



April 2 – 4, 2020

Bulletin #3

Please post and/or distribute to
your members

March 2, 2020

30 Days and Counting – Wrapping up the final arrangements for our contest in Rapid City. Registration has closed and we have our order of appearance, which you received separately. Please visit the Region 8 website for anything you might have missed. We still have a few deadlines coming up.

Important Deadlines:

- Open Division Draft Cue Sheets to Kathy – March 2, 2020
- Regional Awards Dinner and Charms orders to Ann– March 15, 2020
- Final Open Division Cue Sheets for quartets and chorus, List of Competing Member forms (2 copies) and chorus photo orders – April 2 at briefing
- **Withdrawal** – if for some unfortunate circumstance, you need to withdraw – you must submit a written notification to international headquarters via email to Competition Services.
- **Open Division Cue Sheet** – You must follow the cue sheet exactly – there is a penalty for not following the sequence of your cue sheet so make sure it is correct.
- **Open Division Audience Choice/Bravo Award** – If there is only one eligible Open Division Competitor, the Bravo Award is given to that competitor, unless they are disqualified.
- **Chorus Rehearsals/Breakfasts** – you received the schedule for these or you can find it on the Region website.
- **Photos** – Quartet photos will be taken in the traffic pattern at Ramkota, please be sure to plan your pose and bring your form/check. Chorus photos will be done on stage – wait for flashes. If you don't see four flashes – hold your pose until the lights go down, then exit the stage. Choruses – practice your “picture pose” and turn in your photo order forms and payment on Thursday night at the briefing. Photo forms are available on the region website.
- **Joint Quartet and Chorus Briefing/Inspection** – Thursday, April 2, 6:00pm at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center (RPCC) – check-in will start at 5:30pm. That gives you time to get a sense of the Civic Center and distribute your quartet love gifts. Transportation will not be provided to

the Inspection/Briefing. There is plenty of parking at the Civic Center – grab a ride with your Region 8 friends. I will send out a specific schedule soon.

- All Quartets are required to be there to hand in your OD cue sheets, participate in the judge's inspection and do your walk-on (a brief test of the stage).
- All Chorus Presidents/Team Leads and Directors are required to be there to hand in your OD cue sheets, member lists, photo orders and participate in the judge's inspection and walk the traffic pattern.
- **Transportation –**
 - If you are flying into Rapid City Regional Airport, there is a Complimentary Airport Shuttle to the Ramkota Hotel. Call the hotel (605-343-8550) upon landing to request this shuttle. If the hotel's shuttle is not readily available, you will be directed by the hotel to go to the Hotel Airport Shuttle kiosk, which is located by the Luggage Carousel for other shuttle transport. **The Ramkota will pay for this service only if it is needed.** For the shuttle trip from the Ramkota back to the Airport, schedule that return trip with the Front Desk.
 - Buses/Vans/Cars will take all competitors to the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center for your competition performance.
 - There will be an Audience bus on both days leaving from the Ramkota to the RPCC. Check the bus schedule on the contest information/bulletin boards in the Ramkota for times. If you are not in a competing Quartet, you are encouraged to drive yourselves to the RPCC on Friday for the competition. It is approx. 3.5 miles from the Ramkota and there is plenty of FREE parking at the RPCC.
 - Buses will be available at the end of each contest day to return you to the hotel.
 - Parking is readily available at the RPCC should you need to drive yourself – Thursday night!
- **Traffic Pattern** – these were distributed separately along with maps of the hotel and Civic Center. You will find them on the Region website if you did not receive it.
- **Education Class** - on Friday morning at 9 AM at the Ramkota. Local actor and educator Dave DeChristopher will treat us to an experiential and participatory session! Don't miss this one!
- **Concessions** will be available in the theater/venue lobby on Friday and Saturday for snacks, drinks, sandwiches, etc.
- **SHOPPING!!!** – Our Sales Area will be in the Washington Room at the Ramkota. There will be lots of fun items for you to add to your collection. Visit often and spend lots of money!!
 - Thursday, 4/2 – 3:00pm – 10:00pm
 - Friday, 4/3 – 8:00am – 11:00am and 6:00pm – 10:00pm
 - Saturday, 4/4 – 8:00am – noon and 6:00pm - Midnight
- **NEW this year Regional Awards Dinner** - at the hotel at approx. 6 PM, just before the Show of Champions on Saturday at 7:30 PM. All our Regional Awards will be presented during this

dinner, rather than during the SOC. It will be a time for us to come together to celebrate our great Region, all the award winners and the competition. While this dinner is not mandatory, we hope that everyone will make plans to **support Region 8** and attend this special dinner. More specific information regarding the time, cost, and menu, is included in the forms and information posted on the Region 8 website. **You will need to pre-pay to attend this event.**

- **Regional Awards:** Novice Quartet, Most Improved Quartet, Showmanship, Vicki Uhr Music, Queen of Hearts (if we have one), Membership and Director Awards.
 - **Show of Champs:** Open Division Audience Choice for Quartet; 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place quartet; Open Division Bravo Award for Chorus; 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place overall chorus, 1st Place Mid and Small Sized chorus, International bound Chorus. If you win more than one of these awards you will only perform once. You will have time to do no more than two songs each.
- **Afterglow Social Time** – we will not have the traditional party with music for dancing or theme costumes, but there will be cash bars and plenty of places to socialize and sing. Please visit the Sales Area during this time as well.
 - **Friends and Family** are welcome and encouraged to attend our weekend activities. Tickets for the competition events are available at the door or on-line at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center. <https://www.gotmine.com/events/box-office> Single Sessions - \$25/event for adults, \$15/event for student and \$20/event for senior 60+. Children 5 and under are free. The Regional Awards Dinner is also available for friends and family to attend. See info about the dinner above.
 - We will **NOT** be providing a webcast of our competition this year.
 - **New from Sweet Adelines International – Open Division Video Contest.** See the information in the SAI Competitor Information packet. You were asked if you want to participate in this when you registered with SAI.
 - **Competition Weekend Schedule:**
 - April 2, Thursday, 6:00pm - Joint Briefing and Inspection (Rushmore Plaza Civic Center)
 - April 3, Friday, 9:00pm – Education class (Ramkota Hotel)
 - April 3, Friday, 11:00am – Quartet Competition
 - April 3, Friday, 7:00pm – Optional Chorus Rehearsals
 - April 4, Saturday, 7:00am – Chorus breakfasts and rehearsals begin
 - April 4, Saturday, 12:00pm – Chorus Competition
 - April 4, Saturday, 6:00pm – Regional Awards Dinner
 - April 4, Saturday, 7:30pm – Show of Champions
 - April 4, Saturday, 9:00pm – After contest social time (lot's of singing and visiting!!)
 - **Our judging panel:**
 - Panel Chair and Expression – Patti Burklund
 - Sound – Sheri Woodward
 - Music – Cydney Wentzel
 - Showmanship – Barbara Nielsen

- Secretary – Cammi MacKinlay
- **2021 Competition in Fort Collins, CO, May 6 – 8 – plan now!!**

If you have questions/concerns – feel free to contact your competition contacts:

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