

NorCal Novice Quartet Contest

St. Peter Lutheran Church - Lodi, California
2400 Oxford Way, Lodi, CA

Saturday, February 21, 2026

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| 5 | Emcee Welcome | 12:00 PM | 8 | Minute Cycle | | | | | |
| | MT On Stage | 12:05 PM | Enter Warm-up Room | Warmup Room | Leave Warm-up Room | Admin Bldg Hospitality Room | Outside NW Door | On Stage | Off Stage |
| Order | Quartet Name | Host | | | | | | | |
| MT | Royal Flush | Host 1 | 11:28 AM | Sanctuary | 11:48 AM | 11:50 AM | 12:00 PM | 12:05 PM | 12:13 PM |
| 1 | Claim Jumpers* ** | Host 2 | 11:36 AM | Choir Room | 11:56 AM | 11:58 AM | 12:08 PM | 12:13 PM | 12:21 PM |
| 2 | Escapade *** | Host 1 | 11:44 AM | Nursery | 12:04 PM | 12:06 PM | 12:16 PM | 12:21 PM | 12:29 PM |
| 3 | Four Heaven's Sake | Host 2 | 11:52 AM | Sanctuary | 12:12 PM | 12:14 PM | 12:24 PM | 12:29 PM | 12:37 PM |
| 4 | Fourmidable | Host 1 | 12:00 PM | Choir Room | 12:20 PM | 12:22 PM | 12:32 PM | 12:37 PM | 12:45 PM |
| 5 | Huzzah! * | Host 2 | 12:08 PM | Nursery | 12:28 PM | 12:30 PM | 12:40 PM | 12:45 PM | 12:53 PM |
| 6 | The Idealists | Host 1 | 12:16 PM | Sanctuary | 12:36 PM | 12:38 PM | 12:48 PM | 12:53 PM | 1:01 PM |
| 7 | Hot Mess Express | Host 2 | 12:24 PM | Choir Room | 12:44 PM | 12:46 PM | 12:56 PM | 1:01 PM | 1:09 PM |
| 8 | Panning For Chords ** *** | Host 1 | 12:32 PM | Nursery | 12:52 PM | 12:54 PM | 1:04 PM | 1:09 PM | 1:17 PM |

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| Announcements | | | | | | | | 1:17 PM | 1:27 PM |
| Winner Song | | | | | | | | 1:27 PM | 1:32 PM |

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| Evaluations | | 30 | Minute Eval | | | | | | |
| Round One Start: | | | | | | | | Round 1 Evals | 1:45 PM |
| Royal Flush | | Josh | Sanctuary | | | | | | |
| Claim Jumpers* ** | | Raphael | Choir Room | | | | | | |
| Escapade *** | | Paul | Nursery | | | | | | |
| Round Two Start: | | | | | | | | Round 2 Evals | 2:15 PM |
| Four Heaven's Sake | | Josh | Sanctuary | | | | | | |
| Fourmidable | | Raphael | Choir Room | | | | | | |
| Huzzah! * | | Paul | Nursery | | | | | | |
| Round Three Start: | | | | | | | | Round 3 Evals | 2:45 PM |
| The Idealists | | Josh | Sanctuary | | | | | | |
| Hot Mess Express | | Raphael | Choir Room | | | | | | |
| Panning For Chords ** *** | | Paul | Nursery | | | | | | |
| End Of Evals | | | | | | | | | 3:15 PM |

* Shares Members

Welcome Quartets to the 2026 NorCal Novice Quartet Contest

You Belong Here

Preparing and showing up today is already an accomplishment.

This contest is about growth, learning, and enjoying harmony.

Everyone in this room wants you to succeed.

Focus on the Fundamentals

- Match vowels.
- Tune chords together.
- Balance the quartet sound.
- Listen across the ensemble.

Simple, unified singing creates the strongest impact.

Manage the Nerves

- Take one quiet breath together before you begin.
- Make eye contact with each other.
- Trust your starting pitch.
- Butterflies mean you care.

Connection calms nerves.

Sing as a Team

- Stay visually connected.
- Tell the story together.
- Support one another through every phrase.

The audience hears connection before perfection.

Care for Your Voice

- Hydrate throughout the day.
- Warm up gently don't oversing.
- Rest between performances.

Save your best singing for the stage.

About Scores

- Judges are here to help you grow.
- Comments matter more than numbers.
- Every experienced quartet once stood exactly where you are today.

Celebrate the performance first.
Analyze later.

Contest Day Reminders

- Know your on-deck time.
- Listen for announcements.
- Ask volunteers if you need anything we're here to help.
- Cheer for other quartets
encouragement is part of barbershop tradition.

Final Thought

Enjoy this moment. Today you are part of the barbershop performance community and we're glad you're here.

We hope this is the first of many contests for you.

Let us know if you have any questions.