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Singer's School 2023!

from Lori Jo, Education Coordinator

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from Patty Weeks, Membership Coordinator

and more!



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REGION 19 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

EVENT

DATE

2023

Singers' School

Jan 20-22

Region 19 Convention & Competition

May 18-20

International Convention & Competition, Louisville

Oct 30-Nov 4

Upcoming Shows:

Diamond State Chorus Show - The Colors of Harmony

Nov. 12

Ringing Hills Chorus Show - Favorite Hits

Nov. 12

Chesapeake Harmony Chorus Show - It's the Music

Nov. 13

Lehigh Valley Chorus Christmas Show

Dec. 10

Upper Chesapeake Chorus- Community Concert "Rejoice!"

Dec. 11

Valley Forge Chorus Holiday Show

Dec. 17

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

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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

Greetings to all the wonderful members of Region 19!

I hope this finds everyone enjoying the season and if you are a pumpkin spice lover, you are getting your fill. ☺ As the holidays approach, I can't help but reflect back on this year and all it has embodied for all of us. Coming through the pandemic has made us all take time to reflect and re-evaluate what is important to us. I know that this organization and our wonderful region fall well into that category. We have begun to gather again, reacquaint friendships, laugh together, learn together, and sing, sing, sing. It has been a joy to see each other through all of the events. I hope you join me in rejoicing all of these things.



Now, as we continue to look forward, I also know that there are concerns we all have. Perhaps one of most prominent concerns is with growth of our individual choruses and the overall organization. Take some time to check out the Ignite Membership program materials that International has provided for us. There are many tremendous resources out there. Don't know where to start? An idea would be to contact your chorus liaison on the RMT to help brainstorm some ideas that work for your chorus and your community. We are here to help with any struggle that your chorus might be dealing with. Reach out!

Become involved! Don't be a bystander. We are all in this together and are here for each other. If there is a need within your chorus, step up and help. If you want to be more involved in the larger scheme of things – the RMT is waiting for YOU! Apply on our website to become a Shadow to the RMT. You don't have to come on knowing exactly where you fit – you can shadow the Team and figure it out. If you want to just “dip your toe in the water”, reach out to any of us and let us know that you'd like to be part of a smaller portion of the work that needs to be done regionally – maybe just a short term experience. We've got it all!!!

I look forward to seeing many of you at the next event in our regional calendar – SINGERS SCHOOL in January. Lori Jo will give more details but you are NOT going to want to miss it. In the meantime, enjoy this time of year and take care of you and yours.

Lines from Lori Jo



Thank you for completing the evaluation from F.L.A.S.H. Your comments were heard that you want more opportunities to just SING. The Education Planning Team has created a Singers' School that lives up to its title. We will be SINGING and SINGING and SINGING with Kathleen and Jen and all of your friends in Region 19. If you have friends in other regions, invite them, too! This is going to be a great way to start off the new year.

SAVE THE DATE!

Singers' School with Kathleen Hansen and Jennifer Cooke
January 20-22, 2023 in Wilmington, Delaware

Featured Class Titles

FRIDAY:

- *Beginning Conducting
- *Healthy, Free, Resonant Singing
- *ACP & DCP Testing
- *Let's Sing TAGS!

SATURDAY:

- *Strengthening the Aging & Post-COVID Voice
- *Rehearsal Techniques for Different Learning Styles

SATURDAY (CONT)

- *Fostering Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging Through Rehearsal Repertoire and Chorus Culture
- *Got Rhythm?
- *Holding a Successful Guest Night
- *The Authentic Performance
- *The Why Behind the Warmup

SUNDAY:

- *Tune It . . . (with or without invoking the name of old dead mathematicians)
- *Membership A - Z
- *Giving and Getting a PVI (under glass)
- *Time with the Team - Regional Update

BUT WAIT! THERE'S MORE!

What will we do on Saturday Night? Something new for Region 19. We're having a Mini-Brigade. Yes, a Brigade experience instead of a show. Woo-Hoo! You don't want to miss this event.

Details for registering will be coming very soon.

IES RECAP

Learning The 3 “Rs” at IES

Yes, my secret is out. I am a life-long learner. And my mission since becoming a Sweet Adeline is to master the Zen of Barbershop Music. I read, I study, and I listen. I have probably attended every educational event hosted by the Region and International since becoming a Sweet Adeline and I always come away with something I had not known before.

The International Education Symposium (IES) in San Antonio, Texas this past July did not disappoint. It was the first time that International hosted an event like this since the start of the pandemic and it was so exciting to be back among the peeps of our organization. Singers, Directors, Queens of Harmony, International Board Members, Judges, and Friends we had only seen in the square boxes of our Zoom screens for the past two years came together in-person to Re-Connect, Re-Engage, and Re-Energize our passion for this music we love.

Region 19 was well represented at the event including directors and chorus members. And just to sweeten the pot, SAI offered scholarship opportunities for directors of small and mid-size choruses to offset the cost of attendance. Both Sally Burton (Chesapeake Harmony Chorus) and I (Cape Shore Chorus) submitted applications and were awarded scholarships for IES.

The schedule of workshops at this year’s event was designed to guide and support us as we cautiously return to our rehearsals, our risers, our performances, and our chorus cultures. There were sessions on authenticity, creating entertainment packages, and how to move to the next level in sound, music, expression, and visual communication. We heard about activities that can keep the rehearsals fun and engaging. And of course there is now and forever a focus on breathing and the unit sound which seems to be even more important as we look for that stamina some may have misplaced during several years singing on Zoom.

I think the most valuable tools that I brought home with me were to be mindful of the changes that have occurred in our lives and the culture of our choruses over the past two years. In leadership workshops we talked about thinking outside the box, maintaining the competitive spirit, and reviewing qualifications and standing rules. Let’s not make it difficult for members to participate and re-engage as we return to the joy of singing together in harmony.

Did I mention singing? We sang at IES! And we heard great singing during the Rising Star and Diamond Division Quartet Competitions. Three days immersed in Barbershop. It doesn’t get better than that.

Patty Weeks, Director, Cape Shore Chorus

CHAPTER NEWS



LEHIGH VALLEY

The Lehigh Valley Chorus is thankful for the support of Region 19 coaches during our director search and also for help from longtime friend of the chorus Region 15 director Katie Blackwood. Our best wishes go with retiring director Marilyn Block. Regrettably, we have had to cancel our December show but have a number of holiday gigs. Stay tuned for updates. As long as we're singing! LVC Strong!



DUNDALK

We're still glowing after our recent show, "The Last Stop Diner". We were delighted to share the stage with the fabulous men's barbershop chorus, Parkside Harmony, and our very own Rampage quartet. It was wonderful to see so many of our singing sisters from around the region in the audience!

Now, we turn our attention to our journey to the International stage in Louisville!



UPPER CHESAPEAKE

UCC has enjoyed a fall season with 3 new upbeat songs, a guest night program, a Halloween rehearsal and now a Sing for the Holidays culminating in a community concert sponsored by the Maryland Center for the Arts. We have welcomed several guests and have 2 prospective members in the pipeline! We wish everyone a joyous holiday season!

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HEART OF MARYLAND

"Heart of Maryland is thrilled to have three new members! (See left -How about those smiles!)"

Verena Lydon, baritone, (left) comes to us from the Jacksonville Harmony Chorus (Florida). A native of Munich, Germany, Verena claims she could sing before she could talk. She sang in the Children's Choir of the State Opera of Bavaria for many years, then came to the United States, where she met her husband Matt. Verena worked on a cruise ship for several months as a singer and aerialist and currently teaches fitness and aerial acrobatics. She lives here in Montgomery County with Matt (in the US Navy and studying nursing at Walter Reed) and a beagle pit bull named "Nala".*

Karen Sallerson, bass, (center) is new to barbershop but has always loved music. She plays

the piano and has a background (from high school and community theatre) in musical comedy. She is even known for her Happy Birthday singing telegrams to her friends. Karen recently retired as a fundraising executive for several non-profit organizations. She and her husband Ron lived in many cities across the US before settling in Maryland. They have a daughter in Easton, Maryland and enjoy visiting with "Saturn" (a chocolate lab), their "grand dog".*

Kate Epperly, lead, (right) is a retired pastor and a member of the Festival Choir at Westmoreland United Church of Christ, Bethesda. She and husband Bruce, a theologian and former pastor who has written over 75 books, served churches elsewhere but have recently returned to Maryland to be closer to their son, daughter-in-law, and two young grandsons. In addition to her love for her goldendoodle, "Tucker"*, Kate has a passion for music. She claims that to sing with a barbershop chorus, "has always been a dream a mine, which I am happy to be finally living out!"

*Anyone who loves her dog has to be a great barbershopper!

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VALLEY FORGE

Valley Forge Chorus had a fabulous time representing Region 19 at International Convention in Phoenix in September. We were truly honored to place second in the Division A Harmony Classic Competition. We would like to applaud all of the international competitors for all the incredible performances, and especially our friends from Region 19: Greater Harrisburg, Vocal Harmonix, All Fired Up, and Sound Design! VFC had a wonderful time exploring Phoenix, and making new friends from across Sweet Adelines International.

On October 25th, Valley Forge Chorus celebrated Halloween. Members were encouraged to embrace the spooky season and show up in costume! We hope that the celebration was not too scary, because that evening also served as the kick-off for our Holiday Harmony Singers Program. Valley Forge Chorus is honored to have 9 guest singers in the program this year, and we look forward to getting to know these awesome women more in the coming weeks, in culmination with our holiday show on December 17th at The Players Club of Swarthmore.

We would also like to give a big, warm, Valley Forge Chorus welcome to our newest members, Chris and Susan! We have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know you and can't wait to perform on stage with you!



VOCAL HARMONIX

We are riding the high after returning from Phoenix as the Div AA Harmony Classic 5th Place Champs! We would be remiss to not reflect back and say a HUGE thank you to our Region 19 family! We felt your love and support both at FLASH and during the International Convention! We are honored to represent this incredible region on the international level! We love and thank you from the bottom of our hearts Region 19!!!!



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HARBOR CITY

What a great show we had on October 1st! We would like to thank our chorus members for all their hard work and our guest performers for making it such an enjoyable evening. They include, Suede; the Maryland Performing Arts Center Dance Group; 2018 Queens of Harmony, Lustre; 2022 11th place international quartet, All Fired Up; 2022 17th place international quartet, Sound Design; and 2022 Region 19, 3rd place quartet, Mix It Up.



If you live or will be visiting in the central Maryland area, we invite you to join us for our holiday performances. Events are scheduled for November 18th at the Annapolis Towne Center tree lighting, Annapolis, MD; December 4th at St. Margaret's Parish, Bel Air, MD; and December 14th at the Mormon Temple Visitor's Center, Kensington, MD. Check events on our Facebook page for more information. <https://www.facebook.com/pg/harborcitymusiccompany/events/>

Would you like to send singing greeting e-cards instead of paper cards this holiday season? We recorded and animated portions of three holiday favorites, Jingle Bell Rock, Eight Candles, and Carol of the Bells. For more information, please see our Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/harborcitymusiccompany/>

Chesapeake Harmony Chorus presents...

It's the Music!



Join us for music, light refreshments,
door prizes and raffle.

**Sunday November 13th
2:00 p.m.**

**Historic Baldwin Hall
1358 Millersville Road
Millersville, Md 21108**

Tickets:

\$20 per person
\$15 for students 6 - 25
Under 6 free

Order tickets by visiting ChesapeakeHarmony.org



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an a cappella show presented by
Valley Forge Chorus

Saturday December 17th

3:00 PM

Players Club of Swarthmore

\$20

General Admission

\$15

Seniors, Students,
PCS Members/Subscribers

For tickets, visit
www.valleyforgechorus.com/holidayshow





A Barber-Shopping Musical



NOVEMBER 19, 2022 AT 3:00 PM

**Feiffer Center, 301 Blue Bell Rd,
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Featuring the 2017 International Seniors Quartet Champions **"Party of Five"**

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www.shadesofharmony.org