

Music, Memories & Milestones

Gail A. Brechting, Conductor

Hosted by Bill Iddings

- “The Gum Suckers” March Percy Grainger/Rogers
Stephen Foster Revisited..... Bill Holcombe
 Concerto for Saxophone Quartet
 David Manke—Soprano, Matthew Lintula—Alto,
 Chuck Somers—Tenor, David Lintula—Baritone
New York 1927 Warren Barker
A Bernstein Tribute Leonard Berstein/Grundman
Rhapsody in Blue George Gershwin/Hunsberger
 Fred Norris, Piano

Intermission

- The Chimes of Liberty Edwin Franko Goldman/Schissel
American Overture for Band..... Joseph Willcox Jenkins
Pastime—A Salute to Baseball Jack Stamp
Twentiana..... arr. Hawley Ades

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Fools' Gold was formed as a comedy quartet in 1998 by: Dan Casamatta (Lead); Mark Kettner (Bass); Joel Mills (Baritone); and, Bill Mousel (Tenor). All four guys had previously competed in barbershop contests in various quartets and Joel had been named a District Champion quartetter in comedy quartet Touch of Class during the 1980's.

The group has sung in barbershop chapter shows as well as at corporate and private events of all kinds in Michigan and beyond. The guys agreed that while they

were interested in barbershop competitions, their primary goal was to entertain barbershop and non-barbershop audiences and leave them with a smile on their lips. The feedback they've received from audiences and show producers has been great.

Fools' Gold has also excelled in barbershop competition. They won the Lansing Barbershop Chapter's Kwazy Kwartet Contest in 1999. They have been perennial finalists in Pioneer District quartet competitions.

The group is especially proud of its 2nd place finish in the National Funnybone Comedy Quartet Contest held in Columbus, Ohio in August, 2001 and sponsored by the Columbus, Ohio barbershop chapter as a part of its Buckeye Invitational barbershop tournament. This contest draws competitors and audiences from all over the United States.

Most recently, in late September, 2001, Fools' Gold was named champion of the Bush League quartet contest sponsored by the Gaylord, Michigan barbershop chapter. The guys consider this a great honor because the title of "Bush League Champion" has been held by many Pioneer quartets in years past that have gone on to barbershop fame and fortune.

They are available for Barbershop and Sweet Adeline Chapter shows, parties, corporate events, picnics, barn-raising, baptisms, first hair-cuts, somber gatherings (they'll sing real slow), or just about any other event for which you would like to pay them.

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