



## So you want to try Barber Shop Singing?

We are always looking out for new members who have the potential to add to our chorus's overall performance. We are currently particularly looking for ladies for our lower voice parts.

## Who is Mersey Harmony?



Mersey Harmony is the stage name of Liverpool Ladies Barbershop Singers which was formed in 1976. The chorus is a member of LABBS (the Ladies Association of British Barbershop Singers), an organisation consisting of over 50 choruses from England Scotland and Wales. The chorus meets on Tuesday evenings at Enterprise South Liverpool Academy, 51 Horrocks Ave, Liverpool L19 5NY from 7:15pm to 10pm. There are also occasional weekend rehearsals when we ask guest coaches from LABBS to visit and help us improve our performance. We have a constant learning plan in place and ask that you attend as many rehearsals as possible. *If you have other commitments on a Tuesday evening you may have to think carefully about singing with us – time off for usual holidays is of course allowed!*

## Which part should I sing?

The chorus sings unaccompanied in four voice parts:

**Leads** generally sing the melody line which will be in the range of G below middle C to D above top C.

**Tenors** sing a high harmony part above the melody. They need to sing the high notes with a light, sweet, pure tone that does not detract from or overpower the melody line. The range would typically be middle C to top G.

**Basses** sing the lowest notes, always below the melody. They do not need to be loud but need to develop a full, rich, mellow tone. The range would typically be the C below middle C to G above middle C.

**Baritones** sing the notes that nobody else wants but without which we couldn't produce such wonderful chords! They have roughly the same vocal range as the leads singing from F below middle C to top C. Their notes may be either above or below the melody as they have to adjust their balance depending on where they are in the chord.

An important part of our performance is the visual presentation which requires that we sing without music. We learn every song by heart. Teach CDs and music are provided to enable you to do this so you don't need to be able to read music or to have had any training.

## Auditions

When you, your Section Leader and the Musical Director (MD) feel you are ready you will be required to have an audition before you can become a full member of the chorus. The MD or member of the Music team will explain what this entails.

There is no charge for the first four rehearsals you attend. Thereafter there will be a weekly charge until your audition is complete. This is currently £2.80. You will be able to have copies of music prior to passing your audition but a deposit of £10 is required. Should you decide not to join the chorus this will be returned to you on receipt of the music which, to comply with copyright laws, remains the property of Mersey Harmony at all times.

**Still interested?** Come along to one of our rehearsals or come and see us at one of our public events.

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