



2026 Regional Convention Program

Schedule of Events

Thursday, April 30, 2026

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Registration (pick up only)	4 th Floor Registration
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Harmony Boutique	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 1, 2026

8:30 am – 11:30 am	Sound Check	Miller High Life Theater
9:00 am – 2:30 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	Tag You're It <i>presented by Lora Wright, Heart of Illinois Director</i>	Wright Ballroom A & B
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 2, 2026

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
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



2026-2027 REGIONAL MANAGEMENT TEAM

Communications Coordinator.... Jessica Moore
Directors' Coordinator Laurel Peterson
Education Coordinator..... Sherry Berkley
Events Coordinator..... Kristin Farwig
Finance Coordinator..... Lisa Pitney
Marketing Coordinator..... Toni Mitt
Membership Coordinator..... Cindy Slowik
Team CoordinatorNiki Stopoulos

Thank you to outgoing RMT Member

Carol Thompson, Education Coordinator

SAVE THE DATES

**KEEPING THE MAGIC ALIVE
SEPTEMBER 25 & 26
BOLINGBROOK, IL**

**2027 REGIONAL CONVENTION
APRIL 29 – MAY 2
MILWAUKEE, WI**



2026 CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Chair of the Regional Convention.....Shelly Hughes
Competition Coordinator.....Shelly Hughes
Events Coordinator.....Kristin Farwig
Official Panel Liaisons.....Barb Godwin & Mary Ann Neuman
Asst. Chair of the Regional Convention.....Cindy Slowik
Advertising (Jumbotrons)..... Linda Gross
Convention Assistants Representatives
 Melodeers..... Gretchen Streett
 Midwest Crossroad..... Vanessa Tulley
Committee Sherry Berkley,
Katherine Nelson, Dawn Stern, Renee Reiboldt

OFFICIAL PANEL

Sound.....Bobbette Gantz
Music.....Kay Brommert
Expression** Vickie Maybury
Visual Communication.....Barbara Nielson
Secretary Kelli Hinton
 ***Panel Chair*

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Official Panel, Quartet Carol Thompson
Official Panel, Chorus.....Allison Hengelsberg

EMCEES

QuartetTori Hicks
Chorus.....Cori Albrecht & Joan Boutilier

Competition - Quartets (listed in tenor, lead, bari & bass order)

Mic Testers

PRISM – Cindy Ahlgrim, Jenelle Lambert, Janet Masters, Debbie Lee
Choral-Aires, Melodeers & Midwest Crossroad Choruses

1. **On A Whim** – Dorothy Debolt, Annette McCoy, Jessica Huffman, Carolin Tschopp
Toast of Champaign Chorus

2. **Cool Beans** – Rochelle Hackman, Kari Schwartz, Ilse Bartkowski, Becky Janz
Crosstown Harmony Chorus & Chapter-At-Large

3. **Heatwave** – Kim Snellenberger, Ingrid Kanady, Corinne Garcia, Mina Peters-Ritchie
Melodeers & Midwest Crossroad Choruses

4. **Daybreak** (Evaluation Only) – Joan Boutilier, Sara Clevenger, Mim Manuel, Allison Hengelsberg
Greater Harmony & River City Sound Choruses

5. **Meant2B** – Diane Dunk, Sarah Urban, Susan Musgrave, Renee Juvan
Choral-Aires & Riverport Choruses

6. **Humdingers** – Dawn Ashley, Molly Heimerdinger, Andrea Cool, Lesley Mylrea
Choral-Aires and Yahara River Choruses & Chapter-At-Large
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*** *Intermission* ***

Membership Longevity Awards

7. **Harmony Roads** – Nancy Harston, Ruth Collins, Liz Ackerman, Lois Hanley
Heart of Illinois Chorus
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8. **Stiletto** – Lindsey Bondi, Kim Blair, Missy Roberts, Linda Herza
Choral-Aires & Song of Atlanta Choruses
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9. **Sneakers** – Linda Gross, Barb Godwin, Mary Mantis, Karen Leet
Melodeers & Midwest Crossroad Choruses
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10. **Mixed Bag** – Jodi Cline, Jessica Moore, Becky McDuffee, Kyoko Swada
Choral-Aires & Toast of Champaign Choruses
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11. **PRISM** (Evaluation Only) – Cindy Ahlgrim, Jenelle Lambert, Janet Masters, Debbie Lee
Choral-Aires, Melodeers & Midwest Crossroad Choruses

SWAN SONG

2025 Region 3 Champion Quartet

PRISM

Cindy Ahlgrim, Jenelle Lambert,
Janet Masters & Debbie Lee

Performance by

The Winners Circle

Region 3's Quartet Champions

Smoking, Flash Photography, and Recording of any kind are
NOT ALLOWED DURING THE COMPETITIONS.

Please turn off cell phones, pagers, watch alarms,
and any other noise-making items.

Thank you!

Quartet Awards

5th Place Medalist

- presented by By Request

4th Place Medalist

- presented by Maureen Brzinski, MeloEdge & Pat Rotunno, Jubilation

3rd Place Medalist

- presented by Cori Albrecht & Joan Boutilier, Four Bettys

2nd Place Medalist

- presented by Amy Brinkman & Bonnie Fedyski, Chicago Fire

2026 Region 3 Champion Quartet

- presented by PRISM and DeAnne Haugen, Martini

It's The Music That Brings Us Together

Laurel Peterson

Director, Riverport Chorus

Directors' Coordinator

Competition - Choruses

1. **HarmonEssence** – Lisa Pitney, Certified Director

2. **Toast of Champaign** – Jackie Compton, Harmony 500 Director

3. **Heart of Illinois** – Lora Wright, Certified Director

4. **River City Sound** – Joan Boutilier, Master Director

5. **Vermillion Valley Show** – Kathy Filipiak, Master Director

6. **Crosstown Harmony** – Kari Schwartz, Harmony 500 Director

7. **Yahara River** – Jennifer Johnson, Harmony 500 Director

8. **Riverport** (Open Division) – Laurel Peterson, Certified Director

******* *Intermission* *******

9. **Midwest Crossroad** (Evaluation Only) – Tori Hicks, Master Director

10. **Great Lake Sound** – Carol Thompson, Master Director

11. **Choral-Aires** – Amy Brinkman & Bonnie Fedyski, Master Directors

12. **Melodeers** (Evaluation Only) – Renee Porzel, Master Director

SWAN SONG

2025 Region 3 Champion Chorus

Melodeers Chorus

Renee Porzel, Master Director

Performance Level Guidelines

A +	Level	94-100	C+	Level	54-59
A	Level	86-93	C	Level	46-53
A -	Level	80-85	C -	Level	40-45
B+	Level	74-79	D+	Level	34-39
B	Level	66-73	D	Level	26-33
B -	Level	60-65	D -	Level	20-25

Division A - 15 to 25 Members* • Division AA - 26 to 50 Members*

**Does not include the director*

Chorus Awards

Bravo Award

- presented by Toni Mitt, Marketing Coordinator

Most Improved Chorus

- presented by Jessica Moore, Communications Coordinator

Chorus Awards (continued)

3rd Place Division A Medalist

- presented by Sherry Berkley, incoming Education Coordinator and Carol Thompson, Education Coordinator
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2nd Place Division A Medalist

- presented by Laurel Peterson, Directors' Coordinator and Lisa Pitney, Finance Coordinator
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2026 Region 3 Division A Champion Chorus

- presented by Tori Hicks, Director & Katherine Nelson, Team Manager
Midwest Crossroad Chorus, 2026 Wild Card Chorus
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3rd Place Division AA Medalist

- presented by Christine Dunham & Linda Gross, Convention Team Members
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2nd Place Division AA Medalist

- presented by Renee Rieboldt & Dawn Stern, Convention Team Members
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2026 Region 3 Division AA Champion Chorus

- presented by Renee Porzel, Director & Beth Bosak, Team Manager
Melodeers Chorus, 2025 Division AA Champion Chorus
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Chorus Awards (continued)

5th Place Medalist

- presented by Gretchen Streett, Melodeers Convention Assistant Representative and Vanessa Tulley, Midwest Crossroad Convention Assistant Representative
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4th Place Medalist

- presented by Kristin Farwig, Events Coordinator and Niki Stopoulos, Team Coordinator
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3rd Place Medalist

- presented by Barb Godwin & Mary Ann Neuman, Official Panel Liaisons
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2nd Place Medalist

- presented by Shelly Hughes, Competition Coord and Chair of the Regional Conv and Cindy Slowik, Membership Coordinator & Asst. Chair of the Regional Convention
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2026 Region 3 Champion Chorus

- presented by Renee Porzel, Director & Beth Bosak, Team Manager
Melodeers Chorus, 2025 Region 3 Champion Chorus
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How We Sang Today

Champion Director