



Performance Coaching!!!!

The MVE gets great coaching on **Saturday, March 9**, beginning at **9AM** through **4PM** from **Cy Wood**.

Cy currently works as an educator in the Cincinnati area, teaching musical theater to students at Butler Tech.



He recently moved to Ohio after living and working in New York City for nearly a decade. While in NYC, Cy worked as a professional actor, producer, special events coordinator, and creative director.

Cy is a 3rd generation barbershopper. He and his brothers formed his first quartet, **The Wood Brothers**. He first sang with the **Idaho Gateway Chorus**, beginning at age 15. His collegiate chorus, **High Flight**, won the Rocky Mountain District and competed at International. He sang with **Voices of Gotham** and now with the **Southern Gateway Chorus**. His current quartets include **On Tap**, which won the Northern Division Contest in 2014, and a mixed quartet **Half and Half** (pictured below).

Cy's mantra is honesty. Honesty in creation, honesty in production, and honesty in performance. Barbershop is a wonderfully unique and traditional art form, and Cy believes the more honesty we can bring to our audiences around the world, the more people will connect to the messages each barbershopper has to offer.

When we connect our objective of **Storytelling through Song** with Cy's drive to be honest and true, we will change lives.



Calendar for March

Monday, March 4	Rehearsal	St. Luke's at 7pm
Saturday, March 9	COACHING 9AM-4PM	St. Luke's at 9AM
Monday, March 11	Rehearsal	St. Luke's at 7pm
Monday, March 18	Rehearsal	St. Luke's at 7pm
Monday, March 25	Rehearsal	St. Luke's at 7pm
Tuesday, March 26	Board of Directors Meeting	St. Luke's at 7pm
Monday, April 1	Rehearsal	St. Luke's at 7pm

MVE Interview with New Member Mathis Murphy

MVEer asks: We are so happy to have you in the **Mighty MVE** in our bass section, Mathis. Tell us a bit about your musical background, please.

Mathis replies: Thank you! I am excited to be singing with this amazing group, and look forward to many years of fun.

I began singing in middle school, and had the joy of meeting my best friend in the soprano section. Soon we found our proper place with the basses.

Singing in high school included mixed choirs and chamber singers for four years. We had the opportunity to travel for choir; New York City was an incredible opportunity to see the Met, Radio City Music Hall, and other musical landmarks.



At UW-Platteville I sang with the **Singing Pioneers Men's Chorus** for four years, as well as various mixed choirs. The Singing Pioneers was my first exposure to singing with a men's chorus and I've been hooked ever since.

MVEer asks: What did you study at UW-Platteville and what are you doing now at Studio Gear?

Mathis replies: At UW-Platteville I studied Business Administration, emphasizing *Integrated Supply Chain Management*.

I currently work as a Production and Rental Technician/Inventory Analyst at **Studio Gear**. This work includes producing national meetings, product launches, trade show booths, and other events. I have run video for national audiences, mixed sound for jazz bands, and met a number of CEO's!

Studio Gear

MVEer asks: Tell us a bit about your family, Mathis. Rumor has it that your wife is also a singer.

Mathis replies: My wife **Janet** and I got married last summer. We met in high school on the robotics team. She is a baritone in the **Fox Valley Chorus** where she has sung for two years.

My parents live in Delafield, and I have two brothers, one about to head to college, and one currently in school.



MVEer asks: Outside of music, have you other hobbies that you do?

Mathis replies: My main hobbies are camping, photography and videography, and playing beer league hockey.

← The Murphy Family

MVEer says: Mathis, we very much hope that you will be able to go to **Salt Lake City** with us in July. Thank you for Being MVE.



Chamber Singers, 2013, Mathis is second from the left.

What's The Buzz?

1. Exciting wardrobe choices coming to the MVE. We're picking a new suit look for the chorus. Be at chorus to help decide!
2. New music is just coming to us. **Wouldn't It Be Nice** has arrived!
3. Location and date of our spring show coming very soon. The buzz has it that it will be on June 22.

