



# 2025 Regional Convention Program

## Schedule of Events

### Thursday, May 1, 2025

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)	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	<b><i>From the Inside Out:</i></b>	Wright Ballroom A & B
	<b><i>- Confidence on the Stage</i></b>	
	<i>presented by Cori Albrecht, 2008 Queen of Harmony</i>	
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
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



## **2025-2026 REGIONAL MANAGEMENT TEAM**

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

## ***Thank you to outgoing RMT Members***

Tori Hicks, Directors' Coordinator  
Shelly Hughes, Finance Coordinator  
Marge Zimmerman, Team Coordinator  
Collene Zemke, RMT Secretary

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!***



## **2025 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. Competition Coordinator.....Sue Hollar  
Asst. Chair of the Regional Convention.....Cindy Slowik  
Advertising (Jumbotrons).....Linda Gross  
Convention Assistants Representatives  
    Choral-Aires .....Molly Heimerdinger  
    Great Lake Sound .....Karen Jerde  
Committee .. Sherry Berkley, Katherine Nelson,  
                Debbie Pfennig, Kim Snellenberger

## **OFFICIAL PANEL**

Sound .....Bobbette Gantz  
Music ..... Jana Gutenson  
Expression\*\* ..... Paula Davis  
Visual Communication..... Jennifer Williams  
Secretary ..... Therese Antonini  
    \*\**Panel Chair*

## **PAGE**

Official Panel ..... Natalie Allen

## **EMCEES**

Quartet ..... Carol Thompson  
Chorus ..... Liz Hardcastle

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

## Mic Testers

Vivace.....Kellie Phifer, Mary Lauren Keeny, Elian Cox, Kim Wonders  
Metro Nashville & Song of Atlanta

---

---

1. Mixed Bag.....Jodi Cline, Jessica Moore, Becky McDuffee, Kyoko Swada  
Choral-Aires & Toast of Champaign

---

---

2. Whimsy.....Vicki Jernas, Kristin Farwig, Christine Dunham, Debi Batchelor  
Great Lake Sound, Melodeers & Midwest Crossroad

---

---

3. Sneakers.....Linda Gross, Barb Godwin, Mary Mantis, Karen Leet  
Melodeers & Midwest Crossroad

---

---

4. On A Whim.....Dorothy Debolt, Annette McCoy, Jessica Huffman, Carolin Tschopp  
Toast of Champaign

---

---

5. Cool Beans.....Rochelle Hackman, Kari Schwartz, Ilse Bartkowski, Becky Janz  
Crosstown Harmony & Chapter-At-Large
- 
- 

\*\*\* *Intermission* \*\*\*

## Membership Longevity Awards

6. Away We Go.....Pam Sheldon, Alex Criner, Emily Wertanen, Kim Alexander  
Choral-Aires & Melodeers
- 
- 

7. By Request.....Angie Williams, Mary Fitzgerald, Jennifer Johnson, Jane Richard  
Yahara River
- 
- 

8. Stiletto.....Lindsey Bondi, Kim Blair, Cat Gattone, Linda Herza  
Choral-Aires
- 
-

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

---

---



Performance by  
*The Winners Circle*

Region 3's Quartet Champions

**SAVE THE DATES**

**BARBERSHOP MAGIC  
AUGUST 15 & 16  
BOLINGBROOK, IL**

**2026 REGIONAL CONVENTION  
APRIL 30 – MAY 3  
MILWAUKEE, WI**

# *Quartet Awards*

## **5<sup>th</sup> Place Medalist**

- presented by Vivace

---

## **4<sup>th</sup> Place Medalist**

- presented by Cori Albrecht & Joan Boutilier, Four Bettys

---

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Place Medalist**

- presented by Amy Brinkman & Bonnie Fedyski, Chicago Fire

---

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Place Medalist**

- presented by DeAnne Haugen, Martini & Maureen Brzinski, MeloEdge

---

## **2024 Region 3 Champion Quartet**

- presented by Liz Hardcastle, Ambiance & Pat Rotunno, Jubilation

---

*It's The Music That Brings Us Together*

Amy Brinkman

Master Director, Choral-Aires Chorus

# Competition - Choruses

1. Heart of Illinois – Lora Wright, Certified Director

---

---

2. Yahara River – Jennifer Johnson, Harmony 500 Director

---

---

3. Vermillion Valley Show – Kathy Filipiak, Master Director

---

---

4. Crosstown Harmony – Kari Schwartz, Harmony 500 Director

---

---

5. Danville – Peggy Marruffo, Certified Director

---

---

6. Riverport – OPEN DIVISION – Laurel Peterson, Certified Director

---

---



7. River City Sound – Joan Boutilier, Master Director

---

---

\*\*\* *Intermission* \*\*\*

8. Great Lake Sound – EVALUATION ONLY – Carol Thompson, Master Director

---

---

9. Midwest Crossroad – Tori Hicks, Master Director

---

---

10. Melodeers – Renee Porzel, Certified Director

---

---

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

---

---

## SWAN SONG

2024 Region 3 Champion Chorus

### *Choral-Aires Chorus*

Amy Brinkman & Bonnie Fedyski, Directors

#### 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 Sherry Berkley & Kim Snellenberger, Convention Team members

---

### **Most Improved Chorus**

- presented by Sue Hollar, Asst. Competition Coordinator  
& Debbie Pfennig, Convention Team member

---

# *Chorus Awards (continued)*

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Place Division A Medalist**

- presented by Renee Porzel, Past International President

---

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Place Division A Medalist**

- presented by Joan Boutilier, Past International President

---

## **2025 Region 3 Division A Champion Chorus**

- presented by Kari Schwartz, Director & Toni Mitt, Team Manager  
Crosstown Harmony Chorus, 2024 Division A Champion Chorus

---

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Place Division AA Medalist**

- presented by Laurel Peterson, Incoming Directors' Coordinator  
& Collene Zemke, RMT Secretary

---

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Place Division AA Medalist**

- presented by Molly Heimerdinger, Choral-Aires Convention Assistant Representative  
& Karen Jerde, Great Lake Sound Convention Assistant Representative

---

## **2025 Region 3 Division AA Champion Chorus**

- presented by Carol Thompson, Director & Jen Williams, Team Manager  
Great Lake Sound Chorus, 2024 Division AA Champion Chorus

---

# *Chorus Awards (continued)*

## **5<sup>th</sup> Place Medalist**

- presented by Barb Godwin & Mary Ann Neuman, Official Panel Liaisons

---

## **4<sup>th</sup> Place Medalist**

- presented by Kristin Farwig, Events Coordinator  
& Tori Hicks, Directors' Coordinator

---

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Place Medalist**

- presented by Shelly Hughes, Competition Coordinator, Chair of the Regional Convention & Finance Coordinator  
& Cindy Slowik, Asst. Chair of the Regional Convention & Membership Coordinator

---

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Place Medalist**

- presented by Linda Gross, Convention Advertising  
& Jessica Moore, Communications Coordinator

---

## **2025 Region 3 Champion Chorus**

- presented by Amy Brinkman & Bonnie Fedyski, Directors & Valerie Baxter, President Choral-Aires Chorus, 2024 Region 3 Champion Chorus

---

## *How We Sang Today*

Champion Director