## BARBERSHOP BEAT

ATLANTIC BAY - MOUNTAIN REGION 19 | DECEMBER 2020



#### **Happy Holidays from Region 19!**

If there were a theme for this crazy year 2020, I would say it is "Flexibility".

Despite the curveballs, it has been inspiring to witness the resilience of our members, directors, choruses, and quartets as you all have learned new technologies to stay connected, continue rehearsing from a distance, and even create virtual performances! I would also like to thank my fellow RMT members, the Region 19 Faculty, and the newly formed Region 19 Tech Team for all the time and effort that went into transforming our in-person events and educational offerings to be available virtually.

Despite the continuing uncertainty going into 2021, I know there are many great virtual events already planned! Some of those events are discussed in this issue, so I encourage you to read about what you have to look forward to! We can't wait to hear more about what else you all may have on the horizon!



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## REGION 19 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS SECTION INCLUDES CHAPTER EVENTS, REGIONAL EVENTS, EDUCATION EVENTS, AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS.

EVENT	DATE
2021	
Region 19 Learning Lab (Zoom)	Jan. 15-16
Region 19 F.L.A.S.H. (Faculty: Britt-Helene Bonnedahl), Location Baltimore, MD	Sept. 10-12
International Convention, St. Louis, MO	Oct. 11-16





## **REGION 19 MISSION**

**Our mission:** Region 19 is a women's organization dedicated to musical excellence and the development of leaders through education, camaraderie, and performance of a cappella harmony in the barbershop style.

Region 19 Website: www.region19sai.org

Member's Facebook: www.facebook.com/region19SAI

Director's Facebook Group: www.facebook.com/groups/381778536043160

Presidents/Team Leaders' Facebook Group: www.facebook.com/groups/514932849349532

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Membership Coordinator's Facebook Group: www.facebook.com/groups/2484755828517569

#### THANKS FOR YOUR SUBMISSIONS!

We welcome your calendar items, chapter and quartet news, and other items of regional interest.

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## LINES FROM LORI JO

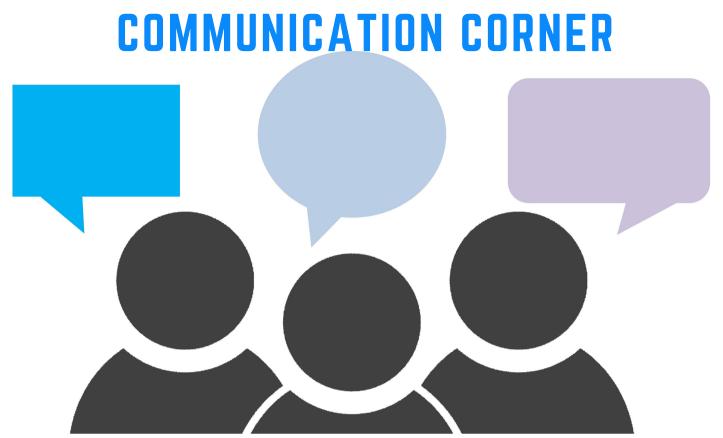


Thanksgiving is over, Autumn is coming to a close and Winter is planning an arrival. A series of holidays fill the calendar as we wind up 2020 and begin to welcome 2021.

November featured a wonderful class by Jenny Harris who helped us increase our understanding of the history of pop music and the importance of research when choosing music for our repertoire. A video of the entire class along with handouts are available on the regional website.

Our other November event was our first Tag Night. This wonderful success was led by the Tag Team of Linda Beaver, Tancey Bosna and Tyler Horton with support from the Regional TechTeam. Great fun was had as we learned several tags on Zoom with the use of break out rooms for the various parts. Another Tag Night is being planned for January during our Learning Lab weekend. We'll take a break in December and then hit the ground running in January with our virtual Learning Lab.

January 15 & 16 will feature classes focusing on specialties within our organization. Classes on Arranging, Quartetting, Directing, Leadership and more give members an opportunity to expand skills and explore new options. Our own regional faculty classes will be enhanced by some from Mary Rhea and Melody Hine. The Race & #RealTalk class (part 2) by HALO will be that same weekend. A new, exciting, special project by Jenny Harris and Linda Brown will be unveiled that weekend, too. Watch for special emails and social media posts about the specifics of the weekend. In the meantime, Save the Date!!



As this year is coming to a close, I wanted to provide a couple updates on the documents my team and I have been working on.

First, as the chorus Team Leaders/Presidents and Directors may know, my team and I are working to ensure that the Regional Directory is up to date. I have heard from most choruses either directly or through your RMT Liaison. Please look for the updated Regional Directory in the Members Only Section of the Region 19 website in January 2021!

There will also be a new publication schedule for the Barbershop Beat. We are moving to bimonthly issues, which will be out on the 10th of those months. The publication dates will be:

January 10, 2021 March 10, 2021 May 10, 2021 July 10, 2021 September 10, 2021 November 10, 2021

We will still include all your chorus news and events, but if you would like to advertise your events between issues you can email your announcements (full wording and images) to me and they will appear on the Region 19 Calendar on our website and shared to our social media. Any timely Region 19 News and Event Reminders will be emailed separately, so be sure you are on our mailing list! To join, go to the Barbershop Beat page on the Region 19 website underneath the latest issue.

We are continuing to look at other improvements, so please watch for new announcements in the coming months!

# CHAPTER NEWS



## **DUNDALK CHORUS**

We have a new member! Joanne Kassimir was warmly (although virtually) welcomed to the chorus recently. She sings lead and sang with the Greater Nassau Chorus before moving to our region. We're so happy to have you, Joanne, and we can't wait to sing with you in person!



### **UPPER CHESAPEAKE**

The Upper Chesapeake Chorus wishes all its Region 19 sisters a happy holiday. We had a successful reunion on zoom with many of our former members. It was heartwarming to see them and to share happy memories. Currently, UCC is laying down tracks on BandLab, so we can sing together virtually. In addition, Tyler is arranging some musical tags for us. We wish you all a healthy and harmonious new year.

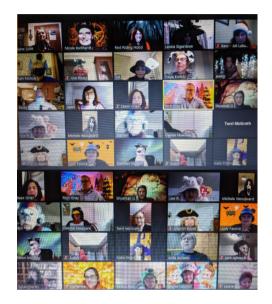




## **GREATER HARRISBURG**

In an attempt to embrace the holiday season, The Greater Harrisburg Chorus has launched into our virtual Secret Santa Gift Exchange with real presents to arrive at each doorstep before the "grand reveal" on Zoom December 22nd. We suspect we will not be the only chorus to welcome Christmas while waving to a screen. That's what we've got so we're determined to have fun with it. Meanwhile our Claire is keeping us on-track with delightful coaches who show up joyously on our screens on a regular basis - what fun to have guests pop-in and tell us all they know! And naturally there is new music - there is ALWAYS new music. "Wish upon a star" - May we all experience the chance to sing together once more and celebrate the harmony we so desperately crave. May it be so......and soon

# CHAPTER NEWS



### **VALLEY FORGE**

Witches and goblins and monsters... oh my! The Valley Forge Chorus had a Spooktacular time celebrating Halloween with the lovely ladies of Diamond State Chorus. Rehearsal was attended by a variety of characters including witches, a penguin, a beanie baby, Dr. Fauci, a pirate, and even Singing in the Rain! It was truly a treat to see all the wonderful costumes! Little Red Riding Hood (VFC Associate Director, Debbie Kirsch) lead the group in learning a fun and festive fall tag, Autumn Leaves. Aladdin's Genie (DSC Director, Pam Nichols) taught the ensemble a haunting round of Have You Seen the Ghost of Tom. The two choruses then went head to head in a Halloween scavenger hunt that prompted members to look for festive items like candy corn, fake blood, skeletons and black cats. We finished rehearsal by singing 'How We Sang Today' as a lovely reminder that no matter how scary the world may seem; we still have a wonderful community that supports and celebrates each one of us.



#### **OCEAN BAY**

Over the river and through the woods
The Ocean Bay Chorus delivered the goods.
To HALO, the Joseph House,
Here was the deal:
Our wish was a delicious
Thanksgiving meal.
We'll do it again when the snow
Starts to fall,
As we wish MERRY CHRISTMAS,
MERRY CHRISTMAS to all.





#### LONDON/OXFORD/ REGION 19/ HARMONY - IT'S ALL HERE!!

Have you heard? Things are happening in Region 19 from July 17 - 23, 2021 and YOU are invited to join-in the fun. Our Region 19 chorus, under the superb direction of master director CLAIRE DOMENICK, will be traveling to England. And our guest quartet will be the amazing LUSTRE. Can you even imagine the harmony and the fun?!

#### 5 Facts to Register:

<u>www.harmony-travel.net</u> (For complete details)

Cost: \$2399. - Land tour, lodging, sightseeing, venues, buses, receptions Air Fare not Included. (Contact person available to schedule) Based on double-occupancy rooms

REGISTER BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2020 AND SAVE \$100 (Harmony Travel will donate \$100 for every singer registered to the SAI Overtone Society)

#### **4 Facts for Music:**

Region 19 Chorus will learn about 8 songs for our part of the 2 hour shows in London and Oxford. (25 minutes allotted for 2 choruses and Lustre)

Many of the songs will be familiar as regional songs you already know

Rehearsal time/place to be announced at a later date

We will be sharing the trip and the stage with the regional chorus from Region 12

#### **3 Facts about POST-TOUR Options:** (Added cost)

France: Perform at the American Cemetery in Normandy Also perform and tour in Paris. Total of 5 days in France Scotland: Self-guided tour around Edinburgh - 3-4 days

#### 2 Facts You MUST Know:

AGAIN - REGISTER BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2020 AND RECEIVE \$100 DISCOUNT! (Registration fee is \$300)

All welcome - grab singers from other regions OR other friends who sing

#### 1 Fact You Can't Deny:

BELIEVE IT - THIS TRIP WILL BE A HOOT!! ARE YOU READY TO HAVE SOME FUN?

www.harmony-travel.net Patsy Meiser.



