



NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME!

With just two years to go, we would like to welcome you to the first newsletter giving you all the information you will need about the European Barbershop Convention 2017. We will be sending these newsletters every 4 months initially, and then more regularly as we get closer to the event, so that you have all the information you need to attend and compete at the convention, where we will experience the best barbershop in Europe and crown our European barbershop champions!

WHEN AND WHERE IS IT?

The 2017 European Barbershop Convention will be held at the Bournemouth International Centre, UK, alongside the national competition of the Ladies Association of British Barbershop Singers (LABBS). It will take place from Thursday 26th October until Sunday 29th October 2017.

Bournemouth is a coastal town on the South Coast of England with lots of accommodation and direct transport links by air, rail and car. For more information about Bournemouth, visit <http://bournemouth.co.uk/> or <http://www.bournemouth.com/> and find out about LABBS at www.labbs.org.uk

WHO CAN COMPETE?

This is a competition by invitation. Each of the barbershop organisations in Europe will be asked to nominate up to three competitors for each of the categories:

- Mixed Quartet
- Quartet (Male or Female)
- Chorus (Male or Female)

All organisations will be asked to confirm the number of competitors they intend to nominate for each category in summer 2016 to allow detailed schedules to be produced. Confirmed names of the competitors will be ¹ required by June 2017 and all competitors must buy a full registration pass.



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CAN SOMEONE ATTEND IF THEY ARE NOT COMPETING?

Anybody can attend – you just need to purchase registration for the day you wish to be there or the full 4 day convention.

WHATS THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS?

The high level schedule will be:

- Thursday 26th October – LABBS Quartet Competition & European Mixed Quartet Competition
- Friday 27th October – LABBS and European Chorus Competition day 1, followed by a show featuring special guests
- Saturday 28th October – LABBS and European Chorus Competition day 2, followed by a show featuring special guests
- Sunday 29th October – European Male & Female Quartet Competition

Further detailed schedules will start to become available once competitor numbers are understood.

WHO'S RUNNING THE CONVENTION?

The event will be hosted by Barbershop in Harmony (BinH), an organisation which is made up of the three Barbershop groups in the UK LABBS, BABS (British Association of Barbershop Singers) and Sweet Adeline Region 31. You can find out more here [Barbershop in Harmony](#)

WHO ARE THE JUDGES?

Judging panels for the 2017 EBC will follow the same format as previous European competitions. The judges will follow BHS judging rules and there will be 4 judges per category.



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HOW MUCH WILL REGISTRATION COST?

The EBC team will be able to confirm the registration costs for the weekend in 2016 and this will be communicated at that stage. All the ticket prices for the weekend are based on what the convention will cost to run – there is no profit that is planned.

CAN I START LOOKING AT ACCOMMODATION NOW?

We have secured block bookings for hotel rooms in Bournemouth. Once each European organisation has confirmed how many quartets and choruses they will nominate to attend, we will release details of how to book. It will be the responsibility of each competitor and attendee to book their own travel and accommodation.

WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE EBC?

In 2016 we will launch a website with links and information about the EBC 2017.

If you have any questions in the meantime then please email the EBC Coordinator, Alison Harbord on ebc@labbs.org.uk

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Get excited and start planning your trip! If you have any immediate questions please contact your home barbershop organisation or the EBC coordinator.

Further information will be shared in early 2016 – look out for our new website and Facebook page!