

Alexandria Harmonizers 70th Anniversary Throwback Thursdays

No. 11 – 1969 Sixth Chorus Uniform

Fourth Place, Mid-Atlantic District (M-AD) Chorus Contest, Baltimore MD,
October 11, 1969

Music Director **Oz Newgard** Chapter President **Linton M. Reed, Jr.**

50 men wearing white tux coats with plaid shawl collars

“Hoop Dee Doo” (**Dick Whitehouse**, Arranger)

“Old Friends Are The Best Friends After All” (**Lou Perry**, Arranger)



The 70s brought a considerable change in Harmonizer musical expectations resulting in a gradual alteration in chorus contest fortunes by 1977. Although these expectations focused most explicitly on better success in competitions, they were rooted in a broader fundamental goal: to sing better generally. The triad of musical expectations, qualification requirements, and more effort from both leadership and chorus members would be intertwined with the Harmonizers' accomplishments over the next quarter-century. The success in meeting these expectations would be measured by audience response, invitations to perform, and contest results.

Musical Leadership

Musical Directors

1948-50 **Eugene Barnwell**
1950-51 **Werner Paul**
1951-62 **Harold (Bud) Arberg**
1963-70 **Oz Newgard**
1970-80 **Scott Werner**
1980-83 **John Hohl**
1984-2002 **Scott Werner**
2003-06 **Richard Lewellen**
2007-Present **Joe Cerutti, Jr.**

Artistic Director

1990-2002 **Geri Geis**

Associate Directors

1976-79 **John Hohl**
1983-98 **Mike Wallen**
1999-2007 **Terry Reynolds**
2012-Present **Anthony Colosimo**

Choreographer

2013-Present **Carlos Barillo**

Note:

Terry Reynolds was Interim Music Director for August-December 2002.
Geri Geis was Stage Presence Advisor for 1985-90.

Historical Tagline: Although the USSR appeared to be ahead in the space race in the 50's and 60's the ultimate prize went to the United States in 1969 when **Neil Armstrong** and **Buzz Aldrin** were landed on the moon and returned safely back to earth, many who remember the immortal words " One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind ". This was the Decade of the Smiley Face found on anything and everything around the world including T Shirts. Remember: "Hippies and Flower Power" , "The Beatles and Rock and Roll", and "Skateboarding."