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## The Big Orange Chorus to host "Youth in Harmony" program for middle and high school students

Jacksonville, Fla. – September 11, 2013 – The <u>Big Orange Chorus</u>, Jacksonville's men's barbershop and a cappella chorus, is hosting its fourth annual Youth in Harmony program on Wednesday, October 30 at Florida State College at Jacksonville, Deerwood Campus, 9911 Old Baymeadows Road. The program starts at 8:30 am with registration and runs until 3 pm.

The a capella singing workshop is open to middle and high school boys and girls who attend public and private schools, and home school students along with choral directors and chaperons. The workshop will be held in classrooms and the rehearsal hall. There is no cost for students and lunch will be served free of charge to all participants.

According to David Medvidofsky, Big Orange Chorus president and spokesperson, the workshop will introduce boys and girls to a capella singing using barbershop four-part harmony. The event is co-sponsored by the male Barbershop Harmony Society and women members of the Sweet Adelines' Jacksonville Harmony Chorus. Students will not be recruited for vocal talents, but will be offered vocal training during the one-day program.

"Each year, we are honored to host several experienced vocal clinicians who will teach and direct the boys and girls in a capella singing and eventually as a combined chorus," said Medvidofsky. "The students will experience live performances by a capella and barbershop groups along with small group instructional workshops while learning harmonies and new songs with the choral director," he said. "We believe with the day long instruction, students will return to school and class more excited about music in general."

The goal of the workshop is music education and appreciation for a unique style of American music. Participants include students from northeast Florida. Students will receive a teaching DVD and informational handouts on the day of instruction.

Youth in Harmony programs are held annually in the U.S. and Canada and attract thousands of students to the singing workshops. For more information, contact Dave Medvidofsky at 904-430-3784 or email <a href="medvidod@yahoo.com">medvidod@yahoo.com</a>. Visit the Big Orange Chorus website at <a href="www.bigorangechorus.com">www.bigorangechorus.com</a> and the Facebook page at <a href="www.facebook.com/BigOrangeChorus">www.facebook.com/BigOrangeChorus</a>.

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## **About The Big Orange Chorus:**

The Big Orange Chorus was established in 1980 as a fun and friendly group of guys who enjoy singing barbershop and other styles of music. As a chapter of the international <u>Barbershop Harmony Society</u>, the Chorus performs frequently in the Jacksonville community and nationwide. Membership is open to qualified men of all ages who like to sing. The group's goal is to produce quality singing in a fun and entertaining way. The Big Orange Chorus offers an opportunity for men to learn and improve their vocal abilities while performing in the local community under the auspices of an international organization. For more information, call 904.355.SING (7464). Visit the Chorus website at <a href="www.bigorangechorus.com">www.bigorangechorus.com</a> and the Facebook page at <a href="www.facebook.com/BigOrangeChorus">www.facebook.com/BigOrangeChorus</a>.