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This issue:

Region 19 Event Updates

from Irene Hershey, Team Coordinator, and Lori Jo, Education Coordinator

Chorus and Quartet reunions!



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REGION 19 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

EVENT	DATE
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2021

BHS Mid-Atlantic District Convention, Lancaster Convention Center
(Region 19 is eligible to participate)

Oct. 1-2

2022

Singer's School, Sheraton Baltimore North Hotel
Region 19 Convention & Competition, Lancaster County Convention Center
International Convention, Phoenix, AZ

Jan. 14-16

Apr. 28-30

Sept. 12-17



SUBMIT ADDITIONS AND/OR CORRECTIONS TO THE REGIONAL CALENDAR TO IRENE HERSHEY, TEAM COORDINATOR, [IHERSHEY@AOL.COM](mailto: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

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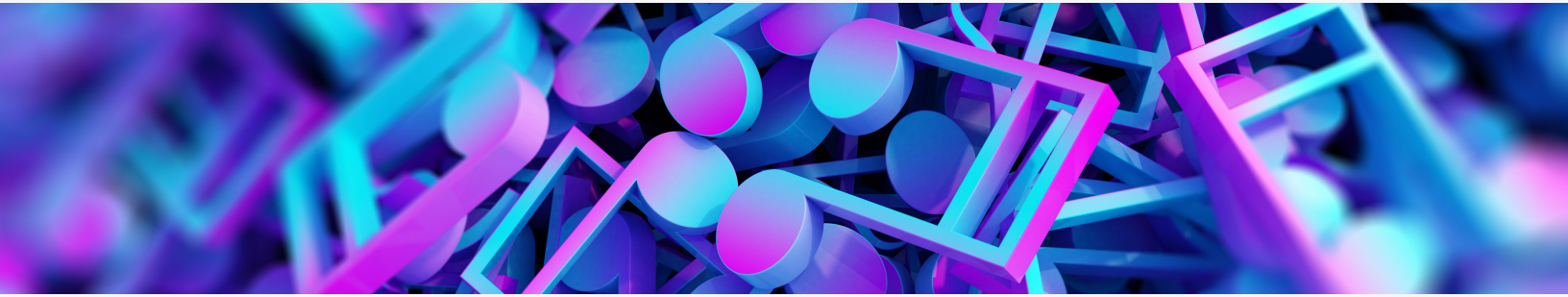
Membership Coordinator's Facebook Group: www.facebook.com/groups/2484755828517569

THANKS FOR YOUR SUBMISSIONS!

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

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TEAM COORDINATOR VIBES



Happy Summer to all of our Region 19 Choruses and Singers! I hope that those of you who live for the hot weather are having an awesome time and loving this time of year. For those who like the temps a bit cooler, I hope you are finding ways to enjoy the Summer and stay cool!

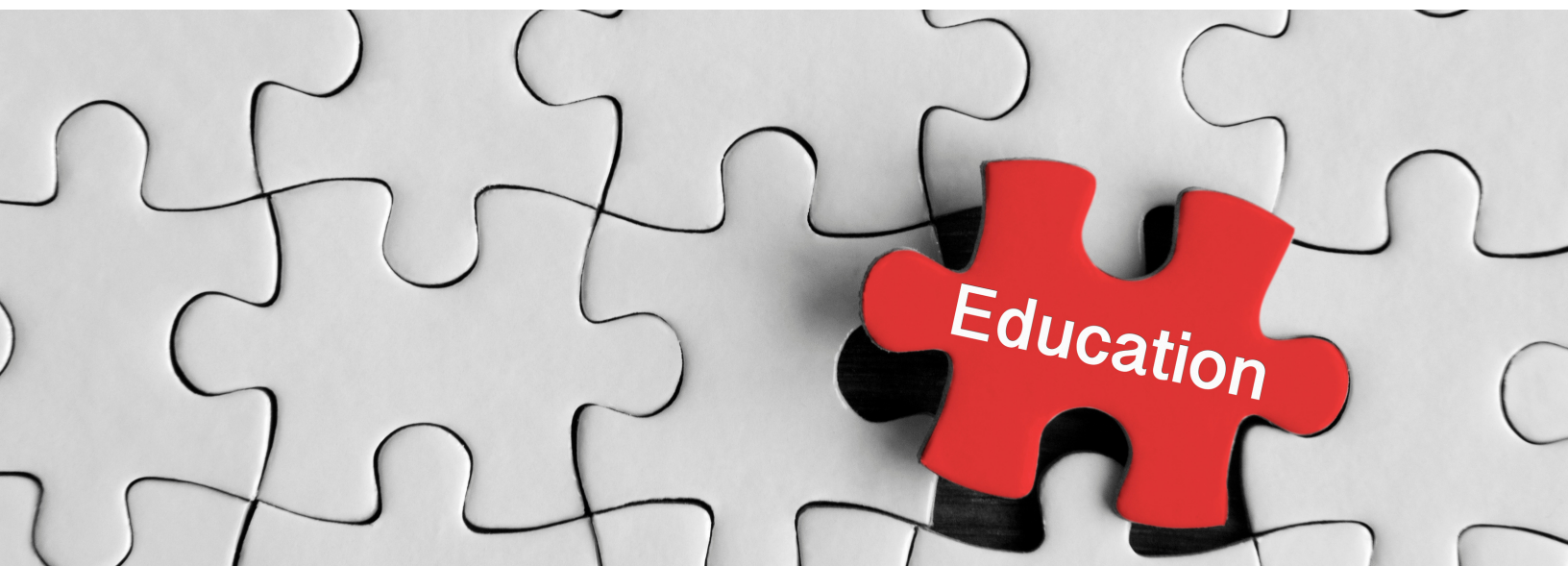
As we look toward Fall (who can believe that we're doing that already?) we want to make sure that all of our membership is aware that, after much thought, discussion and decision making, we have decided to cancel FLASH for 2021. There were many factors that went into the decision but as the weather has gotten nicer and quartets and choruses finding creative ways to gather together, your RMT felt that we needed to closely examine what we felt was the best and safest option for gathering as a region.

While the idea of gathering in person felt exciting and wonderful, there seemed to be many uncomfortable and unsettling questions that could not be guaranteed to keep everyone safe and happy. We also realized that after SO many months of each chorus finding ways to meet via Zoom and other online resources that offering another ONLINE event was not the best choice either. I don't know about you, but while the online options have been wonderful, I don't want to attend an all weekend online school!! The RMT thought, perhaps, you might all agree.

So, FLASH 2021 has been cancelled. Your Education Team is working diligently now planning a tremendous event to be held in the Baltimore area in January 2022!! It will be a great time face to face with our friends and people that we've missed for so long. You won't want to miss it - the harmonies we will make on so many levels will be beyond belief! I can't wait! Stay tuned to the Beat and your emails for more information.

Until the world is safe enough to gather - Stay well, stay safe and keep singing! If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to any of your RMT. We are here to serve you!

Lines from Lori Jo



Summer is here and the heat is on. That means that we are either enjoying the lovely sunshine while singing outdoors or embracing the opportunity to sing indoors with the air conditioning. Whatever is working for your chorus or quartet, it does appear from social media posts that many of our ensembles are slowly and carefully returning to some version of normal. I wish you find great joy in creating music again while continuing to be safe and healthy.

Region 19 is also slowly returning to normal as the Team completes the State of the Region (SOR) report to headquarters which includes a 5-year plan for educational programs and events. We're also working on the budget and our eyes are on upcoming events.

You've probably read in other articles that the 2021 F.L.A.S.H. has been cancelled, so the Education Planning Team is now focusing on creating the most amazing start to 2022 with a really big event January 14-16 in the Baltimore area.

*****NEW***** Performance Opportunity! Region 19 Choruses and Quartets have been invited by the Mid-Atlantic District of the Barbershop Harmony Society to participate in their upcoming District Convention. The date is October 1-2, 2021 at the Lancaster Convention Center. This is the same venue that our region will be using for the next few years for our own spring regional convention. When more details arrive, we will notify all members through the email blast system, MailChimp, along with social media posts. In the meantime, put the date on your calendar!



CHAPTER NEWS



HARBOR CITY MUSIC COMPANY

So much to celebrate! June brought many happy smiles, hugs, tears and grateful harmony as Harbor City gathered for our first in-person rehearsals. Even singing in unison was a glorious feeling bringing chills and goose bumps to many. We met some of our new members for the very first time and released our latest virtual choir video.

Check it out: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rbO-PkHWnhk>



VOCAL HARMONIX

After 15 months of “Zooming”, Vocal Harmonix had a wonderful mid-June rehearsal outside and IN PERSON! So happy to see all of our members together and finally hearing someone other than yourself singing! While we are still figuring out all the logistics of returning to rehearsal – this was a great first step. We capped off the evening with the start of the festivities to celebrate our 60th anniversary year, when our Director Lori Jo was gifted a doll dressed in Vocal Harmonix swag.



CHESAPEAKE HARMONY

After several months of drive-in rehearsals, CHC came back inside for rehearsals this month. Zoom makes it possible for members unable to attend in person to continue singing with us each week. With 100% of our members fully vaccinated, we are planning performances beginning with the Severna Park Fourth of July parade.



CHAPTER NEWS



CAPITAL ACCORD

Capital Accord Chorus installed this year's management team at a picnic dinner at Wheaton Regional Park. Sherry Stanton was honored with CAC's highest award for her outstanding 20 years as Capital Accord's director, as well as for the amazing work she has done over the past year to keep the chorus engaged and singing during the pandemic. At the conclusion of the program, we all put on our masks, distanced, and Sherry led us through our favorites in our repertoire.



OCEAN BAY

On June 18, some Ocean Bay Chorus members broke the bonds of the pandemic and joined other non-profit vendors at Salisbury's monthly 3rd Friday event. Under sunny skies and a brisk breeze, we were proud to display our unique hobby with pamphlets, magazines, our 35 year Charter award, and posters. We plan on participating in future events. Pictured are Fran Meadows and Pat Wilson.



FREEDOM VALLEY

Freedom Valley had a bittersweet in-person reunion on April 30. This was the first time that we came together as a chorus to sing. It was wonderful to see our members in person. But the reason we gathered was to sing at the funeral of one of our sisters in song, Christina Taylor. She was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor earlier in April and passed away on April 23. We sang Thank You Dear Lord, for Music; and How We Sang Today. Christina's bass will be greatly missed when we get back to in person rehearsals on June 7.

CHAPTER NEWS



JERSEY SOUND

Jersey Sound has been rehearsing outside! Masked and socially distanced, we sing and dance. It is wonderful to sing together and see each other, in person.. We're hoping we will be back on the risers soon, but until that is possible, we will continue to meet twice a month at our outdoor rehearsal site; American Legion Post 311 2225 Atco Avenue, Atco, NJ. These meetings do not replace our Zoom rehearsals and are completely voluntary.



HEART OF MARYLAND

Jenny Harris Night for Heart of Maryland Chorus

On the evening of March 8th, we were honored to have a visit from Jenny Harris (Bass, Lustre Quartet; Director, Arundelair Chorus; Member, Harbor City Music Company; Member, SAI Board of Directors). Jenny explained SAI's new "Song Assessment" tool to us, as she presented the history of American popular music (beginning with minstrel songs in the 1820's and bringing us up to the present), with emphasis on the necessity of selecting songs that are racially and culturally sensitive. Jenny's talk was clear, well-paced, enlightening. This ingratiating, multi-talented lady is the perfect choice to represent Region 19 in this endeavor! (Jenny is far left, fourth down.)



DUNDALK

We got together on a Saturday afternoon in the parking lot, and what a joy it was to sing together again! Planning is underway for a gradual resumption of in-person rehearsals this summer. In the meanwhile, we're working on another virtual project that's got us "howling in the moonlight." Stay tuned!



CHAPTER NEWS



VALLEY FORGE

VALLEY FORGE CHORUS IS BACK, BABY!

The members of Valley Forge Chorus are beyond ecstatic to be back together rehearsing in person! What an amazing feeling it is to finally be ringing chords again after so many months on Zoom. After our first in person rehearsal we thought nothing could keep us apart but alas Mother Nature had other plans, and flash floods forced us back to virtual rehearsal the next week.

Since then we have truly embraced the mantra "Seize the present, make the future" and have been celebrating all of our time together, as we progress towards our chorus goals. We are excited to be back together and can't wait to sing with all of you at future regional events!

On Memorial Day we premiered a joint audio performance with The Mainliners Chorus entitled, "If There's Anybody Here From Out Of Town!" that also opened the Saturday night show of the MidAtlantic District Harmony College East (HCE) learning weekend. The piece celebrates the USA and the sacrifices of all military service members. We have deep respect and appreciation to those who have served and are currently serving. The song also illustrates the perseverance of barbershop as an American art form - especially in these challenging times. Enjoy! <https://vimeo.com/556632177>



UPPER CHESAPEAKE

After "Carbershopping" for a few weeks and Zooming for months-we are back in our rehearsal site! Respecting each person's decision to mask or not, based on their own health assessment and following CDC guidelines, we had a joyous reunion and sang together! Now our director, Tyler Horton, can lead us on our new path to excellence. We are excited for the future! www.uccsai.com



QUARTET NEWS



BEARFOOT

Bearfoot is still together and we have managed to get some rehearsals in this past year. We went to Ocean City in April but didn't hear any singing, so we had to make our own down on the beach. We hope everyone is healthy and ready to get back to the music.



VOICES CARRY

Voices Carry Quartet Looking For New Lead Just weeks before our very first Regional Convention, our journey was cut short due to Covid. We are looking for a strong lead that wants to compete and be committed to going as far as our VOICES will CARRY us! We rehearse bi-weekly, pay for regular coaching sessions and have fun! We are located in the South Jersey area.

Contact Wendy Alexander if you are interested!
walexander0222@gmail.com



JEWEL TONES QUARTET

JewelTones is finally back together! We've had two in-person rehearsals and it feels great to be singing together again. During the pandemic, we learned a new song and created a video for the Vocal Harmonix virtual show. Check us out on the VHMx website or on social media.



Jersey Sound Chorus Director Search

Award-winning, 60-member barbershop chorus seeks a passionate and dynamic front-line Director with musical and interpersonal skills to help us learn, grow, and achieve our goals!

We are located in South Jersey with closest proximity to Philadelphia and commuting distance to New York City and Washington DC. If you or someone you know is interested in applying, please contact directorsearch@jerseysoundchorus.org

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