

# MIDWEST HARMONY

*Region 3*

The logo features the words 'MIDWEST' and 'HARMONY' in a large, bold, black sans-serif font. 'MIDWEST' is on the top line and 'HARMONY' is on the bottom line. A treble clef is positioned to the right of 'MIDWEST', with a musical staff containing four notes: a quarter note G4, an eighth note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. A bass clef is positioned to the left of 'HARMONY', with a musical staff containing four notes: a quarter note G2, an eighth note F2, a quarter note E2, and a quarter note D2. The words 'Region 3' are written in a black, cursive script font below 'HARMONY'.

Regional Convention and Competition  
April 6 – 9, 2017 - Springfield, Illinois

**February 27, 2017**

**To:** Competing Quartets  
Regional Management Team

**From:** Convention Steering Committee

**RE:** Convention Mailing #3 - Quartet

## **Enclosures**

1. Competition Information
2. Traffic Pattern & Information
3. Schedule of Events

## Convention Mailing #3 - Quartet

Enclosed you will find important meeting times and locations, and the Quartet traffic pattern. Please review this information carefully.

### Thursday, April 6, 2017

- 7:00 pm Briefing Check in** – Plaza Ballroom E & F  
Review forms for changes  
Turn in Cue Sheets (Open Division)  
Receive awards information  
Purse Bags will be distributed (all are required to use Purse Bags)
- 7:30 pm Quartet/Chorus Briefing** – Plaza Ballroom E & F  
Contest details will be reviewed so everyone understands the rules and has an opportunity to ask questions  
Briefing should be completed by 8:30 pm

### Friday, April 7, 2017

- 9:30 am Traffic Pattern Walk-Through**  
All quartets, chorus directors, and chorus presidents **ONLY** are invited to walk through the traffic pattern. We will meet in the lobby and board buses to Sangamon.
- 9:30 am Sound Check Chorus**  
All members are invited to participate. We will be singing *Send Your Love* and *How We Sang Today*. Jim Arns will be directing. During the chorus sound checks, directors will be able to stand near Jim; however, only Jim will be able to direct. Please encourage your members to participate in the Sound Check Chorus. Meet in Ballroom E & F. Busing to and from Sangamon Auditorium will be provided.
- 11:00 am Quartet Walk-On**  
Time is approximate – begins after Sound Check is finished  
All quartets will be announced, enter the stage, take a pitch, sing the first few notes of a song and exit.
- 5:30 pm Quartet Contest will begin promptly at 5:30 pm**  
2016 Quartet Champions, By Request, will be performing swan song set after the last contestant. New this year! Following the swan song, the Winner's Circle will perform. Details regarding awards will be explained at the Briefing.

### Saturday, April 8, 2017

- 12:00 pm Chorus Contest will begin promptly at 12:00 pm**



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**Open Division Contestants** – The stage will have a single emcee microphone at center stage. Please be sure to indicate your emcee work on your cue sheet so the tech crew will know when to have the microphone on for you. As a reminder, our region only offers white lights on stage.

**Housing** – Due to a lower than expected room count, all hotel reservations will be in the Crowne Plaza. More information will be sent with your hotel confirmations.

**Schedule of Events** – There have been some updates to the convention schedule since the last mailing. Please review the enclosed Schedule of Events.

We hope none of you will have to withdraw from the contest. If your quartet does have to withdraw prior to convention weekend, please contact Competition Services at the Sweet Adelines office in Tulsa. If your quartet needs to withdraw after arriving in Springfield, please notify Debbi Ward immediately. She can be reached via cell phone at 219-688-7812. If she is unavailable, you may contact Shelly Hughes via cell phone at 312-209-4533.

**Tickets** – Tickets (Badges) are needed to enter the theater. You will be required to show your badge to re-enter the auditorium. As a reminder, tickets will not be sold at Sangamon Auditorium. Refer to the Schedule of Events for ticket sales and badge pick up times and locations.

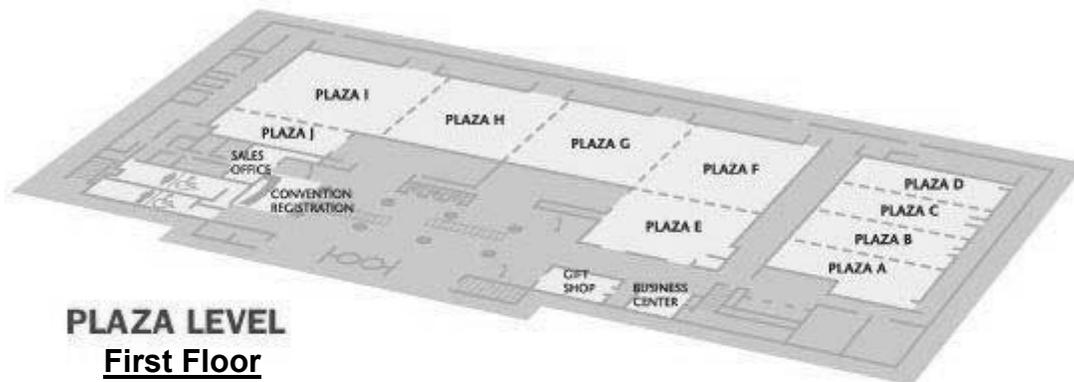
**Busing** – Busing will be provided to both contestants and audience for the sound check, quartet competition and chorus competition. Busing schedules will be finalized upon receipt of all the special circumstances forms.

**University of Illinois Springfield (UIS) Parking** – Free parking is available on the University of Illinois Springfield campus in lots C-North, D and G. Other lots require a permit and cars parked there without a permit will be ticketed.

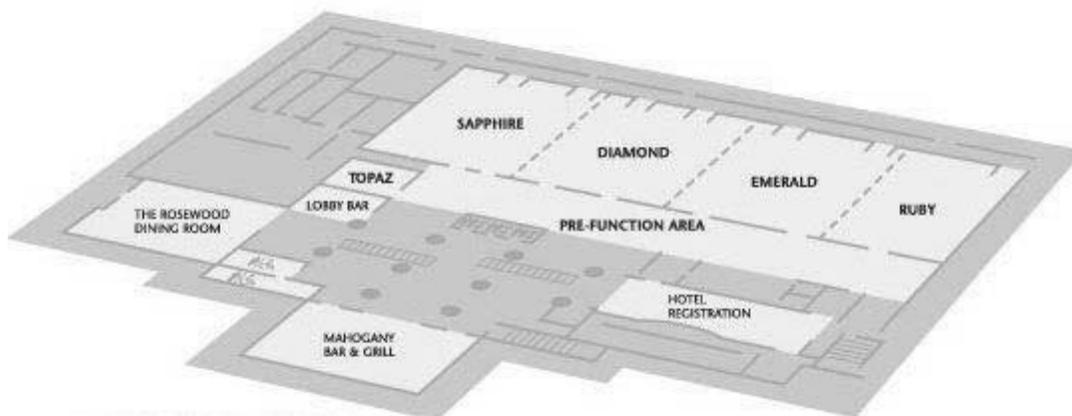
**Maps** – Maps are attached of the local area (showing hotel and venue) as well as a map of the UIS campus.



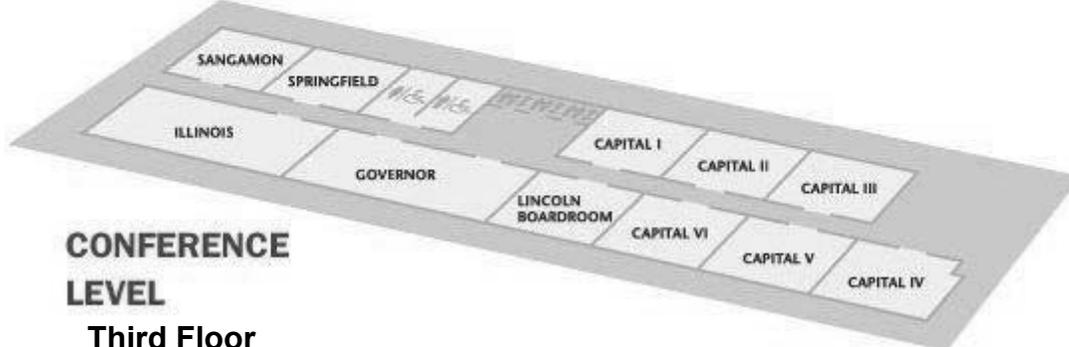
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**3000 S. Dirksen Parkway**  
**Springfield, IL 62703**  
**217-585-2830**



**PLAZA LEVEL**  
**First Floor**  
The HUB  
Meeting & Rehearsal Rooms  
Buses



**BALLROOM LEVEL**  
**Second Floor**  
Hotel Registration  
& Restaurants



**CONFERENCE LEVEL**  
**Third Floor**  
Meeting & Rehearsal Rooms

# 2017 Quartet Contest Traffic Pattern – Region #3

Similar to International competitions, we will be utilizing Convention Assistants to move contestants through the pattern.

**Note:** To be fair to all competitors, singing is only allowed in the warm-up rooms. Your cooperation is appreciated.

## **Check In, Photography & Busing**

The official pattern will begin in the Crowne Plaza lobby. After check-in, you will be escorted to photography. After photography, you will board a bus to Sangamon Auditorium. The bus loading area is covered.

Due to the distance, we will be transporting two quartets at a time. A Convention Assistant will be in the bus with you. She will maintain contact with convention staff and make sure you arrive at the drop off point.

## **Warm-Up**

After entering Sangamon Auditorium, your quartet will move to a holding area. At the appropriate time, you will be escorted to warm-up. You will have 10 minutes in warm-up and timing begins when the last member enters the room\*. Convention staff will give you a 2 minute notice before asking you to move out of the room. Please be ready to move when they return.

\* No extra time given for late arrivals or those stopping to use the facilities.

## **Stage**

From warm-up, you will be led to an elevator. The elevator will take you to backstage.

Those on a scooter or in a wheelchair should enter and exit the elevator first. Once backstage, convention staff will direct them on where to park.

Quartets may enter stage right or center stage. The stage will have a curtain (mid-stage). Convention staff will be on hand to open the curtain for those selecting a center stage entrance. All quartets will exit stage left.

Your purse bag will be taken as you enter the stage and returned after you exit. You will then be escorted through the auditorium to the lobby. Due to fire codes, please do not stop in the aisle. Proceed all the way to the lobby to greet your fans.

## **Items of Note**

If someone has a scooter or wheel chair in the pattern, please note that the Convention Committee, Convention Assistants nor the RMT can assist in moving either a scooter or a wheelchair.

Score sheets will be available for pick up in the Sangamon Auditorium lobby for 15 minutes following the end of the contest. Only one member of the quartet is needed to pick up the score sheet packet.



# UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS SPRINGFIELD



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West Lake Shore Drive

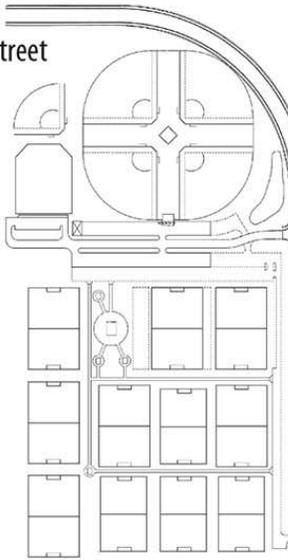
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Edgar Lee Masters Drive

West Lake Shore

Ernest Hemingway Drive

University Drive



Soccer/Softball Complex

Vachel Lindsay Drive

Lot D

Lot E

Lot C-north

Lot C-south

Lot B

**Academic Buildings**

1. WUIS – WUIS/WIPA Radio Station
2. SLB – Student Life Building
3. BSB – Business Services Building
4. VPA – Visual & Performing Arts Building
5. SAB – Student Affairs Building
6. HRB – Human Resources Building
7. BRK – Brookens Library
8. HSB – Health & Sciences Building
9. PAC – Public Affairs Center including Sangamon Auditorium
10. UHB – University Hall

**Student Housing**

11. LRH – Lincoln Residence Hall
12. SFL – Sunflower Court
13. CLV – Clover Court
14. BBL – Bluebell Court
15. LKR – Larkspur Court
16. PRL – Pennyroyal Court
17. FXG – Foxglove Court
18. MGR – Marigold Court
19. TRL – Trillium Court
20. HBC – Homer L. Butler Commons (Housing Office)
21. FRH – Founders Residence Hall

**Campus Buildings**

22. Shepherd House
23. Kiwanis Stadium
24. CCR – Child Care Center
25. Greenhouse
26. MAB – Maintenance Building
27. PDB – Police Department
28. SPH – Spencer House
29. REC – Recreation and Athletic Center

11th Street

Carl Sandburg Lane

Eliza Farnham Drive

Richard Wright Dr.

Lot F

Lot G

Lot H

Richard Wright Dr.

University Drive

LLCC Day Care

Toronto Road

Shepherd Road

Lincoln Land Community College

Capital Area Career Center

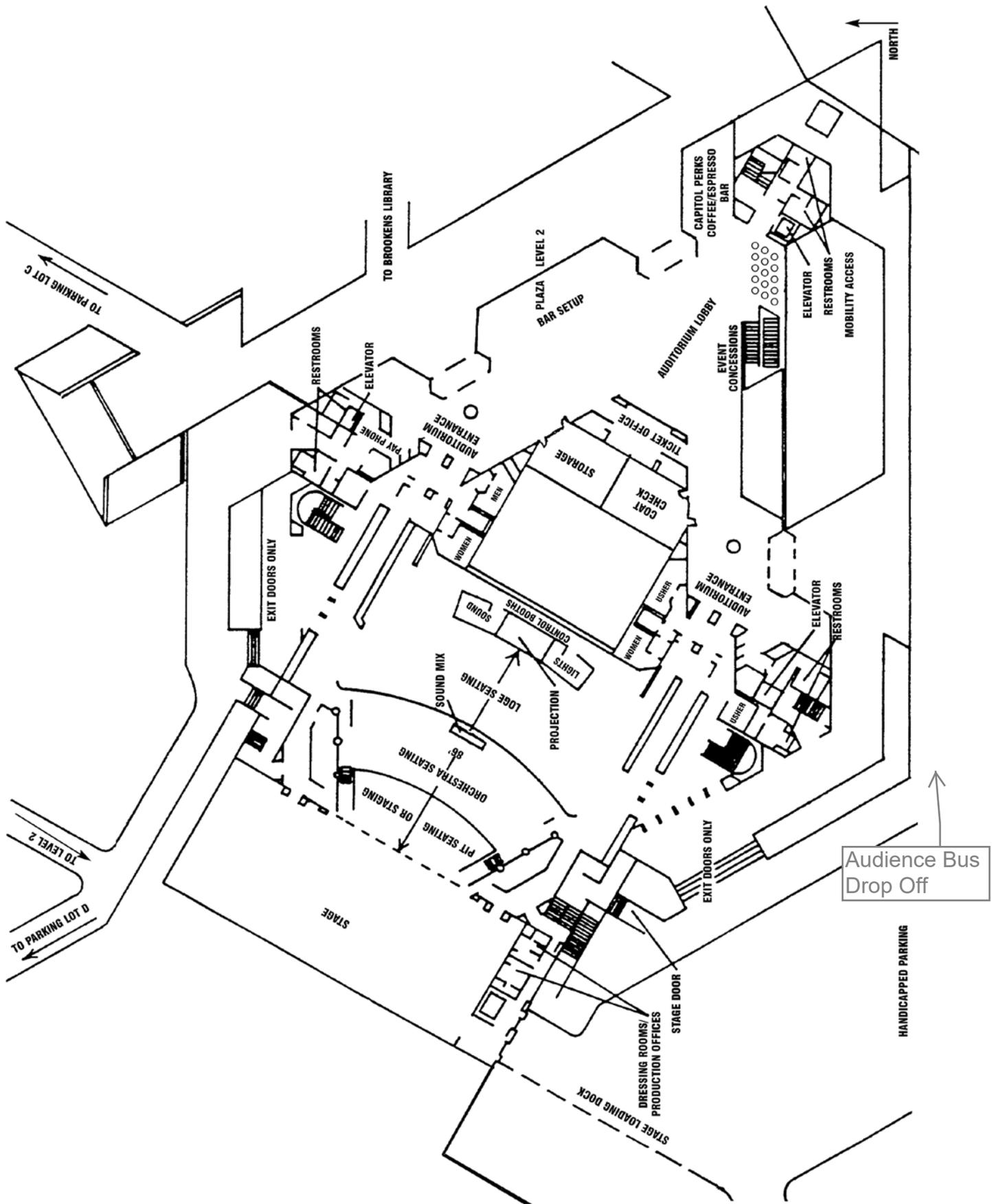
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## Schedule of Events

### Thursday, April 6, 2017

6:00 pm – 10:00 pm	The HUB	Plaza G & H
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Registration (pick up only)	Plaza G & H
7:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Briefing Registration*	Plaza E & F
7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Combined Briefing	Plaza E & F
8:30 pm – 10:30 pm	Quartet Reception**	Plaza J

### Friday, April 7, 2017

9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Registration (pick up only)	Plaza G & H
9:00 am – 7:00 pm	The HUB	Plaza G & H
9:30 am – 11:30 am	Sound Check	Sangamon Auditorium
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	All Events Ticket Sales	Plaza G & H
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Showmanship with Renée	Plaza E & F
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Mass Sing	Plaza E & F
4:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Registration & Ticket Sales	Plaza Lobby
5:30 pm – 10:00 pm	Quartet Contest	Sangamon Auditorium

### Saturday, April 8, 2017

11:00 am – 2:15 pm	Registration & Ticket Sales	Plaza Lobby
12:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Chorus Contest	Sangamon Auditorium
6:30 pm	Regional Dinner	Plaza Ballroom

Listed locations are in the Crowne Plaza except Sangamon Auditorium.

\* Chorus & Quartet contestants to turn in competition paperwork

\*\* By Invitation only