

Kordal Kombat Biography

Kordal Kombat is a young barbershop quartet based out of central Minnesota. Kordal Kombat delivers a fun, high-energy performance that comes with a variety of great music and lots of laughs for all ages.

Since the group's founding in the fall of 2009 on the Morris campus of the University of Minnesota, Kordal Kombat has test-driven the entire spectrum of a cappella music genres from classical to gospel, pop, doo wop, jazz, and everything in-between.

In the summer of 2012, inspired by YouTube videos of barbershop performances and afterglows, four bored but vocally-gifted young men made a spontaneous road trip to Portland, Oregon to attend the International Barbershop Convention. While there they discovered their true love was for the barbershop style of singing. Later that fall, Kordal Kombat contacted the Willmar chapter of the Land O' Lakes District of the Barbershop Harmony Society, began attending regular chorus rehearsals, and soon became members of the Barbershop Harmony Society themselves. Shortly thereafter, they became a registered society quartet. Now all four members of Kordal Kombat are proud, first generation barbershoppers.

This was the start of a busy year of total immersion in the barbershop style of singing. Kordal Kombat:

- Competed in their first division contest.
- Qualified for the International Collegiate Barbershop Quartet Contest.
- Won 16th place in the International Collegiate Barbershop Quartet Contest.
- Opened for the well-known a cappella group Tonic Sol-Fa.
- Became the 2013 Minnesota State Fair "County Fair Talent Contest" Champions.
- Performed for audiences numbering over 10,000 at the Minnesota State Fair Grandstands.

On October 26, 2013, the group celebrated their one-year anniversary of singing barbershop music in La Crosse, Wisconsin, where they made Land O' Lakes District history by becoming the first Land O' Lakes District quartet ever to win both the Novice Quartet Championship and the District Quartet Championship in the same year.

Since winning the 2013 Land O' Lakes Quartet and Novice championships, Kordal Kombat also went on to win the 2014 Land O' Lakes Collegiate Quartet Championship, and competed two more times in the International Collegiate Barbershop Quartet Contest, placing as high as eighth. In the summer of 2017, Kordal Kombat competed in the International Barbershop Quartet Contest for the first time, and placed 27th in the world.

Kordal Kombat's journey has taken them all over the North American continent. They've performed in collaboration with members of the University of Minnesota, Morris (UMM), Concert Choir on "A Prairie Home Companion Show" with Garrison Keillor. They have also toured the east coast of the United States and eastern Canada with the UMM Concert Choir.