



PIECES OF 8 - FEBRUARY 2017

Greetings!

Wow....how is it FEBRUARY already??? We've been busy and had a WONDERFUL Directors' Workshop and Performance & Quartet Workshop with Frenzy! Hope those who came learned some new singing tricks and had a great time!

Now we're in full contest mode! Even though our regional contest is later this year, there's still a lot to do before then. Keep your eyes open for information and visit the regional website often to get the info.

Remember...if your chorus has a show that you'd like to add to the regional calendar, a show committee member or a board/team member must complete a [Chapter Date Clearance Form](#) (also found on the website under "Extras" and "Forms") and submit it to the Region 8 Team Coordinator, Jill Harward. Her info is on the form on where to send it.

Happy February!

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Upcoming Events

February 2017

17 7:00p	Ruby Blue Quartet - Northglenn Acapella Series DL Parsons Theater - Northglenn, CO
25 2:30p & 7:00p	High Country Chorus Show Lakewood Cultural Center - Lakewood, CO

March 2017 - None

April 2017

1 2:30p	Colorado Spirit "Spring Fling" DL Parsons Theater - Northglenn, CO
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May 2017

18-21	Regional Convention Cheyenne, WY
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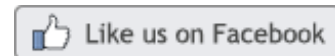
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New Directors!!

We have a few new directors joining Region 8!

A Cappella Electric Chorus hired JACOB GANTZ. Read about Jacob [here](#).

Mountain Jubilee Chorus hired STEVIE DUGDALE. Stevie's bio and picture to come soon!

Velvet Hills Chorus hired DARIN DROWN to start directing later this year. Read about Darin [here](#).

Capital City Sound update

Capital City Sound is located in Boise, ID (just about as far northwest as you can get in our region!) and asked Sweet

Save the Date for RMRU!!!

We are having Rocky Mountain Round-Up (RMRU) in PARK CITY, UT this year!!

July 28-29, 2017

Park City Marriott - Park City, UT

Faculty: DARIN DROWN

*Bari of 2010 BHS Quartet Champions,
Storm Front*

Registration: TBD

More info to come, SOON! But get this date on your calendars now so that you can plan to be there. It will be another GREAT education weekend for Region 8!! Check page to the [RMRU Event Page](#) for info as it becomes available.

2017 Quartet & Performance Workshop

by Suzi Johnsen, Co-Chair

January 21-22, 2017 concluded one of the most exciting and well-attended workshops we have had in a long time! It was the Performance Workshop with our most awesome 2017 Queens of Harmony, FRENZY, and also Vickie Maybury (700 Director, International Faculty, and Expressions Judge Specialist).

The level of education was simply amazing and every single singer (no matter from which chorus size or whether in a quartet or not) walked away from every class with SO many tools for singing AND performing better - all classes were packed, and the evaluations were outstanding! All of Frenzy were amazing teachers, as was Vickie, of course! We had 185 registrants, to include the 22 quartets, 6 double quartets, and signers just wanting to learn!

We also had some amazing Regional Faculty (some of them are International faculty, too!) coaching quartets all day on Saturday, too - Kim Andrews, Sharon Babb, Kathy Carmody, Becky Maybury, Vickie Maybury, Julie Palagi, Rebecca Richards, and Judy Vidal. Each of the 22 quartets were given an hour of coaching just for registering for the weekend. The time went by too quickly for each of those quartets (an hour just wasn't enough time), and their evaluations were wonderful, too! How lucky are we here in Region 8 to have the level of singers AND coaches available to us!

We had an action-packed show AND double quartet contest on Saturday night - Frenzy (2017 International Queens), Ruby Blue (2016 Region 8 Champs), Free Fallin' (Region 8 2ns Place Medalists), and De'Ja'Vu (2016 Open Division Champs) performed. Interspersed among those performers were 6 wonderful and hilarious double quartets! These double quartets were judged by Frenzy selecting the Most Entertaining, Sharon Babb selecting Best in Sound and Best in Music, and Vickie Maybury selecting Best in Expression and Best in Showmanship!! Entertained we WERE.....by the performers, the contestants, AND the judges! :-) We DEFINITELY want to have another, expanded, Double Quartet Contest - stay tuned for the future of

Adelines International to switch back to Region 13.

It is more travel cost effective for them to attend contests and educational events in that region, than our region.

The Regional Management Team supported and approved the switch as we understood the distance was just too difficult for them.

We wish them all the best in Region 13!

Contest Bulletins

Below are the published convention bulletins for the 2017 contest. These are also available on the [Convention Page](#) on the website.

[Bulletin #1](#) - 8/5/16

[Bulletin #2](#) - 12/19/16

Member Update

A long-time Region 8 Member & 50-year Member, **Mavis Burtness**, has moved into assisted living at age 87. Her mind and memory are still very sharp!!

If you would like to send a card or note, please email Heather Reimnitz (hreim6@gmail.com) for her current mailing address.

Have a story to share with the Region??

Did your quartet or chorus have a fun, entertaining, educational event? Put together a small story with pictures (if possible) and we'll get it in the "Pieces of 8". The entire region would LOVE to read about what fun you're having!

Send stories & pictures to Heather Reimnitz, Comm. Coordinator, at hreim6@gmail.com.

THAT!

I know more exciting workshops and education is planned for our members in Region 8 - can't wait!!

Directors' Workshops in Review

by Judy Vidal, Directors' Coordinator

Dear Region 8 Friends,

How quickly six years have flown by!

In July, 2010, after having been on the receiving end of things in Region 8 for over 30 years, I decided it was time to step up and start giving back! I submitted my application for the position of Directors' Coordinator. A few weeks later, an envelope with the words "ballot enclosed" appeared in the mail. My heart sank when I opened the envelope, looked at the ballot and saw TWO names on the ballot. Right then and there I realized I'd have to find another way to serve, as the other person was/is so accomplished! About a month later I received a call from Sharon Spaulding saying I had won the election, voted on by my peers, the Region 8 Directors. I have to say that ranks in my top ten most proud moments.

My primary goals were:

- 1) to represent the Directors' needs on the RMT
- 2) to re-establish Regional Workshops for Directors

When I was a brand new Director in 1983, Region 8 offered regional director schools. The faculty for the first was the late Bev Sellers; for the second, Zoe Thompson. What an incredible experience for this "green" director! I don't remember the exact date, but they eventually stopped. In those days, ONLY front-line Directors were invited. With over half of our current Directors coming "off the risers", I decided to open the workshops to Assistants and members of the DCP.

Strengthening the Director/Assistant Director relationship, sharing the education and planning for implementation of ideas has been a welcome by-product. Plus, the best way to train our upcoming Directors is to offer them education in advance.

Here's a recap of Region 8 Directors' Workshops 2013-2017: We've experienced education, motivation, and inspiration from a cavalcade of SAI's finest International Faculty: Darlene Rogers (2013), Karen Breidert (Master Faculty, 2014), Kim Wonders (2015), and Judy Pozsgay (2017).

I omitted Peggy Gram (2016) who had to cancel the day before the workshop due to being "grounded" with pneumonia! After a chat that day with the Education Coordinator, Marilyn Cox, I called Beth Bruce to see if she would step in. Talk about "Last Minute"!! All of us who were fortunate to attend that workshop will resoundingly agree that Beth was magnificent. Thank you, Beth!

Thanks to our own Region 8 Star Resources, who taught classes during the five-years: Master Faculty Sharon Babb, and International Faculty Members Kathy Carmody, Vickie Maybury, and Tori Postma: an All-Star Line-Up, indeed!

Kudos to our Chorus boards/teams for supporting and helping

Reminders!

Keep your contact info with SAI updated!

In order to make sure you receive communications from SAI and Region 8, please keep your contact info updated with SAI.

Log In to the Members Only area on the [SAI site](#) and update.

Ask Heather Reimnitz if you have questions!

Are you signed up for the Members Only part of the website??

We utilize the "Members Only" section of the Region 8 website to post contact info, RMT minutes, updates from SAI, etc.

Sign up by creating an account on the website. If you are a CURRENT member, you will be given access.

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fund their Directors to attend. Your backing helped achieve the outstanding Chorus representation* at each of the Directors' Workshops: in 2013 in Salt Lake City (90%), 2014 in SLC (79%), 2015 in Cheyenne (84%), 2016 in SLB (68%), 2017 in Denver (72%).

** percentages based on attendance by at least one Director or Assistant Director from a chorus.*

A huge THANK YOU to the visionaries of the Regional Management Team who believe in Regional Director education, provided necessary funding, and entrusted me to carry out the project! Your support never waned and I am grateful to you.

Special props to the "Fab Five" for attending all five Directors' Workshops: Sherry Feller (High Country), Annette Lambrecht (Windsong), Julie Palagi (Greeley Harmonix), Gena Plooster (Black Hills Showcase), Tammy Schler (Grand Mesa). Ok, I was there, too. :) Thanks to Gena and Tammy for your assistance.

A big thank you to Sherry for her commitment to getting our Directors involved in the DCP. We haven't reached our goal of 100%, but, thanks to Sherry, we're close!

In closing, I am grateful for the opportunity to have represented the talented Directors and Assistant Directors of Region 8. Your friendship is my ultimate take-away from these six years. As always, if you have a challenging situation or just need an ear, I am only a phone call or an email away.

I am proud to have served on the RMT with an amazing group of ladies who take their jobs seriously in representing you, the members of Region 8. It is a daunting responsibility to be the caretaker of the finances, to plan and implement events, and to envision ways to serve all choruses in a region that covers over 400,000 square miles. Not all our decisions have been popular, but they were made with the best interests of the region at heart.

As the new pilot program for regional leadership commences May 1, 2017, I know you'll join me in wishing the new leaders the very best. They will need our help, so let's be ready to serve.

Love and Harmony, Judy Vidal

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