

— **Master of Ceremonies** —  
Doug Brown

— **Mic Tester Quartet** —  
“Hudson Line”, 2016 Novice Quartet champions

— **Judges Introduction** —

— **Quartet Contestants** —

— **Feature Quartet** —  
“Hudson Line”

Dan Wright, Alex McCoy, Sam Scarrow, Ryan Brown

— **Featured Chorus** —  
The Rahway Valley Jerseyaires  
with Associate Members  
Heidy Moretti and Jean Garrett,  
Bob Seip Directing

**PRESENTATION OF MEDALS**  
Contest Administrator Chuck Harner  
and Hudson Line Quartet

**The Ben Ackermann Memorial Award**  
presented by Alan Hirst  
Novice Contest Chairman

**Program Finale**  
“Keep America Singing”

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**Contest Committee**

Chairman ..... Alan Hirst  
Program Layout & Printing ..... Ray Walker  
Medals and Plaques ..... Clint Crane via Park Trophy  
Ticket Takers & Doormen ..... Carl Lund  
Quartet Handler Coordinator ..... Arvid Holt  
Quartet Handlers ..... Kearney Kuhlthau  
Pete Hallock, Al Muller  
Stage Manager ..... Bob Seip  
Refreshments Managers ..... Bruce Cameron  
Jim Williams, Saul Rothstein  
School and Facilities Coordinator ..... Clint Crane  
Score Sheets Copies ..... Alan Hirst  
Publicity ..... Alan Hirst

**JUDGING PANEL**

Contest Administrator ..... Chuck Harner  
Music ..... Ann Bureau  
Singing ..... Ig Jakovac  
Performance ..... Ritchie Lavene

## The Ben Ackermann Memorial Plaque

Tonight marks the twenty-first anniversary of the presentation of this award, in honor of Ben Ackermann, who, for over 30 years was an inspirational barbershopper to all who knew him. Whether it involved stage scenery and lighting, or many of the other mundane chores that keep an organization functioning smoothly, Ben was always there.

## The Judging Categories

**Music** - The Music judge evaluates the suitability of the song and its arrangement to the barber-shop style. Quartets are judged on the musical elements (melody, lyrics, harmony, tempo, rhythm, meter, etc.) of their performance, with special attention on consonance, theme, delivery, musicality and embellishment.

**Performance** - The Performance judge evaluates the entertainment value of the performance. Included are the emotional impact on the audience and how believable are the story, message and theme in their visual and vocal presentation.

**Singing** - The Singing judge listens for in-tune singing from voices that are free, resonant, and exhibit no signs of difficulty. Elements that are important are the “ring” and the feeling of “expanded sound” in a performance and the degree to which the performers achieve artistic singing; intonation, vocal skill, vocal quality, unity of word sounds, diction and synchronization, and consistency of sound



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Our  
**56<sup>th</sup>**  
Novice  
Contest

**February 25, 2017  
7:00 pm**

Roosevelt School  
811 St Georges Ave (Rt 27) & Stanton St  
Directly across from Walgreen's  
Rahway, NJ

# COMPETING QUARTETS (in order of appearance) plus order of finish, Scores & Songs Sung

**1 Border Crossing** .....ME, RV  
 Susie Higgins, Bob Seip,  
 Jean Garrett, Ray Walker

Song 1 **7** **58.2**

Song 2 Coney Island Baby/We All Fall (Medley)

Your notes Caroline

**2 Harmonic Tides** .....NB  
 Christopher Beattie, Greg Davis  
 Walter Baepler, Tony Kiesel

Song 1 **8** **57.7**

Song 2 It's A Brand New Day

Your notes The Song Is Ended

**3 Rich Gray and the Gray Brothers** .....CH  
 Steven Ritz, Rich Gray  
 Jonah Levinson, Mike Weaver

Song 1 **1** **69.3**

Song 2 Yesterday I Heard the Rain

Your notes A Fool Such As I

**4 Madhattan** .....HK  
 Max Mellman, Bern Tan  
 Spencer Wight, Richard Townsend

Song 1 **2** **68.7**

Song 2 You Can Fly! You Can Fly! You Can Fly!

Your notes The Way We Were

**5 Gals & Geezers** .....RV  
 Heidi Moretti, Arvid Holt  
 Jean Garrett, Al Muller

Song 1 **11** **55.0**

Song 2 The Story Of The Rose

Your notes Let Me Call You Sweetheart

**6 Twang!** .....FT, CM, AL, SU  
 Paul Emert, Kurt Lemmert  
 Dan Hastings, Tom McLaughlin

Song 1 **3** **65.0**

Song 2 You're Good Enough For Me

Your notes West Of The Great Divide

**7 Cape Cod Connection** .....ME, HA, CC, RV  
 Susie Higgins, Sam Wainright  
 Ross McCurdy, Ray Walker

Song 1 **9** **56.8**

Song 2 Heart Of My Heart (Story Of The Rose)

Your notes Honey/Little 'Lize (Medley)

**8 The Marksmen** .....FT  
 Mark A. Lubart, Mike Steiner  
 Bill Thomashower, Bruce Stevens

Song 1 **5** **59.2**

Song 2 Hello Mary Lou

Your notes Dixie Medley

**9 All the Right Parts** .....HC, HA, RV  
 Heidi Moretti, Sam Wainright  
 Jean Garrett, Ray Walker

Song 1 **4** **61.5**

Song 2 Old St. Louie

Your notes If I Could Write A Song

Quartet Members listed as Tenor, Lead, Baritone, Bass

**10 Allaboard** .....CC  
 Patrick Liebknecht, John Hastings  
 David Desrosiers, Brad Yates

Song 1 **10** **56.5**

Song 2 Lida Rose

Song 2 Nevertheless (I'm In Love With You)

Your notes \_\_\_\_\_

**11 Party of Four** .....HC, RV  
 Heidi Moretti, Bob Seip  
 Jean Garrett, Ray Walker

Song 1 **6** **58.5**

Song 2 Ain't Misbehavin'

Song 2 I'm Gonna Sit Right Down and Write Myself a Lett

Your notes \_\_\_\_\_



## Hudson Line

Sam Scarrow Ryan Brown Alex McCoy Dan Wright

### Key to Chapter Affiliation Abbreviations

Altoona PA . . . . . AL	Hartford CT. . . . . HA
Cape Cod MA . . . . . CC	Hell's Kitchen NY . . . . . HK
Caroll County MD . . . . . CM	Portland Maine . . . . . ME
Cherry Hill NJ . . . . . CH	Manhattan, NY . . . . . MA
Frank Thorne at Large . . . FT	North Brookhaven NY . . . . . NB
Harmony Celebration (SAI). HC	Rahway Valley NJ . . . . . RV
	Summerville PA. . . . . SU



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