A new moo-sical cow-medy: "Dire Days at the Dairy"

Like to groan at puns? The city of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. recently celebrated its 100th Anniversary, and in keeping with the style of theatre popular when the city was founded, the Northland Barbershop Chorus (PIO) created and performed an original melodrama. Dire Days at the Dairy or Udder Mayhem, centers around a struggling family dairy farm in Bar River, Ont. Our hero, (everybody cheer!) Beau Vine and his not-so-sharp sidekick, Mookie Whey, come to the aid of widow Elsie-Sue MacDonald and her sweet daughter Beatrice (everybody say awww!), in fighting off the dastardly villain (boos and hisses here) Dr. Salvatore (Sal) Monella, who is trying to steal their farm.

Written by Bob Shami and Stephen Patterson, the show used a small cast of five veteran actors recruited from the local theatre community, in addition to the more than 50 singers in the chorus. This production was not only a lot of fun, but also a great way to expose non-barbershop artists in the community to the hobby.

The show was headlined by 2009 international champ Crossroads, who received three standing ovations from this particularly warm and appreciative audience. They responded with a rare treat—an encore, "Roll, Jordan, Roll."





The cast and chorus of "Dire Days at the Dairy" milk the laughs for all they're worth, while foiling the fiendish plans of the villain, Dr. Sal Monella, whose evil wheys were attributed to his having been raised in a bad "culture." Booo! Hiss!

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