

## Our Directors

### *Debbie Borsari* and *Renée Tramack*

New England Voices in Harmony is co-directed by founding members **Debbie Borsari** and **Renée Tramack**. Both Debbie & Renée have a wealth of musical talent; their lives filled with barbershop and rich friendships. Both are internationally-acclaimed, award-winning directors and they both currently sing with the 2009 International Quartet Champions, *Showcase*.



A third-generation barbershopper, **Debbie** is a three-time Harmony Queen. She grew up listening to barbershop (both parents and grandfather) and first started singing when her dad started a women's barbershop chorus in Portsmouth, NH.

Debbie earned her first crown singing tenor with *Heart's Delight*, 1989 International Quartet Champions. She also later sang baritone with *Limited Edition*, 1995 International Quartet Champions, who were nominated in 2000 for two Contemporary A Cappella Recording Awards (CARA).

In 2000, Debbie and her sister Wendy, along with Renée and four other women, founded *New England Voices in Harmony*. Debbie and Wendy brought the 4th generation of their family, daughters Julia and Brittany, into the tradition. Later, Wendy married and moved away to direct *Sounds of the Seacoast* women's chorus in Portsmouth, NH. Julia, now 21, is an International Silver Medalist Quartet member, with *Ringtones!* Debbie's son, Joe (18), is also an a cappella singer and is discovering the fun of barbershop singing.



Debbie won her second crown in 2004, singing baritone with the International Quartet Champions, *Synchronicity*. Today, she sings with both *Synchronicity* and *Showcase*.

Debbie lives in Exeter, NH, and works as a beauty consultant for Mary Kay Cosmetics.



**Renée**, a second-generation barbershopper, joined Harmony, Inc. in 1982 as a teen, where she sang with her mother, a charter member of *Champlain Echoes*, one of the original founding chapters of Harmony, Inc. Singing for more than 26 years, Renée studied Vocal Performance at Keene State College. Over the years, she has sung many different parts and been a member of several quartets, and today sings bass with *Showcase*.

Renée has over 17 years experience as a front-line chorus director. Before joining New England Voices in Harmony, Renée previously directed choruses in Vermont, Virginia, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island.

Renée is currently enrolled in the educational program to become a Certified Singing Judge.

Renée lives in Nashua, NH, with her husband Steve, daughters Christina and Samantha, and son Joshua. Steve, also a chorus director and singing coach, was a member of *Club NED*, 1999 District Quartet Champions, and currently sings with *Breakaway* quartet. Both Christina (16) and Samantha (12) are members of New England Voices in Harmony, and Joshua (10) is a member of the *Granite Statesmen* chorus. The entire family sings together, whenever possible, as the *Von Tramack Family Singers!*



Both Debbie and Renée have taught at numerous barbershop schools & educational seminars and enjoy coaching other choruses and quartets. These women are **OUTSTANDING** entertainers and highly charismatic. Their enthusiasm is contagious and inspiring to the members of the chorus. New England Voices in Harmony is fortunate to have such wonderful women leading them forward!