



## Cultural Arts Council

Douglasville/Douglas County

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### **Its an “a cappella afternoon” in Douglasville**

*Douglasville, Georgia* – On Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> the Cultural Arts Council Douglasville/Douglas County will present the Big Chicken Barbershop Chorus in concert at the 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church in Douglasville at 3pm. Also performing will be the Fairplay Select Ensemble, a 65 member a cappella choir from Fairplay Middle School.

Tickets to this family –friendly performance of a cappella music and humorous good times are \$15 (\$12 for CAC members) and may now be purchased at CAC, through the website [www.artsdouglas.org](http://www.artsdouglas.org) or from CAC Board members.

“Using the first instrument, one’s voice, a cappella singing ranges from madrigals to do-wop, from scat to barbershop, and it is having a resurgence at the moment.” said Davina Grace Hill, Executive Director of CAC. “The close harmonies, well known songs and hilarious antics of barbershop makes their concerts a thoroughly entertaining event.”

Formed in Marietta in 1986, the Big Chicken Chorus (BCC) is a male chorus that sings four part a cappella harmony in the style of the close harmony sung by Barbershop Quartets. Their performances feature inspirational songs, patriotic songs, and a variety of songs from yesteryear. As the name might suggest, they are serious about having fun and providing an element of laughter and joviality in their performances.

Over the years, the Big Chicken Chorus has entertained appreciative audiences at the Fabulous Fox Theatre, Symphony Hall, the Georgia Dome, and all over the Southeast. Under the direction of Lars Grevstad, the Big Chicken Chorus continues the Chapter’s proud tradition of pursuing musical excellence.

The Fairplay Select Ensemble, under the direction of Lynnelle Barker, is composed of 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders who annually perform five concerts for local events and for the Georgia Music Educators Association. Last May they had the privilege of singing at the World War II Memorial in Washington DC, as part of their annual spring trip. As part of the “a cappella afternoon” concert, the Fairplay Select Ensemble will be singing some pop, spiritual and choral selections before the Barbershop Chorus.

The Douglasville concert is made possible thanks to the sponsoring businesses, Connally, Jordan & Associates, P. C. and West Georgia Technical College and through the generosity of the 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church on Campbellton St. The Church’s willingness to allow CAC and the BCC to hold the concert in their acoustically excellent sanctuary is gratefully appreciated.

For more information about the “a cappella afternoon” concert please call 770-949-2787.

The Cultural Arts Council Douglasville/ Douglas County, located at 8652 Campbellton Street in historic downtown Douglasville, Georgia, is open Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For directions, tickets, or more information, visit [www.artsdouglas.org](http://www.artsdouglas.org) or contact the Cultural Arts Council at 770-949-2787.

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*The mission of the Cultural Arts Council Douglasville/Douglas County is to nurture, guide and stimulate the enjoyment of and participation in the arts among Douglas County residents by providing an atmosphere conducive to the arts, broadening the spectrum of quality exhibits and performances available to the community, and fostering individual interactions with the arts through a wide range of satellite groups. The programs and activities of the Cultural Arts Council are supported in part by the City of Douglasville and the Douglas County Board of Commissioners.*