

R3 MIDWEST HARMONY REGION 3

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

March 7, 2025

To: Competing Quartets
Regional Management Team

From: Convention Steering Committee

RE: Convention Mailing #2 – Quartet

Enclosures

1. Convention Information
2. 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 18, 2024. 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** – Will begin at 8:30 am at the Miller High Life Theater. Quartets 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 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 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.
- **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. 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.

Quartet Checklist

Due April 1, 2025

- Quartet Contestant Form and video payment
- Song List Form

**Due at Briefing, May 1, 2025
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 quartet members

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

Items should be mailed/emailed to:

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Schedule of Events

Thursday, May 1, 2025

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

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

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