

MIDWEST HARMONY

Region 3

The logo features the words "MIDWEST HARMONY" in a large, bold, black sans-serif font. The word "MIDWEST" is on the top line, and "HARMONY" is on the bottom line. The letter "H" in "HARMONY" is partially obscured by a musical staff. The staff is a five-line staff with a treble clef on the right and a bass clef on the left. The word "Region 3" is written in a black, cursive script font below the word "HARMONY".

Regional Convention and Competition
May 4 – 7, 2023 - Milwaukee, Wisconsin

February 26, 2023

To: Competing Quartets
Regional Management Team

From: Convention Steering Committee

RE: Convention Mailing #2 – Quartet

Enclosures

1. Convention Information
2. Winners Circle Invite
3. Forms (separate attachments)

Convention Mailing #2 - Quartet

- **Schedule of Events** – There have been some updates to the convention schedule since the first mailing. An updated schedule is enclosed.
- **Registration** – Registration will be located on the 4th floor of the Hilton beginning at 6:00 pm on Thursday. Programs will be digital this year. We will send a notice when the program is on the website (available for download) and will provide a QR code onsite.
- **Badges** – Registration will only be handing out the paper (name) portion. Members will need to provide their own lanyard or badge holder. Lanyards and badge holders will be available for sale.
- **Competition Details** – Our next mailing will have all the detail information surrounding the competition. The next mailing will be sent after the final entry deadline which is March 13, 2023. Here are a few points to assist you in your planning:
 - The pattern will begin in the lobby of the Hilton hotel
 - Contestants will be bused to the competition stage
 - Quartets will have photographs taken at the theater
 - Quartets will receive a 10 minute warm-up
 - Quartets can enter Stage Right or Center Stage. Exit Stage Left only
 - Emcee lectern is Stage Left
 - After sound check, quartets will be given the opportunity to practice their stage walk-on, sing a few notes and stage exit
- **Sound Check & Pattern Walk Through** – Quartets are invited to walk the pattern. Meet in the lobby of the Miller High Life Theater at 8:30 am.
- **Busing** – Contestants will be bused from the hotel to the Miller High Life Theater. Only competing members, directors, convention assistants and those helpers named in forms are allowed in the buses. Please note that busing is not provided for audience members and no return transportation will be provided for anyone.
- **Emcees** – This year's emcees are Bonnie Fedyski for quartets and Cindy Slowik & Marge Zimmerman for choruses.

- **Regional Quartet Awards** – Midwest Harmony Region 3 is proud to present our own regional awards. Here are the awards and the criteria upon which they will be awarded:
 - **Novice Quartet** – Eligible quartets must earn a minimum of 400 points and have 3 or 4 members that have never appeared on the contest stage. The highest scoring Novice Quartet receives medallions.
 - **Jarmela Speta Most Improved Quartet Trophy** – this award honors Jarmela Speta - a two-time International Champion Quartet member, Nota Belles in 1955 and Rarities in 1970, and the director of the Racine Chorus, our first International Champion Chorus. This trophy will be awarded to the quartet scoring the largest increase of points over the previous year's score. Only quartets in the International Division are eligible.
- **The Harmony Boutique** – Choral-Aires and Melodeers choruses will have raffles. Be sure to get your tickets and help our champions raise money for competition in Louisville. See the schedule for times & locations.
- ***The Art of Connecting With Our Audience*** – Presented by Renee Porzel. Here is your chance to learn from one of the best! Please join us on Friday at 1:00 pm in the Wright Ballroom.
- **Mass Sing** – Region 3's annual Mass Sing is back at Miller High Life Theater. Please join us on Friday at 3:00 pm in the Miller High Life Theater Lobby. Sing together before the quartet competition!
- **LET'S CONTINUE THE PARTY SATURDAY NIGHT!!** Choruses will be hosting parties in their private rooms (no regional room this year). A list of choruses and room locations will be provided closer to the convention.

FORMS

There are many forms to complete for competition. Please thoroughly read through this section. **MOST** of the forms need to be mailed ahead. Copies of all forms are included within this mailing (separate attachment) and will be posted on the website.

- **Contestant Form** – New this year, we combined several forms into one. On this form, please indicate your stage entrance and your video order. Also let us know if you have any Fair Assessment fees, Special Circumstances (scooters, wheelchairs) and helpers. Completed form with payment is due April 1st.
- **Song List Form** – This form from International provides us with your competition song information and song order. Completed form is due April 1st.
- **Photography** – Read Photography will be taking our photos. Read will send a link to each quartet contact after the convention. Quartet photos will be purchased through online only.
- **Cue Sheets (Open Division Only)** – This form from International provides us with the technical information for your package. Region 3 will offer only one emcee microphone at center stage. We will NOT be offering a choice of lighting colors. Please note the boxes at the bottom of the form regarding starting or ending your package with emcee work. This form is due at briefing.

ALL forms (except cue sheets) must be completed by every contestant.

Quartet Checklist

Due April 1, 2023

- Chorus Contestant Form and video payment
- Song List Form

**Due at Briefing, May 4, 2023
7:00 pm - Wright Ballroom, Hilton Hotel**

- Cue Sheets (Open Division Contestants Only)
- Review previously mailed forms for any changes
- Provide room numbers of your quartet members

All forms may be found on Region 3's website, www.region3sweetadelines.org

Items should be mailed/emailed to:

Shelly Hughes
238 Bell Dr
Cary, IL 60013
skhsnoopy@comcast.net



THE REGION 3 WINNERS' CIRCLE

invites all Region 3 competing quartets

Quartet Reception

THURSDAY, MAY 4TH, 2023

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE BRIEFING

APPROXIMATELY 8:30 - 9:30 PM

The Empire Room

LOCATED OFF THE MAIN LOBBY OF THE HOTEL

Eat, Drink, and Sing!

HORS D'OEUVRES AND A CASH BAR

ALL QUARTETS ARE INVITED TO SING A SONG!

RSVP

PLEASE RSVP BY APRIL 24TH TO

WINNERSCIRCLEREGION3@GMAIL.COM



Schedule of Events

Thursday, May 4, 2023

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Harmony Boutique	4 th Floor Registration
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Registration (pick up only)	4 th Floor Registration
7:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Briefing Registration*	Wright Ballroom
7:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Combined Briefing	Wright Ballroom
8:30 pm – 10:30 pm	Quartet Reception**	Empire Ballroom

Friday, May 5, 2023

8:30 am – 11:00 am	Sound Check	Miller High Life Theater
11:00 am – 1:00 pm	All Events Ticket Sales	4 th Floor Registration
11:00 am – 2:30 pm	Registration (pick up only)	4 th Floor Registration
11:00 am – 2:30 pm	Harmony Boutique	4 th Floor Registration
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Education Class	Wright Ballroom
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Mass Sing	Miller High Life Theater
3:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Registration & Ticket Sales	Miller High Life Theater
3:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Harmony Boutique	Miller High Life Theater
4:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Quartet Contest	Miller High Life Theater

Saturday, May 6, 2023

11:00 am – 2:30 pm	Registration & Ticket Sales	Miller High Life Theater
12:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Chorus Contest	Miller High Life Theater
Evening	Chorus Parties	Hospitality Rooms

Locations listed are in the Hilton or Miller High Life Theater (competition venue)

* Chorus & Quartet contestants to turn in competition paperwork

** By Invitation only