



## District chorus initial order of appearance for Denver 2007

### First chorus contest session - July 6, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.

- 1 MAD Manhattan NY The Big Apple Chorus
- 2 NZABS Vocal FX
- 3 SNOBS To Be Determined
- 4 LOL Greendale WI Midwest Vocal Express
- 5 MAD Dundalk MD Chorus of the Chesapeake
- 6 ONT Toronto ON The Northern Lights**
- 7 SLD Batavia NY The Vocal Agenda
- 8 EVG Salem OR Senate-Aires
- 9 FWD Bay Area CA Voices In Harmony
- 10 SWD Houston TX Tidelanders
- 11 CSD St Charles MO Ambassadors of Harmony
- 12 JAD Buckeye-Columbus OH Singing Buckeyes
- 13 MAD Alexandria VA Alexandria Harmonizers
- 14 DIX Atlanta Metro GA Atlanta Vocal Project
- 15 FWD Greater Phoenix AZ Spirit of Phoenix
- 16 ONT Greater Toronto ON MegaCity Chorus**

### Second chorus session - July 6, 2007, 6:30 p.m.

- 17 CSD Kansas City MO Heart of America Chorus
- 18 SWD Central Texas Corridor TX Heart of Texas Chorus
- 19 SWD Fort Worth TX Texas Millionaires
- 20 BABS Cambridge UK Cambridge Chord Company
- 21 AAMBS The Blenders
- 22 CAR Valparaiso IN Northern Union
- 23 RMD Denver Mile High CO Sound of The Rockies
- 24 FWD Westminster CA Westminster Chorus
- 25 LOL Minneapolis MN Commodores
- 26 PIO Macomb County MI Guardians of Harmony
- 27 MAD Easton PA Brothers In Harmony
- 28 NED Nashua NH Granite Statesmen
- 29 JAD Greater Central Ohio OH The Alliance
- 30 ILL Northbrook IL New Tradition
- 31 ILL Chicagoland West Suburban IL West Towns Chorus
- 32 SUN Tampa FL Heralds of Harmony

# Nashville International challenge

By Perry Wildfong Toronto Northern Lights President

**T**he *Toronto Northern Lights* have just accepted an invitation to be the special guests of the *British Association of Barbershop Singers* at their 2008 BABS convention in Cheltenham, England May 23rd - May 25th, 2008.

We are all extremely excited about making this trip, as the BABS audience is very well-known for their overwhelming response and reaction to North American choruses and quartets. Those who have previously performed at this convention have raved about the experience.

As I am sure you can appreciate, this British excursion will require the vacation time and considerable personal expenses of each of our members. We have decided to make this BABS convention our primary objective and performance goal for 2008, rather than International competition.

Many of you have also undoubtedly heard that the *Greater Toronto MegaCity Chorus* has also committed to a wonderful trip to Russia in 2008. We wish them well in their planning and preparation for this memorable trip. They have confirmed that they will also not be challenging to represent the *Ontario District* in Nashville in 2008.

For the first time in many years, the opportunity to represent this wonderful Ontario District at the International competition and convention is **WIDE OPEN** to any chorus! Neither TNL nor MegaCity will be competing in the fall contest in Brantford October 19 - 21, 2007, for the rights to compete in Nashville in July 2008.

As soon as our plans were confirmed we wanted to send out this notice, as we would hope that there are a number of choruses in the district that would seize this opportunity to put their best possible performance on stage in Brantford. We also recognize that song selection, building of the visual package and possible coaching assistance all require considerable lead times to organize and must be started soon.

So, what are you waiting for?

The year 2008 is going to be a very special year for the two traveling choruses, but it will also be an extra special year for another chorus in the district who will step onto the stage in Nashville representing the Ontario District!

For those of you accepting the challenge, or others who just love to perform, best of luck in your preparation for Brantford. TNL will be in the audience cheering for all of the Ontario choruses who choose to compete.

This has the potential to be one of the most interesting and competitive district contests that we have had in Ontario in many years!