



2011: CHALLENGE AND CHANGE

ACAPPELLA OMAHA CHORUS

Nancy Goldberg continues to bravely lead the Omaha Chapter down the "Road to Change". Deb Van Erdewyk capably assists and plans choreography. After the 2009 Regional Competition, Nancy took "the bull by the horns", engaging guest directors Kathy Carmody, Jim Arns, and Jo Kraut in an effort to hone the chorus' vocal skills; build confidence; and set new goals. After a highly successful fall show, written by talented Sandy Cornelison, the chorus was on a roll, taking in stride a necessary move to its new rehearsal site, Presbyterian Church of the Master, near 108th and Maple. At this point, Nancy proposed the chorus' name change and Acappella Omaha Chorus was born. 2010 also marked the year that new quartets were formed; new costumes were created; new membership efforts were explored; and social networks were tried for the first time. 2011 found us "geared up" for the Glitz of regional competition, where we garnered red medals in our size category and overall. Our April "Swing into Summer" Style Show/Salad Luncheon fundraiser was a big success; and nearly half of our chorus participated in the fabulous Battle of the Barbershop Stars in early June. We are very excited as we plan a free musical tribute to all military, "Harmony Station Canteen", on Saturday, November 5, 2011, 7 p. m., at Papillion-LaVista High School, a suburb of Omaha. On balance, we are saddened this year by the loss of some of our longtime members. Lead singer and published author, Connie Crow, has offered us comfort and reassurance through her thoughtful poem, "Chorus Family", which gives us courage to continue our efforts to attract new members in these difficult economic times. We've shared her poem below.

The Omaha Chapter was chartered in 1956 under the direction of Joy Bangert. Three years after its inception, the chorus won its first regional competition in Springfield, Missouri. Since then, it has won first place honors five other times, subsequently competing internationally five times. Nancy Goldberg became the chorus' 7th director in 1999, making her debut when regional competition for Omaha was in Des Moines, Iowa. Since then, she has led the chorus in receiving Most Improved Chorus three times. In 2005, the chorus was selected to be the only group representing the United States in the Busan Asian Pacific Economic Council Choral Festival and Competition in Seoul, Korea. A yearly fall show and spring salad luncheon are featured fundraisers, but the chorus enjoys frequent performances in the metro Omaha area at churches, fairs, business banquets, shopping centers, amphitheatres, and residential facilities.

ACAPPELLA OMAHA PLACED SECOND DURING THE MARCH 24-27, 2011 REGION 7 COMPETITION



CHORUS FAMILY

*Our chorus is a family
With all its ups and downs.
The antics of our members
Bring smiles as well as frowns.
We keep looking for new "sisters"
To bring into the fold.
And the sisters who've been with
us
Are more dear to us than gold.
We've laughed and cried together.
Sharing sorrow and our joy.
The music that surrounds us
Has been our anchoring buoy.
When we step upon the risers
And our family gathers round,
Our pressing problems disappear
Wrapped up in gorgeous sound!*
—Connie Crow, Lead-

Every Monday night, except holidays, the ladies can be found rehearsing at 7 p.m. at Presbyterian Church of the Master, 10710 Corby Circle, Omaha.(just southeast of 108th and Maple) www.acappellaomaha.com Performance manager: Call Jackie @ 402-932-

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Quartets

Our Choice: Carol, Maggie, Deb V., Dottie

Take a Chance: Patti, Jackie, Linda, Robin

Hobnob: Kerry, Deb K., Becky, Dawn

Firelight: Lee Ann, Ce Ce, Sandy, Ingra

Fever: LaRee, Karen, Stacie, Annette

Omaha Chapter Members Share Lead Responsibilities

Director Nancy Goldberg	Board of Directors Linda Lair-President Karen Culbertson-Vice President Kristin Goolsby, Recording Secretary Virgie Oatman, Corresponding Secretary Dawn Johnson, Treasurer Laura Ostdiek, Board Member and Costume Committee Chair Ruth Rath, Board Member and Show Committee Co-chair Charlene Fletcher- Board Member and Mediator	Assistant Director Deb Van Erdewyk
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January—August, 2011 Events

