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Covid Impact to Region 19 events

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Chorus Updates!



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REGION 19 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

EVENT	DATE
2022	
Region 19 Convention & Competition, Lancaster County Convention Center	Apr. 28-30
Leadership Academy (Location TBD)	June 4
International Education Symposium, Trinity University, San Antonio, TX	Jul. 20-24
F.L.A.S.H. (Location TBD)	Aug. 19-21
International Convention, Phoenix, AZ	Sept. 12-17
2023	
Region 19 Convention & Competition	May 18-20



SUBMIT ADDITIONS AND/OR CORRECTIONS TO THE REGIONAL CALENDAR TO IRENE HERSHEY, TEAM COORDINATOR, IHERSHEY@AOL.COM
CHORUS SHOW DATES DO NOT HAVE TO BE "CLEARED" WITH THE REGION, HOWEVER, THIS CALENDAR MAY BE USEFUL FOR PLANNING EVENTS.



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

REC's Facebook Group: www.facebook.com/groups/558299848045442

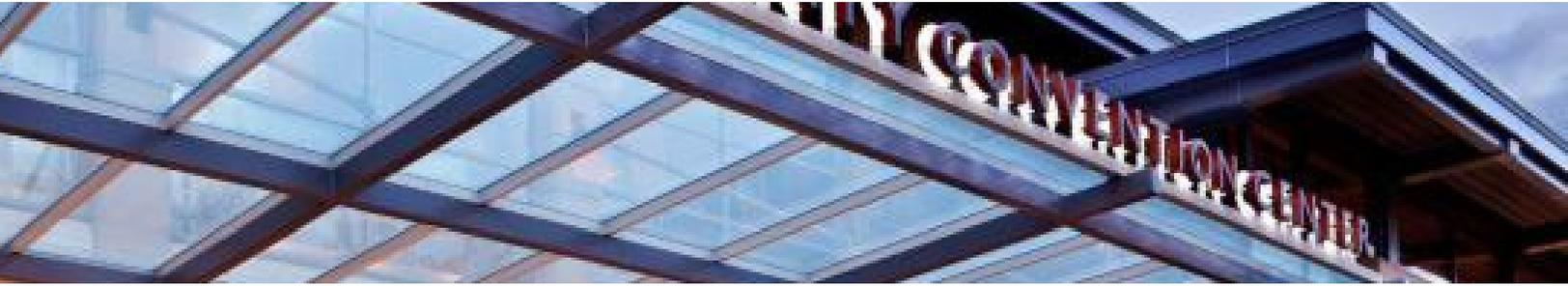
Membership Coordinator's Facebook Group: www.facebook.com/groups/2484755828517569

THANKS FOR YOUR SUBMISSIONS!

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

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EVENTS UPDATE



The RCSC has been busily working behind the scenes even before the decision to go ahead with an in-person contest for 2022. This will be our first event in this new venue so there are many boxes to check on our TO DO list. From the best way to do housing, to where and how to set up the stage, how to best manage the backstage flow and even how to set up the chairs in the audience. Not only does the new venue present different challenges, but of course, COVID adds some additional health and safety considerations. No worries. The RCSC is on top of them. Look for all the details coming in the next week or 2 in the Convention Handbook. If anything changes between now and April we will communicate directly with the general membership.

I would also like to highlight that we are still looking for someone to shadow the backstage coordinator on the RCSC. The backstage coordinator works with the assisting chorus in managing the backstage pattern. If you are interested or want to learn more about the backstage coordinator role, please contact Stephanie Everett (hcmcbaristeph@gmail.com).

Looking ahead to future events, FLASH is scheduled for Aug 19, 2022 and next year's spring convention on May 18-20 2023. We are accepting applications for choruses interested in hosting either of those events. You can apply on the Region 19 webpage under the Events tab.

<https://www.region19sai.org/events.html>

LINES FROM LORI JO



2022 - Happy New Year!

While 2020 and 2021 presented tough challenges for all of us, Region 19's leadership is focused on 2022 with several opportunities for singing and education. Put these dates on your calendar and watch the website for details.

***There is NO Singers' School for 2022

***F.L.A.S.H. has been moved to AUGUST due to the change in date for the International Convention in Phoenix.

East Coast Harmony Explosion (ECHE) - POSTPONED. Due to the current status of the pandemic, a revised date is being sought now.

Region 19 Convention - April 28-30, 2022

We are moving forward with a convention in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The Regional Convention Steering Committee along with the Host Chorus Vocal Harmonix continues to meet and refine all details.

Leadership Academy - June 4, 2022

This one-day event is back as an in-person event with the location and class list to be determined soon.

F.L.A.S.H. - August 19-21, 2022

The guest faculty will be the quartet Titanium with other classes presented by our own Regional Faculty. This event is much earlier than usual so be sure to get the date changed on your calendars now! We will feature all of our International-bound choruses and quartets at the show on Saturday night.

CHAPTER NEWS



HEART OF MARYLAND

Heart of Maryland was thrilled to “sing-out” again this past December 18th (Our first sing-out in two years!). The picture on the top shows us on the outdoor stage (by the swan boats) at the Rio Center, Gaithersburg. We were delighted to pull out our holiday carols and other seasonal favorites on what

turned out to be a brisk, cold day. It was fun to wrap ourselves in snowmen scarves and put on reindeer antlers (some of our small groups) and to draw a crowd of supportive family members and happy, enthusiastic shoppers.



The photo on the bottom was taken at our holiday party on the 20th. Krissi, our president, brought her collection of novelty hats, which made for a crew of colorful characters all around. We rewrote Christmas carols, which were at the mercy of our silliness the whole evening, particularly our annual rendition of “The Twelve Days of Christmas” acted

out - hokey and as funny as we could get. And the homemade brownies and other treats were amazing. A belated but Happy 2022 to all of you in Region 19 from all of us Hearts!!

VOCAL HARMONIX

Way back in 2019, we were named the 1st Place AA Chorus for Region 19. We knew our score was high enough for an invitation to Harmony Classic but we needed to wait for some of the 1st place overall choruses who were also 1st place AA choruses in other regions to choose which invitation to accept. As time went on, we learned that we missed the invitation by one point. One point! Oh, well. We moved on.

We were surprised to learn that the Brindabella Chorus decided to not attend the 2022 International Convention in Phoenix which then turned into an official invitation for VHM to compete in Harmony Classic. We said YES! With about 30 rehearsals between now and then, we are putting a package together while also preparing for the spring convention as the host chorus. Dreams do come true!

CHAPTER NEWS



GREATER HARRISBURG

Greater Harrisburg singers spread cheer to some past and present members with their annual Caroling Blitz Tour. We made 11 stops in two hours all over the Harrisburg area. After having to skip 2020, it was great fun to revive the tradition in 2021.



DUNDALK

We're so excited to be starting to prepare for contest! We've resumed in-person rehearsals, safely, we hope, and are learning some new music and refreshing some music that we learned long ago, before the pandemic. We want to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season!



DELMARVA

The Delmarva Chorus enjoyed the Halloween celebration with a gathering of witches and other fascinating goblins and costumes in October. Delmarva continues to practice together in Ocean Pines, learning new music and planning for upcoming gigs. We recently performed for the Improved Order of Redmen and the MD Federation of Republican Women in Ocean City, Maryland. On November 11, we remembered Veterans Day with a medley of patriotic songs at the Memorial in Ocean Pines.



CHAPTER NEWS



VALLEY FORGE

May your days be merry and bright
And may all your Christmases be white.....

The Valley Forge Chorus has had so many reasons to feel merry and bright throughout this holiday season. In October we started production of our virtual holiday show that paid tribute to the Dickens' classic, *A Christmas Carol*. 'A Valley Forge Christmas Carol' showcased our members,

quartets, and many songs touting holiday cheer. Our thanks to all who made this show possible during this busy time of year, most especially Ashley Hazen and Donna Dougherty. Without your dedication and unyielding support this project would not have been possible.

The spirit of the holiday season has warmed our hearts as we've performed in the community. On December 10th, we participated in the Grace Crossing Community Church televised program entitled, 'Christmas in Phoenixville'. The concert featured local artist such the First Presbyterian Church Bell Choir and Valley Forge Chorus, and the evening concluded with trivia, local artist selling goodies, and the laughter of children as they sipped hot chocolate and enjoyed cookies & popcorn. Additionally, we performed at Maris Grove Senior Living Community, where we honored, Marion Daniels, a lifetime member of VFC who celebrated her 102nd birthday. A treasured member of our Chorus and such an honor to shower her with birthday cards of encouragement along with music.

Even more brilliant was celebrating the nuptials of our fabulous baritone, Sarah Sirajuddin. Rescheduled because of the pandemic, her wedding filled our hearts with joy. Wishing Sarah and Adrian many, many years of love and happiness.

Valley Forge Chorus hopes that you and your family had a lovely and safe holiday, and we wish all the best to you for 2022!

