

**Voce** was founded from years of friendships and is driven by a passion to bring the highest quality of music to the public. We'd like to take a moment to introduce the members of **Voce**. The members are listed below in standing order of the photo from left to right.

**Joel Beets, Tenor**, was turned on to barbershop through the movie, "*The Music Man*," which motivated him to start a quartet in high school called the **Harmonic C's**, named after their teacher Mr. C. Over the years Joel enjoyed singing in a variety of quartets including the group he sang with while studying voice at Wichita State University, **Old School**, who competed three times in the College Quartet Contest as well as in the Central States District finishing as high as sixth. Just to show you how small a world it really is, **Old School** was coached by Lance Heilmann, who judged the 1979 international when **Grandma's Boys** won the championship (for more info see Jay's bio). While in the Central States District Joel was highly inspired by the talents of quartets such as **Gas House Gang** and **3 Men and a Melody**. Joel is a personal trainer at the Lincoln Park Athletic Club in Chicago. "I'm incredibly excited by the early success of **Voce**, but I'm even more excited to be singing with such a focused, hard working, and talented group of guys. I always look forward to our next rehearsal because we seem to improve with every chord!"

**Keith Harris, Lead**, joined the Barbershop Harmony Society at the age of 9. Some of his early heroes include the **Chiefs of Staff**, **Chicago Chord of Trade**, and **Chordiac Arrest** (members from each of these groups coached Keith's quartets). At the age of 12, Keith became a front row member of the **New Tradition** chorus and won two international chorus medals. Keith sang lead in the 1991 LOL District Champion quartet the **Family Ties** with his father (Roger) and brother (Paul) and sang bass in the 1997 International Collegiate Quartet Champion quartet **Freefall** (also with his brother Paul). Today Keith is a professional opera singer living in NYC and has performed with Seattle Opera, Santa Fe Opera, Opera Theater of St. Louis, Lyric en Mer in France and many more. "Barbershop offered me an amazing foundation for my life. It is an honor to return home and give back to an organization that has given me so much!"

**Jay Giallombardo, Bass**, is no stranger to the barbershop stage as he is the director of the 2001 International Chorus Champions - **New Tradition** - and baritone of the 1979 International Quartet Champions - **Grandma's Boys**. Jay sang bass with the Top 5 medalist quartet **Chicago Chord of Trade** and international finalist quartet **Excalibur**. As a highly sought after arranger, Jay has produced more than 500 arrangements and has engineered numerous albums for various quartets including many men's and women's international champions and the **New Tradition** chorus. Jay's district championship with **Voce** is his first District Quartet Championship in 39 years, having won it for the first time with the **Grandma's Boys** in 1968. Jay is the only married man in the quartet. His wife Helen (who sings tenor with the international finalist quartet **Jukebox** and baritone with **Melodeers Chorus**) and three children have been a great support to **Voce**. "I was surprised and delighted when Keith contacted me and suggested a new quartet. I was amazed at his development as a musician and literally jumped at the chance to be a part of this unique combination of voices."

**Paul Harris, Baritone**, joined the Barbershop Harmony Society at the age of 10 and is one of the Society's youngest quartet District Champions in history winning at the age of 12 with the 1991 LOL District Quartet Champions the **Family Ties** (with his father and brother). Paul made three appearances on the international stage with the **Family Ties** and was, of course, a full voice tenor back then. Paul sang baritone in a *Music Man* quartet in his high school production in Nekoosa, Wisconsin. Paul also sang baritone with the 1997 International Collegiate Quartet Champions **Freefall** (with his brother Keith) and helped to produce their album "**After School**" in the spring of 1998. As a lead singer Paul won the 2005 All Around Quartet Championship at the Buckeye

Invitational with *Magnum*. After representing the LOL District for over 20 years, it's a pleasure and an honor to represent our brothers in harmony to the south."