



## The Perfect Blend of Harmony and Humor

*"The Perfect Gentlemen have the perfect school show: educational, entertaining, and full of surprises."*  
- **Brian Bemel**, President and Artistic Director, Performances To Grow On

## EDUCATIONAL PERFORMANCE

**The Perfect Gentlemen** present an educational performance geared to all ages called "**100 Years of Harmony**". The purpose of this educational show is to illustrate how music and harmony have changed over the last one hundred years as well as give an overview of the many musical media innovations over the last century. The show has been crafted to take the audience on a musical journey through time, beginning with a re-creation of the classic American image by Norman Rockwell from the cover of the Saturday Evening Post called "Barbershop Quartet," and ending with today's most popular forms of commercial music, rap and hip-hop.

The musical whirlwind begins with songs originally performed by the Hoosier Hotshots, the Pied Pipers, Elvis and the Jordanaires, the Beatles, etc. Along with these performances, **The Perfect Gentlemen** have adapted their award-winning routine "Salute to the 20<sup>th</sup> Century" for an educational setting, singing the song "Shine On Harvest Moon" in the popular style of the day from each era, including: Barbershop Harmony, Dixieland, Blues, Big Band Vocals, Doo-Wop, Surf Music, Disco, Techno-Punk, and Rap, thus aurally illustrating how musical styles have changed through the decades.

Students will not only hear how music has changed, they will see how society has changed throughout the 20th Century through comedic portrayals of musical performances complete with costume and wig changes. In seeing the same song performed in many musical styles from the last 100 years, students will see how the prevailing style of the day can influence how an artist might interpret a song.

In the last one hundred years, people's experience of listening to music has changed. Students will experience a timeline of advances over the last century in the different musical media as well as see how far those technological advances have come. They will be introduced to buying a popular song on a piece of sheet music to bring home and play on the piano, visit a vaudeville show, and see how musical media have changed through the following inventions: wax cylinders, player piano rolls, 78 records, radio, jukeboxes, 45 records, television, long-playing records, 8-track tapes, cassette tapes, compact discs, mp3s, and iPods. This makes "One Hundred Years of Harmony" a truly educational and entertaining show that could only best be described as "edutainment."

**The Perfect Gentlemen** have infused their show with a three-ring circus full of costumes, props, and wigs, along with a share of audience participation. And while the hilarity ensues, the group manages to teach the following four basic elements of music: melody, pitch, harmony, and rhythm. We hope students will be introduced to a style of music that they may never have heard before or will be intrigued enough by the music performed to want to know more. We hope students will learn to appreciate all forms of music and gain a greater understanding of the music they hear each and every day.

*"The quartet's musicianship is superb. The Perfect Gentlemen present the history of vocal group singing in a creative and completely engaging way."*

- **Barbara Leonard**, Artistic Director, Los Angeles Music Center Education Division

*"The Perfect Gentlemen are one of our top new artists for the 07-08 Arts Teach roster. Their professionalism, musicianship, and artistic abilities are superb. They are absolutely delightful and you can't help but smile as they take you on their musical journey. A testament to the true magic of this group is their ability to appeal to audiences of all ages. From school age children, to Mom and Dad, to the grandparents, they are certain to be a perfect hit."*

- **Jason Siebert**, Manager, Community Programs, Orange County Performing Arts Center

*"With the Perfect Gentlemen as tour guides, students go on a musical journey through the decades learning about different styles of music and laughing along the way. The Perfect Gentlemen are superbly talented and connect with students of all ages... you couldn't ask for a better show."*

- **Brian Bemel**, President and Artistic Director, Performances To Grow On

*"Many teachers stated it was the best show they had ever seen and the students felt the same. We were thrilled at the impact the gentlemen had on those students. Thanks to The Perfect Gentlemen, as that is definitely what they are to Gillette, WY and the CAM-PLEX Heritage Center!"*

- **Linda Dvorak**, Arts Education Facilitator, CAM-PLEX

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