

OFFICIAL SOUVENIR PROGRAM

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!



**MAY 2-4, 2025
SYRACUSE, NY**

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON SYRACUSE

Welcome from the Area Director

It is my pleasure as your Area 3 Director to welcome all members and guests to our prestigious **Lights, Camera, Action!** and AC&C 2025, where we'll have a spectacular time in East Syracuse, NY!



Your Host Chapter, Niagara Frontier Chord Authority, has done a wonderful job in creating a memorable weekend. Make sure you stop by their hospitality room and tell them how their room deserves a nomination - there are treasures for everyone!

Be prepared for our award-winning Moonglow at the DoubleTree by Hilton Syracuse. The theme of "**Lights, Camera, Action!**" will be evident throughout the room. It will be so much fun you'll be wanting to applaud your fellow Area 3 members as they perform!

I am very thankful for these wonderful groups of stars: Janine Schindler, ACCT Chair; Erin Cassidy, ACJC; Dene Day, ACCT Facilities; Michelle Buckenmeyer, Judges' Services Coordinator; Sharron Gilbert,

Registration; Ann Christiano, Treasurer; and their dedicated Committees and all of the Area 3 Coordinators who have worked diligently on our behalf to ensure that AC&C 2025 is a great success. Through their teamwork and negotiating with the DoubleTree by Hilton Syracuse, they have secured a great all-in-one location for us to celebrate our weekend.

You will note the great selection of craft classes organized by myself and Nancy Weisbein. Education is a big part of what we do, so please take the time to attend at least one or more of the classes on Sunday morning and learn something new.

I hope that you will have a wonderful and successful weekend with lots of fun and memories! I look forward to seeing you all in November at IC&C to be held in Hershey, PA! Keep on singing!

Sarah Thorne-Miller, Area 3 Director

Message from the Area Contest & Judging Chair

AC&C weekend is here! It's time to take the stage and show us all the hard work and dedication you've put into your contest sets and Area 3 is here to support you and cheer you on. I am so thankful to the ACCT for their teamwork and to our volunteers who help everything run so smoothly.

I want to give a special shout-out to the crew who helps make this contest look and sound so good: Terry Burke and Ken Ketchum who run the lights and sound board, John Aviste who captures the video, the Mohawk Valley BHS Chorus who supplied the risers, and our wonderful stage manager, Teri Allred. They've brought the **Lights!** and the **Camera!** Now it's your turn to bring the **Action!**



Erin Cassidy, Area Contest & Judging Chair

2025 AC&C Judging Panel

Panel Chair

Patricia Cassidy, Sudbury, ON,
(Area 5)

Administrative Judge

Linda Briggs, Barrington, NH
(Area 2)

Musicality Category

Kathy Greason, Brunswick, ME,
(Area 2)

Andrew Carolan, Toronto, ON
(BHS)

Performance Category

Tracey Beatty, Holland Centre, ON
(Area 5)

Fatima Whelan, Dartmouth, NS,
(Area 1)

Singing Category

Amy Patterson, Cambridge, ON
(Area 5)

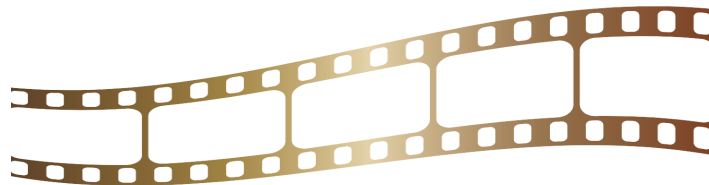
Rik Johnson, O Fallon, Missouri
(BHS)

Practice Panel (Administrative)

Rachel McIntyre, Cambridge, ON
(Area 5)

Practice Panel (Singing)

Susan Ives, Tecumseh, KS
(Area 4)



We Are Thankful

Words and Music by Tom Gentry, Arrangement by Harmony, Inc. Music Judges

We are thankful for the friends beside us.

We are thankful for the songs we share.

We are thankful for the love around us.

We are thankful, thankful for Harmony.

Harmony Creed

G. Ruth Geils

Harmony from our hearts, as well as voices;
Affection for each other, oft expressed;
Radiant with our love of barbershop;
Mindful of our principles and ideals;
Outstretched hands to every race and creed;
Neatness in our dress and in our thinking;
Young in heart, for singing keeps us young;
Inspired with our desire to grow and flourish;
Nourished by devotion to our music;
Constructive in our work for Harmony, Inc.



Harmony, Inc. Events Code of Conduct

All participants—performers, judges, guests, volunteers, etc.—of Harmony, Inc. events are advised of the following code of conduct. We require cooperation from all participants to help ensure a safe and enjoyable convention environment for everybody.

Harmony, Inc. is dedicated to providing a harassment-free convention experience for everyone, regardless of gender, gender identity and expression, age, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, ethnicity, religion, or other personal characteristics. We do not tolerate harassment of convention participants in any form, including on social media platforms.

Violations of this code of conduct may be reported to Chapter, Area or IBOD leadership by any attendee and may result in the violator's immediate removal from the event and further disciplinary action as outlined in Harmony, Inc's Corporate Manual.

Contest Reminders

Photography and Recording

No unauthorized photography or recordings during any performance

Due to copyright laws, recording, or use of video or movie equipment during a contest session is prohibited

Contest Areas

No entering or exiting the contest venue during any performance

No food or beverage in the contest area

No talking or singing along with the contestants

This is a fragrance free and smoke free convention. Please refrain from wearing perfume, scented lotion, or or similar products inside contest areas.

Electronic Devices

Please turn off all cell phones, tablets, pagers, laptop computers, electronic devices and wristwatch alarms so they will not sound during a contestant's performance.

Access to the Judging Area

Unless authorized by the Administrative Panel Chair, no one is to enter the judging area during the contest, including intermissions.



Schedule of Events

Friday, May 2

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Registration	Grand Ballroom Foyer
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM	Hospitality	Champlain Room
10:00 AM – 10:45 AM	Area Quarus Rehearsal	Adams Basin
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Contestant Judges Briefing	Grand Ballroom
11:30 AM – 12:15 PM	Quartet On-stage Viewing (no singing)	Grand Ballroom
1:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Quartet Contest	Grand Ballroom
6:30 PM – 11:15 PM	Quartet Evaluations	TBA

Saturday, May 3

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Hospitality	Champlain Room
8:00 AM – 8:50 AM	Chorus On-stage Viewing (no singing)	Grand Ballroom
9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Area Chorus Rehearsal	Grand Ballroom
9:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Family Chorus Rehearsal	Grand Ballroom
10:00 AM – Noon	Registration	Grand Ballroom Foyer
Noon – 3:00 PM	Chorus Contest	Grand Ballroom
3:15 PM – 5:30 PM	Chorus Evaluations	TBA
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Cocktails/Dinner	Grand Ballroom
8:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Moonglow	Grand Ballroom

Sunday, May 4

9:00 AM – 12:30 PM	Education Classes	Basin Rooms
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Hospitality	Champlain Room

We're Harmony, We're Strong

Words by Nancy Foris, Music by Beth Ramsson, Arrangement by Russ Foris

A blend with friendship is our creed, In Harmony we fill a need;
Come lift your voices loud and long to celebrate with us in song!
From all our hearts in Harmony with love that can't be bound,
We're partners in Democracy, each woman's voice is found.
The chords are close the feelings strong, our path is one that's clear;
We give of talents, time and song to share what we hold dear.
In barbershop our spirits raise, to Harmony we're true.
In song and service, work and play, in everything we do.
One voice, one vote that is the key, all women can belong;
For what we are is Harmony, we celebrate in song
We're Harmony, we're strong!
(Come join our song!)



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What A Dream Can Do

Words and Music by Christine Hayes, Arrangement by Steve Delahanty

Our voices one in song, Together proud and strong.
We stand as proof it's true of what a dream can do.
When ev'ry voice is heard, then miracles occur.
When friendship's bond holds true, See what a dream can do.
For Harmony's our gift to share
Because of dreamers who would dare
Make the world a place where a song's embrace
Holds us all, no matter who.
Join hands and hearts my friends,
This dream will never end.
We'll show the world anew, just what a dream,
A dream can do, a dream can do.



Quartet Contest

Friday, May 2 at 1 PM — Grand Ballroom

Welcome: Janine Schindler, Area 3 ACCT Chair

Presenter: Jess Leigh, International Quartet Champion, Harmony Incorporated

Contestants listed as Tenor, Lead, Baritone, Bass

Mic Testers — Roulette

Northern Blend

Morgan LaCroix, Jess Leigh, Katie Taylor, Lynn Blakeney

Here and Now!

Rochester Rhapsody

Denee Day, Lisa Twitchell, Kathy Dickson, Heather Clarke

Ephemeral

Area 3 Associates

Theresa Chambers, Angie Kunasek, Dawn Haggertym, Julia Bokunewicz

SōlFire

Bella Nova

Allyn Lloyd, Erin Cassidy, Rachael Storey-Chase, Emily Faalasli

Nexus

Crystal Chords and Associate

Melody Hilliard, Chris Dunbar, Ann Wilcox, Iva Flewelling

Tonal Recall

Northern Blend

Kathy Wiley, Dorene Dickerson, Jeannie Greenwood, Bunny Gorman

Way She Goes

Mixed Barbershop Harmony Association
CJ Hunt, Dawn Haggerty, Carl Unkle, Leigh Winik

Vivàce

Northern Blend and Associate
Phoebe Hall, Amy DePerna, Lorie Autote, Jessi Nasto

The Accidentals

Heart of Pennsylvania
Emily Heuer, Karen Castle, Dee Casteel, Tiffany Morgan

Sassafras

Liberty Belles
Kristina Thompson, Anne Bureau, Monica Walsh, Charissa Wilson

Stretch Break

Overeducated

Heart of Pennsylvania
Moria Chambers, Laurel Fox, Sarah Lower, Lauren Cohen

MetaFour

Harmony Falls and Crystal Chords
Jean Falter, Anne Leinen, Karen Trotter, Sherie Carroll

BACKSTAGE PASS

Northern Blend
Ali James, Jodi Gibson, Taralee Lashway, Kat Bell

Fringe Benefits

Harmony in Motion

Virginia DeMario, Jessica Struble, Jeanne Viscito, Kathy Maroko

Side Hustle

Heart of Pennsylvania

Emily Heuer, Moria Chambers, Sarah Lower, Lauren Cohen

Mach 4

Crystal Chords

Becky LaBella, Brooke Robinson, Cathy Horein, Michelle Dunne

Legacy

Bella Nova

Gaye LaCasce, Bryn Lewellen, Alexa Beal, Christina Lewellen

Relative Harmony

Rochester Rhapsody

Janine Schindler, Ann Christiano, Catherine Sessler, Jessica Lewis

Velvet Crush

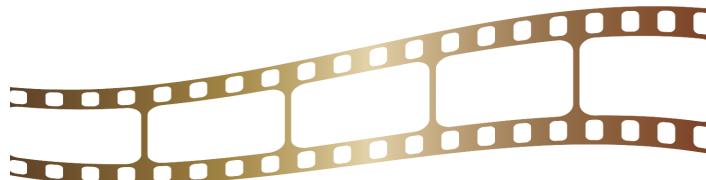
Village Vocal Chords, Bluegrass Harmony, Crystal Chords & Associates

Christine Hall, Jen Wheaton, Katy Galvin, Jessica Rhodes

The Agency

Mixed Barbershop Harmony Association

Amanda Cornaglia, Kristina Adams, Rishabh Bajekal, Charlie Meininger



Area Quarus

"Kickin' It Up a Notch"

Lyrics and Music by Nancy Faddegon
Arrangement by Nancy Faddegon

Directed by Sue Melvin, Director, Rochester Rhapsody

Presentation of Quartet Awards

MBHA Mixed Quartet Trophy

Awarded to the highest scoring MBHA quartet

Donated by Dick and Roxanne Powell in memory of Chuck Wert and "Compound W"
Presented by Mary Ann Wert, Katie Taylor and Lorie Autote

Quartet Qualifier Ribbons

Awarded to the quartets achieving a qualifying score to be eligible to compete
at international contest

Donated by Harmony, Inc., and Presented by Sarah Thorne-Miller, Area 3 Director

Novice Quartet Award

Awarded to the highest scoring quartet containing the least number of previous
contestants in a barbershop contest

Donated and Presented by For Heaven's Sake, 1996 International Quartet Champions

Cygnets Award

Awarded to the most improved quartet based on score from the previous contest

Donated and Presented by Karen Trotter, Four in Accord
1986 International Quartet Champions

Third Place Medals

Donated by Area 3 and Presented by Sarah Thorne-Miller, Area 3 Director

Second Place Medals

Donated by Area 3 and Presented by Janine Schindler, Area 3 ACCT Chair

Aspire Award and First Place Medals

Donated by Charisma, 2017 International Quartet Champions
Presented by Carol Zeffiro and Barbara Yendall

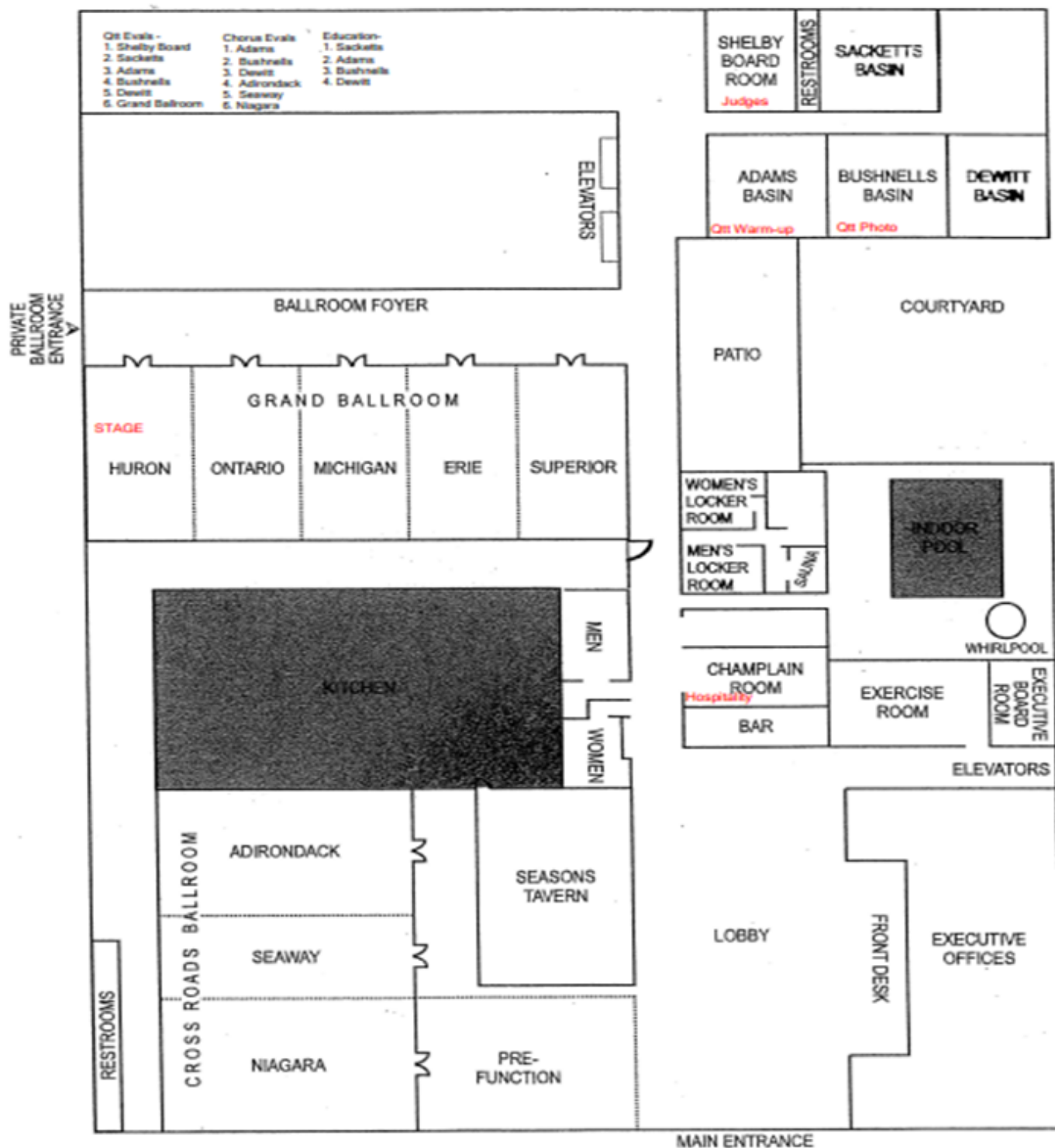
Song by First Place Quartet

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Directed by Carol Zeffiro, Co-Director, Niagara Frontier Chord Authority



Hotel/Convention Center Layout



HARMONY HAPPENS HERE

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Join Us!

Chorus Contest

Saturday, May 3 at 12 PM — Grand Ballroom

Welcome: Sarah Thorne-Miller, Area 3 Director

Presenter: Morgan LaCroix, International Quartet Champion, Harmony, Incorporated

Mic Testers—Northern Blend

Watertown, New York

Katie Taylor, Director

Niagara Frontier Chord Authority

Amherst, New York

Ron Mason and Carol Zeffiro, Directors

Crystal Chords

Corning/Elmira, New York

Donna McKay, Director

Rochester Rhapsody

Rochester, New York

Sue Melvin, Director

Harmony in Motion

Sussex, New Jersey

Jeanne Viscito, Director

Liberty Belles Chorus

Lansdale, Pennsylvania

Anne Bureau, Director

Harmony Falls Chorus

Trumansburg, New York

Karen Trotter and Nancy Oliver, Directors

Heart of Pennsylvania

Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

Dee Casteel, Director

Bella Nova Chorus

Herndon, VA

Richard Lewellen, Director



Area 3 Family Chorus



“Fun in Just One Lifetime”

Words and Music by Frank Marzocco and Joe Liles

Arrangement by Joe Liles

Directed by Alexa Beal, International Quartet Champion

Area 3 Chorus

“Stand by Me”

Words and Music by Ben E. King, Jerry Lieber and Mike Stoller

Arrangement by Steve Delehanty

Directed by Katie Taylor, Director, Northern Blend

Presentation of Chorus Awards

Chorus Qualifier Ribbons

Awarded to the choruses achieving a qualifying score to be eligible to compete at international contest

Donated by Harmony, Inc., and Presented by Sarah Thorne-Miller, Area 3 Director

Peg Duclos Award

Awarded to the highest scoring chorus with 30 or fewer chapter members

Donated in memory of Peg Duclos by Kath Morgan
and Presented by Janine Schindler, Area 3 ACCT Chair

Most Improved Chorus Award

Awarded to the most improved chorus based on rank from the previous contest

Donated by Heart of Pennsylvania and Presented by Emily Heuer, Chapter President

Jean Linn Award

Awarded to the most improved chorus based on score from the previous contest

Donated by Harmony Falls and Presented by Sherie Carroll, Chapter President

Rising Star Award

Awarded to the most improved chorus based on performance score

Donated by Rochester Rhapsody and
Presented by co-presidents Dene Day and Jenn Montgomery

Third Place Ribbons

Donated by Area 3 and Presented by Sarah Thorne-Miller, Area 3 Director

Second Place Ribbons

Donated by Area 3 and Presented by Nancy Achatz and Charlene Mindel, Co-Presidents,
Niagara Frontier Chord Authority

First Place Medals

Donated by Area 3 and Presented by Northern Blend

First Place Chorus Trophy

Donated by the Crystal Chords and Presented by Anne Leinen, Chapter Representative

Song by First Place Chorus

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Directed by the First Place Chorus Director



**MBHA salutes
all Area 3 contestants**

Many thanks
to the Area leadership for
inviting us to join in the fun!

*Area 3 is
the place to be!*

Moonglow – “Lights, Camera, Action!”

Saturday, May 3 – Grand Ballroom
Cocktails 6:00 PM – Dinner 7:00 PM
Moonglow program will follow dinner at 8:00 PM

“Lights, Camera, Action!” Buffet

DANIEL DAY-LEWIS’S DECONSTRUCTED SALAD

Mixed greens, Cherry Tomatoes, Red Grapes, Cucumber, Golden Raisins, Feta,
Candied Walnuts (*gluten free, vegetarian, vegan*)

BACK TO THE FUTURE’s Broccoli Slaw Salad (*gluten free, vegetarian, vegan*)

RAIN MAN’s Rolls and Butter

GONE WITH THE WIND’s Green Beans with Roasted Tomato
(*vegetarian, vegan*)

R2-D2’s Roasted New Potatoes (*vegetarian*)

SOPHIA LOREN’s Cheese Lasagna Rollatini with Marinara (*vegetarian*)

KATHARINE HEPBURN’S Roast Pork Loin Medallions
with a Savory Maple Bourbon Sauce

TITANIC’s Fresh Atlantic Cod
with a Lemon Dill Beurre Blanc

STAR WARS’ Chocolate Lava Cake (served at the table)

Coffee and Tea

CASH BAR

Marilyn Monroe’s Manhattan or Martini
Along with a variety of beers, wines, cocktails and mocktails

Moonglow

Carol McDonnell Membership Award ☆ Quartet and Chorus Performances
“Pass the Hat” for Youth Outreach

*** Due to Movie Theater policy, no food is allowed in
moonglow/afterparty rooms; drinks allowed if purchased from the hotel ***



**Best
wishes
to all
from...**



**A big SHOUT OUT to our
competing QUARTETS and our NBC newbies,
AMY DePERNA & MEREDITH GRIFFIN!**

AC&C 2025 Education Classes

Sunday, May 4 from 9:00 AM to 12:20 PM

Session 1—9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Class 1: : Warmups for fun and profit! with Kathy Greason (Certified Music Judge)

Location: Adams Basin

Not really. More like, "Warmups – why they are important, and how we can come to appreciate them more." This class briefly discusses various types of warmups and their purposes, and outlines some specific warmup exercises that individuals, quartets and choruses can adapt to their own needs. Come prepared to warm up!

Class 2: Learn How You Learn with Amy Patterson (Certified Singing Judge)

Location: Bushnells Basin

Is **how** you learn as important as **what** you learn? What's the difference between a visual learner and a kinesthetic learner? This class will provide information on various types of learners, and help you understand how to effectively communicate with the diverse types of learners in your ensemble.

Session 2—10:10 AM to 11:10 AM

Class 1: Quartet Master Class with Roulette, 2024 Harmony Queens (Morgan LaCroix, Jess Leigh, Lynn Blakeney, Katie Taylor)

Location: Adams Basin

Roulette, born in 2019, has been on an amazing journey with winding roads, bumps, and also incredible views! Come chat with them and learn about how they make their foursome work. Discussion about music choice, coaching from within, effective rehearsal techniques, coaching, independent work, goal setting, friendships, and more. Bring your questions along and let's chat! Oh - and singing will happen too!

Class 2: Practice With Purpose with Amy Patterson (Certified Singing Judge)

Location: Bushnells Basin

Of course we know personal practice is important, but is there a 'right' way or a 'wrong' way to practice? We'll share ideas and strategies for practicing that will help you feel better prepared and more confident for your next quartet or chorus rehearsal.

Class 3: Troubleshooting Tuning with Andrew Carolan (Certified Music Judge)

Location: Sacketts Basin

Good intonation is critical to successful singing. We can tell when something's not quite in tune, but how can we fix it? We'll examine effective approaches to address tuning problems, and general tips for better intonation for ensemble singers.

Session 3 —11:20 AM to 12:20 PM

Class 1: Northern Blend Master Class with Director Katie Taylor and NBC

Location: Adams Basin

Come share an hour with four-time gold medalists and 2024 International Champions, Northern Blend! Find out what makes them tick! From music team to publicity, rehearsal techniques to show programming, coaching to membership outreach, NBC will happily share how they are successful - both on stage and off! Singing and fun will ensue! Hope to see you!!

Class 2: Not Your Grandma's Barbershop! with Tracey Beatty (Certified Performance Judge)

Location: Bushnells Basin

Performance in barbershop has come a long way, and there are so many opportunities to make an impact on stage. This class covers the updated performance category, the seven benchmarks of a great performance, and practical steps for improvement. From believability that will have your audience convinced you are singing about the love of your life, to creativity that will make Picasso look like a stick figure artist, we will cover it all. So, before you take the stage again, let's explore what makes a performance so captivating your audience will be transported into the story you are telling.



We **Need** **You**

**Ready to mix passion with purpose?
Join us!**

We're on the lookout for passionate volunteers to step into key roles on the Area Council and help us spread the joy of barbershop singing!

If you're ready to jump in, we have exciting opportunities for **Co-Education Coordinator**, **Youth Outreach Coordinator**, and **Area Convention and Contest Team Chair**.

**Join the Area 3 Council and show why
Area 3 is The Place to Be!**

**Contact Area 3 Director Sarah Thorne-Miller for info
on how to apply**



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WE INVITE ALL OF OUR SISTERS IN HARMONY AND THE COMMUNITY TO OUR SHOW "MEMORIES IN MOTION" SEPTEMBER 28 - NEWTON, NJ

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Area 3 Convention Team

Area 3 Director	<i>Sarah Thorne-Miller</i>
Area Convention and Contests Team Chair	<i>Janine Schindler</i>
Area Contest and Judging Chair	<i>Erin Cassidy</i>
Facilities Coordinator	<i>Dene Day</i>
Judges' Services Coordinator	<i>Michelle Buckenmeyer</i>
Registration Coordinator	<i>Sharron Gilbert</i>
Public Relations Coordinator	<i>Anita Prather Harvell</i>
Treasurer	<i>Ann Christiano</i>
Host Chapter	<i>Niagara Frontier Chord Authority</i>

Support Team

Stage Manager	<i>Teri Allred</i>
Sound/Lighting	<i>Terry Burke & Ken Ketchum</i>
Photographer	<i>Deb Marwood</i>
Videographer	<i>John Aviste</i>

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