# **Region 3 Convention and Competition 2025**

#### #1 - SCHEDULE

<u>Thursday, May 1, 2025</u> 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Registration (pick up only)	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Registration
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Harmony Boutique	4 <sup>th</sup> 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 2, 2025		
8:30 am - 11:30 am	Sound Check	Miller High Life Theater
9:00 am - 2:30 pm	Registration (pick up only)	4th Floor Registration
9:00 am - 2:30 pm	Harmony Boutique	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Registration
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	All Events Ticket Sales	4th Floor Registration
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm	From the Inside Out:	Wright Ballroom
<ul> <li>Confidence on the Stage with Cori Albrecht</li> </ul>		
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Mass Sing	Miller High Life Theater
3:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Registration & Ticket Sales	Miller High Life Theater
4:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Quartet Contest	Miller High Life Theater
Saturday, May 3, 2025		
11:00 am - 2:30 pm	Registration & Ticket Sales	Miller High Life Theater
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Chorus Contest	Miller High Life Theater
Evening	Chorus Parties	Hospitality Rooms
* Chorus & Quartet contestants to turn in competition paperwork		
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#### #2 - HILTON MILWAUKEE CITY CENTER HOTEL

The Hilton Milwaukee City Center Hotel is located at 509 W. Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53203. Phone number is 414-271-7250.

Hotel rate is \$162/night plus tax. Check-in time is 3:00 pm. Check-out time is 12:00 pm. Early check-in and late check-out may be available – fees may apply.

The Hilton's front desk is on the second floor. A credit card is required at check-in. If using a debit card, an authorization will be taken based on the number of nights in your reservation.

The Hilton has an attached parking garage. The entrance is on 5<sup>th</sup> Street. The walkway to the hotel is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> level and there is an elevator with access to each level.

Discounted parking of \$18/night is available for those staying at the hotel. Bring your ticket to the front desk for validation. The parking will be charged to the credit card provided for incidentals.

The Hilton has complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the hotel. You will be given an access code at check-in.

The hotel has been updating the sleeping rooms. All rooms now have a refrigerator and a Keurig coffee machine.

### #3 - HOTEL RESTAURANTS

The Hilton has several restaurants for your enjoyment. Here is a brief description of what they serve, where they are located and when they are open. Please note that the Hilton does not have room service.

<u>Starbucks</u> – on 1<sup>st</sup> floor Daily: 6:00 am – 4:00 pm

<u>Café</u> – breakfast buffet, on 1<sup>st</sup> floor Monday – Friday: 6:30 am – 11:00 am Saturday & Sunday: 6:30 am – 12:00 pm

Monarch Lounge – bar with small plate/appetizers, on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor across from front desk

Closed Sunday - Thursday

Friday & Saturday: 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm

<u>Miller Time Pub</u> – general restaurant featuring some Milwaukee favorites, on 1<sup>st</sup> floor

Everyday: Opens at 11:00 am

Sunday – Thursday: Closes at 10:00 pm Friday & Saturday: Closes at 12:00 am

To go orders accepted (when kitchen is not overwhelmed). Call from room or go to host stand to place to go orders.

**Chophouse** – finer dining dinner restaurant, on 1st floor

Sunday & Monday: Closed

Tuesday - Saturday: 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm

#### #4 - MILLER HIGH LIFE THEATER

The Miller High Life Theater (MHLT) is located at 500 W Kilbourn Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53203. The MHLT is 2 blocks from the Hilton.

During the sound check, you will NOT need your badge to enter. You will need to show your All Events badge or single event ticket to enter for the competitions.

No outside food or drink is allowed in the theater except for water. Water must be in a closable container.

Concessions anyone? MHLT Theater concessions will be open during our competitions. Concessions are CASHLESS – you must pay with credit or debit cards. Happy eating and drinking.

#### #5 - NO SMOKING POLICY

The Hilton and the Miller High Life Theater are smoke-free facilities. The Hilton will charge a cleaning fee if you smoke in your room. Smoking is allowed outside away from any entrance.

#### #6 - BADGES & TICKETS

Name badges will serve as your All Events Tickets. The badges are needed to enter the competition venue.

All Events and Single Event tickets prices are:

\$125 – All Events

\$ 65 – Single Events

\$ 30 – Child Single Events (guests 12 and under)

The region only accepts cash or check (payable to Midwest Harmony Region 3, Inc.). Credit card transactions are not available.

Please refer to the convention schedule for times and locations.

# #7 - PROGRAM

The convention program will be digital again this year. Visit the region's website to download your copy now. www.region3sweetadelines.org

Looking for a paper copy? Stop by regional sales. Rumor has it there may be some paper copies available for sale.

#### #8 - DON'T FORGET YOUR LANYARDS

Pack your lanyards, badge holders, or whatever you like to use to display your name badge. At registration, you will receive the paper badge insert and badge holder. An assortment of lanyards will be available for sale at the Region's sales table.

#### #9 – RAFFLES

Be sure to stop by Harmony Boutique to support the Columbus bound choruses. They will have incredible items for sale & raffle. Raffle winners will be drawn Saturday evening.

### <u>Open</u>

Thursday 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, 4<sup>th</sup> floor Hilton 9:00 am to 2:30 pm, 4<sup>th</sup> floor Hilton Evening, near cash bars Hilton

## #10 - FRIDAY MORNING SOUND CHECK

The Sound Check will begin at 8:30 am at Miller High Life Theater. Join directors, Amy Brinkman & Bonnie Fedyski, on the stage to sing "Send Your Love" and "How We Sang Today".

## #11 - FROM THE INSIDE OUT - CONFIDENCE ON THE STAGE

The stage is everything to Sweet Adelines. Join Cori Albrecht, Queen of Harmony and performer extraordinaire, for this interactive experience at 1:00 pm in the Wright Ballroom. Explore how each of us can bring our best performance to the stage.

#### #12 - MASS SING

Kick off your convention weekend with a song. This year's Mass Sing will be held in the MHLT grand rotunda lobby at 3:00 pm. Sing a few songs with your sisters in harmony before the quartet competition while we feature our assistant directors

Let's Sing Again – Laurel Peterson, Riverport You're The Spirit of Sweet Adelines – Joan Boutilier, River City Sound Send Your Love – TBA One Song At A Time – Melissa Dalton, Great Lake Sound It's The Music That Brings Us Together – Bonnie Fedyski, Choral-Aires How We Sang Today – TBA

Visit the member's only section of the website for music and learning tracks.

#### #13 – *BUSING*

Contestants will be bused to the competition venue. Contestants may be asked to present their All Events badge to enter backstage. To avoid problems at the theater, all contestants will be required to present their All Events badge to board the bus.

There is no return busing for contestants and no busing for the audience.

#### #14 - LIVESTREAM

Region 3 will be livestreaming our quartet and chorus competitions this year. You can enter the livestream by clicking on the Livestream box on our website www.region3sweetadelines.org.

There is no charge for the livestream. Please consider donating so we may continue to offer this service. Just click on the donate button. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

#### #15 – GIFT CARDS

Hilton Milwaukee City Center will accept Hilton gift cards for payment. You may use plastic or digital gift cards provided your digital gift card has a number the front desk clerk can input to their system.

\*\*\* Hilton gift cards are available on the Raise Right system \*\*\*

#### #16 - WELCOME JUDGES

Our judging panel

Bobbette Gantz – Sound Judge Jana Gutenson – Music Judge Paula Davis – Expression Judge & Panel Chair Jennifer Williams – Visual Communications Judge Therese Antonini – Panel Secretary

## #17 - SATURDAY NIGHT IS PARTY TIME!

After all that competition, it's time to let loose and have some fun!

Many choruses have hospitality rooms. Below is a list of all the rooms. Join in for an evening of fun and celebration!

# 4th Floor

Crosstown Harmony – Mitchell Great Lake Sound – Wright AB Heart of Illinois – MacArthur Melodeers – Wright C Riverport – Walker

### 5<sup>th</sup> Floor

Choral-Aires – Crystal Midwest Crossroad – Regency River City Sound - Kilbourn Vermillion Valley Show – Oak

Cash bars will be set up in central locations. Please be advised that no outside food or alcohol is allowed – please purchase your drinks from the hotel bars.

#### #18 - VISIT MILWAUKEE

Need more information on Milwaukee. Visit Milwaukee is here to help. Check out their website visitmilwaukee.org.

#### #19 - YOUR CONVENTION STEERING COMMITTEE

It is our pleasure to assist all of you in having a wonderful convention and competition experience!

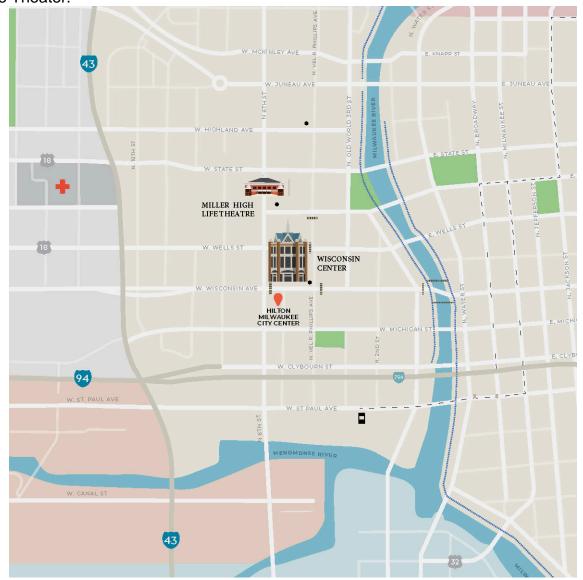
Competition Coordinator (CC) &
Chair of the Regional Convention (CRC)
Shelly Hughes
Melodeers &
Midwest Crossroad

Events Coordinator (EVC)
Kristin Farwig
Midwest Crossroad

Official Panel Liaisons (OPL)
Barb Godwin & Mary Ann Neuman
Melodeers & Midwest Crossroad

# #20 - MAP

Below is a map of the area around the Hilton Milwaukee City Center and the Miller High Life Theater.



# **SAFE TRAVELS - SEE YOU SOON!**

For more information, visit our website www.region3sweetadelines.org