

## Audacity For Barbershoppers

To get the most out of this class, download and install the latest version of Audacity software onto your laptop and have the laptop with you in the class. It is also advisable to have some headphones/earbuds as well.

<http://sourceforge.net/projects/audacity/>

**Audacity** is a free, easy-to-use, multi-track audio editor and recorder for Windows, Mac OS X, GNU/Linux and other operating systems.

What that means to Barbershoppers is an easy and inexpensive way to make rehearsal recordings, learning tracks, demo recordings, podcasts and much, much more.

***NOTE: There are MANY audio recording options out there – and many have very similar features to Audacity. Audacity was chosen because it is free, stable, full of useful features and widely accessible to many computer devices.***

In this course we will help you get started using and exploring this fantastic resource, and show you how it can benefit every member of your quartet or chorus!

Although it is best to have Audacity installed on your laptop before arriving, we will walk through the process briefly. Then, we'll learn:

- How to use the software to make a basic recording right out of the box.
- How to use some of the most basic and useful features of the software
- How to adjust various parameters of your set-up.
- How to edit recordings
- How to go beyond the basic levels and explore deeper
- How to make multi-track recordings such as learning tracks
- How to enhance the use of learning tracks
- How to export your recordings as MP3 or other formats

And there will be some time where you can explore the software on your own and ask additional questions.

NOTE: This course will not cover all aspects of the software. It is designed to merely get you started and functional.