

MIDWEST HARMONY REGION 3

Regional Convention and Competition
May 1 – 4, 2025 - Milwaukee, Wisconsin

March 7, 2025

To: Competing Chorus Leaders
Competing Chorus Directors
Regional Management Team

From: Convention Steering Committee

RE: Convention Mailing #2 – Chorus

Enclosures

1. Convention Information
2. Forms (separate attachments)

Convention Mailing #2 - Chorus

- **Schedule of Events** – There have been some updates to the convention schedule since the first mailing. An updated schedule is enclosed.
- **Watch Your Membership Roster** – **All members competing on the regional stage must be listed on each chorus' membership roster on April 30th.** You must be sure that all new members and all renewals are processed through Tulsa no later than April 30th. If a chorus competes with a member not appearing on their membership report, the chorus could be disqualified. Chapter leaders may access their membership reports through International's website. If you have questions about this, please ask. Waiting until the briefing will be too late.
- **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 19, 2025. 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 competition stage
 - Choruses will receive a 10 minute warm-up
 - Purse totes will be provided as you exit warm-up and will need to be returned after you exit the stage
 - Choruses will enter Stage Right and exit Stage Left
 - Emcee lectern is Stage Left
 - During sound check, directors may stand up by those conducting the sound check chorus; however, you will not be allowed to direct the sound check chorus
- **Sound Check** – Will begin at 8:30 am at the Miller High Life Theater. Members are invited to join the region chorus to test the stage. We will be singing Send Your Love and How We Sang Today under the direction of Amy Brinkman & Bonnie Fedyski.
- **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 Carol Thompson for quartets and Liz Hardcastle for choruses.
- **Regional Chorus 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:
 - **Membership Chorus of the Year** – Presented to the chorus with the largest growth in membership. The chorus receives a trophy and a monetary gift.
 - **Renée Porzel Showmanship Trophy** – This award honors our 2012-2014 International President. The stylish trophy is presented to the chorus scoring highest in the Visual Communication category that is not the Division A Champion Chorus, the Division AA Champion Chorus or the Regional Champion Chorus. Only choruses in the International Division are eligible.
 - **Joan Boutilier Director’s Trophies** – This award honors our 2020-2022 International President’s passion for being a chorus director. The trophies are presented to the three champion directors: Division A, Division AA and Overall.
- **The Harmony Boutique** – Choral-Aires and Great Lake Sound choruses will have sale items and raffles. Be sure to get your tickets and help our Columbus bound members raise money for International competition. See the schedule for times & locations.
- ***From the Inside Out: Confidence on Stage*** – Presented by Cori Albrecht, Bass of our 2008 International Champion Quartet, Four Bettys. Cori will present strategies for overcoming performance anxiety and selling the song. Join her 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** – On this form, please indicate your final song pose, your photo pose and your video order. Also let us know if you have any Fair Assessment fees, Wheelchair Transportation, Riser Chairs and helpers. Completed form with payment is due April 1st.
- **List of Competing Member Verification Form** – This form from International must be mailed ahead – *please disregard the instruction to bring the form to briefing*. Please list any member that may appear on the contest stage. If a member's appearance on the stage is questionable, put them on the list. You may delete a name; however, you are not able to add anyone. At the briefing, we will confirm the list with you. You **MUST** use this form – **NO OTHER FORMAT IS ALLOWED**. Completed form 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 Form** – Photographs of your chorus are available for purchase. Completed forms with payment must be received by April 1st.
- **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.

Chorus Checklist

Due April 1, 2025

- Chorus Contestant Form and video payment
- List of Competing Members Verification Form
- Song List Form
- Chorus Photography Form and payment

Due at Briefing, May 1, 2024 7:00 pm - Wright Ballroom, Hilton Hotel

- Cue Sheets (Open Division Contestants Only)
- Review previously mailed forms for any changes
- Provide phone numbers of your director and president/team leader

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



Schedule of Events

Thursday, May 1, 2025

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| 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 A & B |
| 7:30 pm – 8:00 pm | Combined Briefing | Wright Ballroom A & B |
| 8:30 pm – 10:30 pm | Quartet Reception** | Empire Ballroom |

Friday, May 2, 2025

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| 9:00 am – 11:30 am | Sound Check | Miller High Life Theater |
| 9:00 am – 2:45 pm | Registration (pick up only) | 4 th Floor Registration |
| 9:00 am – 2:30 pm | Harmony Boutique | 4 th Floor Registration |
| 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm | All Events Ticket Sales | 4 th Floor Registration |
| 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm | <i>From the Inside Out:</i> <i>- Confidence on the Stage</i> <i>presented by Cori Albrecht, 2008 Queen of Harmony</i> | Wright Ballroom A & B |
| 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm | Registration & Ticket Sales | Miller High Life Theater |
| 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm | Mass Sing | Miller High Life Theater |
| 4:00 pm – 10:00 pm | Quartet Contest | Miller High Life Theater |

Saturday, May 3, 2025

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| 11:00 am – 3:00 pm | Registration & Ticket Sales | Miller High Life Theater |
| 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm | Chorus Contest | Miller High Life Theater |
| 8:30 pm | 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