

Houston Tidelanders



The Houston Tidelanders chorus is an all-volunteer male a cappella chorus known for performing close harmony music. Repertoire includes music from pop tunes, Broadway show music, religious to patriot, and even a little 60's doo-wop. All members of the Houston Tidelanders are non-paid volunteers. A 501 (C) (3) organization, the chorus is self-sustaining through gifts, performance fees, admissions to shows, and sales of recordings and merchandise. The Tidelanders are funded in part by grants from the city of Houston through the Houston Arts Alliance.

The Houston Tidelanders chorus was founded in 1946 and is affiliated with the Barbershop Harmony Society and the Southwestern District (5-state area). We are comprised of quartets and our large performing chorus. We are consistently ranked among the Top 20 performing choruses at the Society's International Chorus Competition, having medalled at the International contest 8 times since 1969. The chorus has also won the Southwestern District Championship 14 times.

Our membership is broad-based, ranging in age from 20 to 80, representing the ethnic and cultural diversity of the greater Houston community, and including every occupation imaginable. The Tidelanders chorus presents annual shows at Houston Baptist University's Dunham Theater, as well as suburban cabaret-style "Good Time" shows around the city each year. In addition to our various revenue-generating performances, we also present benefit appearances at area churches, schools and hospitals.

The chorus' musical director is Vickie Dennis. She received her bachelors of music degree from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas in 1995. Vickie is also a member of Houston Horizon, a premier chapter of Sweet Adelines International, a women's musical organization. She serves as their master director, as well as the Tidelanders'.

The Houston Tidelander's discography includes recordings of over 80 songs. Recordings include: *On Our Way, Celebrate!, Steppin' Out, It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year, and On With the Show.*

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