

Razzmatazz

Razzmatazz got together in November of 1988, and we've had the opportunity to delight audiences at over 250 barbershop chapter shows in the ensuing 20 years. We continue to try to figure out what it is that we do, with very limited success. The quartet's motto is quite appropriate, and very telling:

"Where are we going, and why are we in this handbasket?"

Razzmatazz employs a unique performance style that showcases the unique talents of its members. We enjoy performing the infrequent straight barbershop song interspersed with a variety of comedic numbers that has our audience in stitches. Our goal is to infuse each performance with spontaneous energy, while including something that is pleasing to the barbershop purist, and the comedy-loving portion of our audience. (Recent Gallup polls reveal that our shows are most appealing to audience members afflicted with serious hearing deficiencies.) It's a style that is as unique as the backgrounds of our members; a lawyer, a retired banker, a personnel administrator, a customer service manager, and an accountant-type. Those of you that are relatively astute will note that this adds up to more than four, so one of us wears 2 hats. You can eliminate the big guy right away, since he is mercifully free of the ravages of intelligence! Adds just a bit of intrigue to the biography! Something just a little bit different; that's what Razzmatazz is all about.

In August 1997 the quartet was fortunate enough to win the Funny Bone Comedy Award at the Buckeye Invitational Barbershop Contest. If this bunch of knuckleheads was ever going to win a competition, this had to be the one. It figures that by putting the big guy in a dress, (two dresses to be completely accurate), and blasting the lead and the audience with a Super Soaker, the crowd would love it!

In case this doesn't have you chomping at the bit to come to the show, consider the following sub-mottos of the quartet:

"Two wrongs don't make a right, but three lefts do."

"Glory is fleeting, but obscurity is forever."

"Don't play stupid with us, we're better at it."

Razzmatazz n 1: a state of confusion or hilarity 2: a flashy action or display intended to bewilder, confuse, obfuscate, or deceive
(Merriam Webster, famous author)