

# R3 MIDWEST HARMONY REGION 3

Regional Convention and Competition  
April 30 – May 3, 2026 - Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**March 12, 2026**

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 17, 2026. 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 Renee Porzel.
- **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 Tori Hicks for quartets and Cori Albrecht & Joan Boutilier 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 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** – Melodeers and Midwest Crossroad 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.
- **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 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Song List Form** – This form from International provides us with your competition song information and song order. Completed form is due April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Photography** – Read Photography will be taking our photos. Completed forms with payment are due at briefing.
- **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.

Contestant and Song List forms must be completed by every contestant. Photography orders are optional. Cue Sheets only needed for Open Division contestants.

# Quartet Checklist

**Due April 1, 2026**

- Quartet Contestant Form and video payment
- Song List Form

**Due at Briefing, April 30, 2026  
7:00 pm - Wright Ballroom, Hilton Hotel**

- Quartet Photography Form and payment
- 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](http://www.region3sweetadelines.org)

Items should be mailed/emailed to:

Shelly Hughes  
238 Bell Dr  
Cary, IL 60013  
[skhsnoopy@comcast.net](mailto:skhsnoopy@comcast.net)



## Schedule of Events

### Thursday, April 30, 2026

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

8:30 am – 11:00 am	Sound Check	Miller High Life Theater
9:00 am – 2:30 pm	Registration (pick up only)	4 <sup>th</sup> 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	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Registration
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Class	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