumental in launching two other choruses: the Sirens of Gotham (SAI) in 2011 and Rittenhouse Sound (BHS) in 2014. In his professional life, Larry is Senior VP of Administration at the world-renowned Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. Prior to this appointment, he was Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer at DataArts. He has also served as Director of Finance and Operations at OPERA America and Operations Manager at the New York Youth Symphony. He now lives in Philadelphia with his wife Coren and his two young children, Baylee and Salem.

ABOUT THE ARTISTS



Joey Buss (tenor)
Jackson Niebrugge (lead)
Jake Tickner (bass)
Ryan Wisniewski (baritone)

From Southern California, The Newfangled Four is an internationally-ranked barbershop quartet, most recently placing 6th in the world at the 2019 Barbershop Harmony Society Convention in Salt Lake City. Formed in the fall of 2012 through their involvement with the Westminster Chorus and Masters of Harmony, two well-renowned choruses in the BHS, this foursome combines old-fashioned slapstick humor with their quirky youthful comedy. In 2013, the quartet won the International Collegiate Barbershop Quartet Contest and the Far Western District Quartet Contest. Over the years they have developed a reputation not only for their fine singing and showmanship, but also for their work and involvement in the youth movement as clinicians and educators. The Newfangled Four has appeared on BuzzFeed, Hallmark's "Home and Family show," the new "Gong Show," and has recorded custom tracks for the Lifetime Movie Network. They have millions of views on their YouTube performances and are proud to introduce the barbershop artform to aspiring young singers.

www.newfangledfour.com • @thenewfangledfour

ABOUT THE ARTISTS



Voices of Gotham (VoG) is a not-for-profit men's chorus whose mission is to celebrate, promote, and advance the rich American tradition of barbershop harmony. Formed in 2008, Voices of Gotham is proud to be the Hell's Kitchen, New York Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society and is consistently ranked as one of the top ten barbershop choruses worldwide. Voices of Gotham has distinguished itself as one of the country's leading incubators of both new barbershop music and young musical artists who will shape the continuing evolution and excellence of the barbershop tradition.

2019 Board of Directors

Braden Lynk, President
Dylan Lupo, Secretary
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Jude Thomas, Vice President, Music
Rafi Hasib, Vice President, Membership
David Lloyd, Member-at-Large

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2019

Presented by
Sirens of Gotham & Voices of Gotham
feat. The Newfangled Four

Emceed by R. Alex Murray
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SIRENS OF GOTHAM

Orange Colored Sky

Words & Music by Milton Delugg and William Stein • Arrangement by David Harrington

Yesterday I Heard the Rain

Words & Music by Armando Manzanero • English Lyrics by Gene Lees • Arr. by Brent Graham

Snowfall

Words & Music by Claude Thornhill • Arrangement by Adam Bock

Kaval Sviri (“The Flute Plays”)

Text (Bulgarian) by Tanya Parvanova • Music by Petar Liondev

*“A kaval [flute] is playing, mother,
Up and down,
up and down mother,
outside the village.*

*I'll go there, mother,
to see it, to see it, mother,
to hear it.*

*If it is played by a fellow villager
I'll love him from dawn to noon.
If it is played by a foreigner
I'll love him my entire life.”*

Ebb Tide

Words by Carl Sigman & Music by Robert Maxwell • Arrangement by Fred King

VOICES OF GOTHAM

Blue Skies • Performed with Atlantic Harmony Brigade attendees

Words & Music by Irving Berlin • Arrangement by Clay Hine

King of New York

Music by Alan Menken, Words by Jack Feldman • Arrangement by Josh Ehrlich

The Way

Words & Music by Anthony Scalzo • Arrangement by Josh Ehrlich

You've Got to Be Carefully Taught/Children Will Listen (Medley), featuring Tyler Indyck

You've Got to Be Carefully Taught: Music by Oscar Hammerstein II, Words by Richard Rodgers

Children Will Listen: Words & Music by Stephen Sondheim • Arrangement by Adam Bock

Don't Speak

Words & Music by Gwen Stefani • Arrangement by Matt Gallagher

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It's Oh So Quiet

Music by Hans Lang, Words by Erich Meder and Bert Reisfeld • Arrangement by Josh Ehrlich

Jingle Bells

Words & Music by James Pierpont • Arrangement by SPEBSQSA

Carrying the Banner

Music by Alan Menken, Words by Jack Feldman • Arrangement by Adam Bock

- 15 MINUTE INTERMISSION -

Restrooms can be found on the main floor and 1 floor down.

THE NEWFANGLED FOUR

2019 Barbershop Harmony Society 6th Place International Quartet

Joey Buss (tenor)

Jackson Niebrugge (lead)

Jake Tickner (bass)

Ryan Wisniewski (baritone)

SIRENS OF GOTHAM & VOICES OF GOTHAM

A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square

Music by Eric Maschwitz, Words by Manning Sherwin • Arrangement by Gene Puerling

Somewhere in My Memory

Words & Music by Leslie Bricusee and John Williams • Arrangement by Adam Bock

I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm

Words & Music by Irving Berlin • Arrangement by Kari Francis

Auld Lang Syne

Words by Robert Burns, Music Traditional • Arrangement by Jude Thomas

- TOPM: RECEPTION/“AFTERGLOW” -

Connolly's Pub and Restaurant

14 East 47th Street, between 5th & Madison Avenues

Following the performance, please join us for more singing & celebration!

We have reserved the 2nd floor; food & drink available for purchase.

All ages welcome!

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