

The Barberpole Cat Program

In 1971, International President Ralph Ribble launched a new Society activity known as the Barberpole Cat Program. Its purpose is to encourage as many Barbershoppers as possible to become involved in quartet singing. The goal is not necessarily the formation of registered quartets, although that would be a great result, if it were to happen. Rather, the program introduces men to the joy of singing with three other guys.

Since then, the Barberpole Cat Program has been consistently successful. The current list of 12 songs was selected in 1987 by a vote of Society members.

We hope the Barberpole Cat will become your favorite animal.

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Purposes of the program

- To encourage quartet activity at chapter meetings.
- To provide Barbershoppers with a common repertoire of songs that they can sing together, with any three other Society members, at inter-chapter activities, conventions and other barbershopping events.
- To enable Barbershoppers to gain confidence in performing in a quartet in an informal, supportive atmosphere.
- To teach Barbershoppers a repertoire of easy arrangements that a beginning quartet can perform.

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