



PIECES OF 8 - AUGUST 2017

Greetings!

Wow this summer is FLYING by! Can't believe it's already August...and this issue is full of lots of fun information.

First, we have the new Regional Executive Committee in place and already working hard. Check out the info page on the website [HERE](#) to see all of the positions and the wonderful ladies filling those positions.

Please do not hesitate to ask questions. We are all here to help. Send me an email and I can help put you in contact with the person that can best answer them.

Have a great rest of the summer!!

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Upcoming Events

[See full calendar](#)

August 2017

2-6	SAI - International Education Symposium University of Maryland - College Park, MD
5	SAI - Rising Star Contest University of Maryland - College Park, MD

September 2017

9 3:00p & 7:00p	Skyline Chorus Show - "Honey, I'm Home!" Bunker Auditorium, The Green Center Colorado School of Mines - Golden, CO
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October 2017

6-8	Rocky Mountain District (BHS) Fall Convention Midway, UT
8 3:00p	Windsong Chorus Show Sterling High School - Sterling, CO
9-14	SAI International Convention MGM Grand Arena - Las Vegas, NV
28 2:00p	Nebraska Pride Chorus Show Ella Messing Center - Arapahoe, NE

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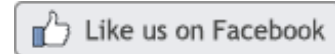
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New Director!

We have a new director in Region 8!

Grand Mesa Chorus' director, Tammy Schler, has retired and Colette Mayers has stepped into the new role. Read about Colette [here](#).

RMRU Reviews Needed

How much fun did we have in Park City at Rocky Mountain Round-Up (RMRU)??

We want to hear from you!

Next issue we'll do a wrap-up of RMRU and want your testimonial and pictures!

Send all your reviews to Heather Reimnitz at hrein6@gmail.com.

28 7:00p	Nebraska Pride Chorus Show Merryman Perf. Arts Center - Kearney, NE
29 2:00p	Nebraska Pride Chorus Show North Platte High School - North Platte, NE

Looking into Region 8's Future . . .

Below are tentative upcoming Region 8 events. Please keep an eye on the regional website for updated dates, locations, etc., but this will give you an idea of what's to come! Mark it all on your calendar NOW!

January 19-20, 2018

"Leading the Way"

Workshop for all Admin & Musical Leaders

Faculty: Paula Davis & Therese Antonini

Location: Denver area

April 12-15, 2018

Region 8 Convention & Competition

Location: Phoenix, AZ

July 27-28, 2018

Rocky Mountain Round-Up w/Arrangers' Workshop

"Judging Categories - Sound & Music"

Faculty: Marge Bailey (Music Judge)

Jana Gutenson (Sound Judge)

Ruth Ann Parker (Sound & Showmanship Judge)

Regional faculty

Location: Pocatello, ID

January 25-26, 2019

Quartet & Chorus Directors' Workshop

Faculty: Sharon Babb & Tori Postma

Location: Denver area

May 16-19, 2019

Region 8 Convention & Competition

Location: Cheyenne, WY

July 12-13 or July 19-20, 2019

Rocky Mountain Round-Up

"Judging Categories - Expression & Showmanship"

Faculty: TBD

Location: TBD

January 17-18, 2020

Sing Your Part Smart Workshop

Faculty: Kim Vaughn

Location: TBD

Stay tuned for news of RMRU 2020, Quartet Workshop 2021, and a surprise RMRU 2021!!!

New International Faculty!

Earlier this year, another Region 8 member was announced as a member of the International Faculty. We congratulate her and are honored to have **Leslie Galbreath** in our region. She is also currently the Region 8 Leadership Development Specialist.

Region 8 now has SIX members on the International Faculty!

[Click here](#) to read more about Leslie and her Sweet Adelines journey.



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,

2017 NAFME Award Recipient

Region 8 gives a heartfelt congratulations to Windsong Chorus' Director, **Annette Lambrecht**, who has been chosen as the 2017 Sweet Adelines International NAFME (National Association

for Music Educators) Award recipient!!

Annette will receive her award from a representative of the NAFME during the Chorus Finals session on Saturday, October 14th, in Las Vegas.

Since SAI began this award 25 years ago, Annette is the third winner from Region 8! Our first recipient was **Beth Bruce** in 1998, and the second recipient was **Mel Horgan** in 2003.

We are SO proud of Annette's dedication to young people and her desire to share our barbershop harmony with all ages.



Summer Harmony Camp was AMAZING!

Submitted by: Paige Sgrignoli, YWTH Specialist

Summer Harmony Camp held in Estes Park every July is in its 17th year. A brain child of the dedicated-to -our-youth Tony Pranaitis, a barbershopper for 19 years.. He has grown this program with a fiery passion. For those of you who know nothing of this camp, here are a few facts.

1. It has been around for 17 years.
2. Its purpose is to expose (mostly) high schoolers to the art of Barbershop Harmony and create a deep love for the style of acapella harmony in the barbershop style. We have had kids as young as 9 and as old as 19. (Younger kids can participate on a case-by-case basis taking into consideration whether they have a high degree of exposure to Barbershop and are very mature.)
3. It's a three-day intensive camp whereby students are expected to show up with their music (mostly) learned. The camp focuses on performing and singing in the Barbershop style including, vocal production, tuning, choreo and storytelling aspects.
4. This is a highly energy-charged weekend where, not only do the students work hard, they play hard too. Late nights of dancing, singing, and socializing.
5. The weekend includes a talent show with the top performers selected to perform on either the Saturday Estes Park show or the Sunday Denver show.
6. The camp usually has about 40 young women and 30 young men. In the last two years, the camp has begun to grow with 62 Girls and about 40 Boys this year. We are shooting for 75 girls and 75 boys. (We are always looking for adult volunteers to sing tags, talk about Barbershop and supervise the kiddos if you know anyone who would be interested.)

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.

Regional Executive Committee

Administrative Director
Sue McCormick

Education Director
Marilyn Cox

Membership Director
Pati Bouman

See all other RESOURCE STAFF members on the [Regional Executive Committee](#) page.

This year's musical staff included:

Rod Sgrignoli - Women's director

Ruby Blue Teaching quartet

Johnny Bugarin - Men's director

The Pine with Chris Richards filling in on Bass

Paige Sgrignoli - Choreographer and performance coach for both Men's and Women's choruses

Every year we have lots of Ladies from High Country Chorus show up and help as well as Paul and Deanna Dover (party coordinators), Al Klinger (videography), and many other passionate adults that give freely of their time to make this a successful camp.

If you are aware of any young women who might be interested in next year's camp, the web site is www.summerharmonycamp.com. I would suggest that campers register early! You can also go to this site to see all the performances from this year. Check it out!



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