

The School Board Quartet

I first met Patty 25 years ago when she responded to a director search for the local chapter of the men's barbershop society (SPEBSQSA) in Norfolk, Va. Already an accomplished director for a women's Sweet Adeline's Society chorus in Hampton, VA, she had built their performance to championship level within their region and became contenders for the Sweet Adeline international level competition. With an unequaled level



of talent and energy, she simultaneously performed in a women's quartet that was renowned throughout the region. It was not surprising to see that her skills in vocal performance and presentation immediately transformed her new men's chorus from average to championship level in the same year she arrived, achieving Most Improved in the first year of competition under her directorship and the next year finishing in first place at their plateau level at district competition. With unparalleled energy, both her men's and women's choruses continued to thrive and win throughout her tenure as their director.

As already mentioned, Patty is an expert at developing vocal groups performance. Constantly sought-after by quartets for coaching, she has spent endless hours helping both men's and women's quartets develop to their fullest potential and has enjoyed watching them finish at higher levels each year they competed. Patty fully understands the mechanics of vocal production in all voice ranges and skillfully passes that knowledge on to all members of any quartet she coaches, allowing them to achieve unparalleled ring and blend.

Patty's desire to teach and coach individual vocalists is her passion. Her unequaled understanding of techniques necessary to produce solid and rich vocal production is unsurpassed. Whether a novice or experienced vocalist, anyone she coaches will develop and improve their vocal performance, enjoying the benefits of her talents in vocal production. Patty instills both skill and confidence in everyone with whom she interacts. She makes singing fun.

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