



PIECES OF 8 - HOLIDAYS 2016

Greetings!

Happy Holidays from your Region 8 Management Team! Cannot believe how fast the end of the year has sneaked up.

As always, there is a lot of information in this issue. Info on upcoming educational workshops, contest info, etc. These next few months will be CRITICAL to pay attention to info as we approach our contest in May.

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.

Have a wonderful holiday season!

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Upcoming Events

December 2016

3 2:00p	Colorado Spirit Chorus Holiday Show Boulder Valley Christian Church - Boulder, CO
3 2:00p	A Cappella Electric Chorus Holiday Show Grace Community Church - Loveland, CO
4 3:00p	Grand Mesa Chorus Holiday Show Love Recital Hall at CMU
4 3:00p	Windsong Chorus Holiday Show Sterling High School - Sterling, CO
6 7:00p	Skyline Chorus Holiday Show PACE Center - Parker, CO
10 11:00a	Greeley Harmonix Chorus Holiday Show Greeley Country Club - Greeley, CO
11 2:00p	The Blend Chorus Holiday Show First Christian Church - Loveland, CO

January 2017

20	Directors' Workshop Timbers Hotel - Denver, CO
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Congratulations!!!

Region 8 was represented by THREE groups at the International Competition in October in Las Vegas, and we could not be more proud!

Ruby Blue Quartet placed 17th in the quartet contest!

Mountain Jubilee Chorus placed 15th and Skyline Chorus placed 4th in the main chorus contest.

Congratulations on wonderful performances and we look forward to hearing you all in May!

Contest Bulletins

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

Quartet & Performance Workshop

Region 8 Educational Workshop focusing on quartets and performance in general for ALL of our Region 8 members!

January 21-22, 2017

Embassy Suites Denver Stapleton
4444 Havana Street, Denver, C)

Faculty: FRENZY QUARTET
the 2017 Queens of Harmony!

Registration: \$60/person (deadline January 10, 2017)

ALL DAY Saturday and Sunday morning with a fun Saturday evening show, complete with double quartet contest!

All quartets that register each of their quartet members (paying a total of \$240) will receive 1 hour of FREE COACHING!

Hotel reservations need to be made on your own. Call Embassy Suites at 303-375-0400. Room rate is \$149/night with up to 4 people in a room. **RESERVATIONS NEED TO BE MADE WITH HOTEL PRIOR TO 12/31/16!!!**

Head over to the [EVENT PAGE](#) to register for the weekend, look at the schedule, and lots of other info!

Explaining the Fair Share Assessment

In May 2016, the annual Regional Assessment increased by \$60 for each member in the region. With this change, there have been many questions about this. Below is the info that was sent out to every chapter leadership team. The reason for this increase boils down to one thing: the cost of contest.

The past couple of years we have had a sliding scale for the cost of the contest registration or the All-Event Ticket (AET). The amount of the AET that each chorus paid was based on location of the chorus to the contest site. Those that were closer paid more since they would have less travel expenses. Those that were farther away paid less for the AET since they had more travel expenses whether driving or flying to the contest site. Even with this sliding scale, the region was continuing to lose money year after year on our regional contest.

The Regional Management Team (RMT) discussed at length about collecting this fee (a flat rate for every member) annually from every member in their regional assessment. The RMT decided that since contest is a mandatory requirement for the region to provide to all of it's members, then all members should be required to help pay for it. And the "Fair Share Assessment" was initiated.

This will hopefully help us budget better for contest and know exactly how much we have to spend. The prices of venues, busing, sound, etc. has continued to increase while we have been trying to

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.

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.

RMT Members

Team Coordinator
Jill Harward

keep the cost down for our members. And the costs are the same whether we have 100% participation or 50% participation from our choruses. Some years when several choruses chose not to attend, it really impacted the budget and caused staggering losses.

Per our International President, Paula Davis, "Many regions that are using this plan have been doing it for several years, some closer to 10 years. After the initial shock, their choruses have come to appreciate not having to keep asking members for money every time there is something regionally to participate in. After the initial announcement, they have grown accustomed to it without too much difficulty."

If you have any other questions about the Regional Fair Share Assessment, please contact any member of the RMT. We take our responsibilities as your representatives very seriously, and are honored to have the opportunity to find ways to provide and improve education, membership growth, financial stability and musical excellence.

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