

Barbershop Music in the Choral Classroom: Fostering a Culture of Recreational Singing

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RESOURCES

Barbershop Harmony Society Music Educators Handbook

This guide for music educators gives a brief overview of the barbershop style, including vocal production, ranges and transpositions, tuning, and interpretive considerations –

This guide closely corresponds to the material covered in this presentation

<https://go.barbershop.org/1/903411/2021-06-08/s3tn>

Barbershop Harmony Society – Free Classroom Resources

This website offers a catalog of published sheet music categorized by difficulty level, voicing, and availability, in addition to free sheet music, arrangement recommendations, and suggestions for barbershop pedagogy in the classroom

<https://www.barbershop.org/education/music-educator-resources/classroom-resources>

BHS Harmony Marketplace

Barbershop Harmony Society's online store, which offers hundreds of published arrangements in a variety of voicings and difficulty levels – along with learning tracks

<https://shop.barbershop.org>

Association of International Champions – Educational Resources

Free sheet music and learning tracks, a library of videos, and more to come

<https://aicgold.com/outreach/musiced/>

Classic Tags

Book of 125 barbershop tags, ranging from easy to challenging – use a different one in your classroom every day!

Voiced for TTBB: <https://www.barbershoptags.com/ClassicTags.pdf>

Voiced for SSAA: <https://www.barbershoptags.com/ClassicTags-Women.pdf>

BHS Chapter and Chorus Finder

Find a Barbershop Harmony Society Chapter/Chorus near you with this interactive map, and connect with local barbershop singing enthusiasts to help invigorate your classroom with barbershop singing

<https://members.barbershop.org/s/chapter-finder>