



AREA 3 CONVENTION & CONTEST
April 29 - May 1, 2022
LIVERPOOL - SYRACUSE, NY



AREA 3's A.C.C.T. [Area Convention & Contest Team]
and Hostess Chapter, **CRYSTAL CHORDS**,

Welcomes You To:

“DERBY DAYS”

This 1st mailing provides chapters and associates with important information. Please read fully for details:

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More details will follow in the 2nd mailing in early April. Questions? Please email ACCT: **Janine Schindler** at: acctchair@area3harmony.org

AC&C 2022 HOUSING

Hotel: Ramada by Wyndham, Liverpool-Syracuse

441 Electronics Parkway

Liverpool, NY 13088

Room costs are: \$129.00 [single/double or triple/quad]

Individual reservations will NOT be accepted.

*Please complete & return an email copy of the Housing Form no later than **March 20th** to: facilities@area3harmony.org.*

Housing Form must include:

- Chapter Name
- Chapter Contact
- Name[s] for all occupants of each room
- Any special needs
- Room type (single/double, trip/quad). This is a NON-SMOKING HOTEL.
- Credit card number, including number & expiration date – *this is required only for the purpose of ‘holding’ the reservation*
- Arrival Date & Departure Date [check in is 3PM ~ check out is by 12 noon]
- NYS choruses may submit a Tax-Exempt ST-119 Form. (ALL rooms under the exempt status for that chorus need to be paid by a chorus credit card or cash. A debit card attached to a chorus checking account or cashier’s check is recommended. NO tax-exempt status for individuals.

Parking on-site at the Ramada Liverpool-Syracuse is **FREE**. There is an on-site restaurant and excellent amenities such as an indoor swimming pool, fitness room, & complimentary high speed internet access. There are some retail and food services nearby as well.

RAMADA
BY WYNDHAM

AC&C 2022 REGISTRATION [AEP]

Contest Site: Ramada by Wyndham, Liverpool-Syracuse, Convention Center

Contest is all under one roof!

***ALL HARMONY MEMBERS MUST PURCHASE EITHER AN AEP OR Non-Performing AEP.**

***NOTE: AEPs are transferable, not refundable. All choruses / associates must complete the registration form whether or not you are competing.**

Please complete & return an email copy of the Registration Form (as an MS Word file) no later than **March 20th** to: parliamentarian@area3harmony.org.

Please send your Registration Form and check made out to **Area 3, Harmony, Inc.** and mail to: **Michelle Buckenmeyer, 59 Autumn Chapel Way, Rochester, NY 14624, no later than March 20th.**

Full AEP for AC&C 2022 is **\$132.00**

Non-Performing AEP costs **\$103.00**

Youth AEP will cost **\$110.00 [covered by HARMONY INC.]**

**AEP prices include Judges Equalization Fee from Harmony Inc. & continue to include the Banquet and Moonglow.

While General Admission tickets can be purchased by family members, friends, or guests at the door for \$20.00 per event, due to our COVID guidelines, it is highly recommended that these tickets be pre-purchased during registration.

Registration Forms must include:

- Members and guest names in alphabetical order
- Correct spelling as names will be used for the AEP Badges
- Choose the appropriate AEP price

****NOTE: Receipt order of AEP/Registration determines priority Moonglow seating!****



****THIS FORM MUST ACCOMPANY EVERY MEMBER/GUEST REGISTRATION AND INCLUDE A COPY (Front/Back) OF YOUR VACCINE CARD.**

COVID-19 Acknowledgement
to Attend Area 3 AC&C 2022

I have read and understand the Harmony, Inc. & Area 3 COVID Policy, and requirements for attending the above-noted Harmony, Inc. event, and I agree to abide by these requirements during my participation in the event. I understand that my failure to comply may result in my removal from the event without a refund.

I further acknowledge that there is a health risk associated with attending a singing event in person during the COVID-19 pandemic, even with safety policies in place. Understanding that risk, I choose to participate.

(Signature)

(Date)

(Printed Name)

(Affiliation)

Link to the COVID Policy: [COVID Policy](#)

Link to the Official COVID Form: [COVID Acknowledgement](#)

In the upper right, click download

- DO NOT sign up or login (await the download)
- OPEN the form and enable editing
- FILL in the form and SAVE to your device as Firstname Lastname COVIDAck

****Please Note: Prior to starting this next process, be sure that you have images of your vaccine card saved to your device. The entire process works well on computers and *most* other devices.**

Link to UPLOAD the COVID Acknowledgement and Vaccine Card: [COVID Acknowledgement and Vaccine Card Form | Cognito Forms](#)

- Fill in the information requested
- UPLOAD the previously SAVED COVID Acknowledgment Form
- UPLOAD the Vaccine Cards
- Click the SUBMIT

***Please Note: Only the ACCT Chair will have access to the files and after ACC, the files will be destroyed.**

AC&C GENERAL CONTESTANT INFORMATION

It's time for all contestants [chorus & quartets] to complete and send in their Contest Entry Forms. Please complete the forms (HAR-061 or HAR-063) found on the Harmony Inc. website, Members Only section.

Contest Entry forms must be submitted no later than February 28, 2022, in order to be a part of the initial draw for the Order of Appearance for either the Quartet or Chorus Contest. If you miss this date, a late fee will be assessed, and you will sing first in the applicable contest. In order to compete, your late entry must be postmarked no later than March 30, 2022.

The Judging Panel is listed below:

COJ/ACoj: Linda Briggs, Bill Vermue
Music: Cary Burns, Kathy Greason
Performance: Joe Hunter, Fatima Whelan
Singing: Jen Wheaton Forest, John Ward

If you have any questions with regard to either the Chorus or Quartet contest, please contact ACJC Nicola Stevens at a3jc@harmonyinc.org

Chorus Heads-Up: We are hoping that we will be able to assign each chorus their own rehearsal room Saturday morning.

Chorus Photo: CHORUS photos will now be taken in a separate room and be part of the contest pattern.

Quartet Heads-up: Please note that the Quartet Contest time is tentative (Friday 3:00pm). We may have to start earlier depending on the number of quartets that might be competing and COVID protocols. We will not know this until all entry forms have been submitted. Please consider coming Thursday night if possible, so you can enjoy contest day without being rushed! There are no classrooms or assigned warm-up areas, so you will need a space to get ready in.

VOLUNTEERS

We need lots of help over the weekend in order to put on a successful AC&C. Please consider volunteering for a job on contest weekend.

The link to the SignUpGenius volunteer sheet is below. You do not need to login to signup, just click the link and sign-up! Thank you

Link: [Area 3 AC&C Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

CONTEST STAGE INFORMATION (IMPORTANT)

Please be aware that there will be **NO CONTEST STAGE** this year.

Choruses: The risers will be 6, 6ft 4-step risers with back rails and will be placed on the floor of the ballroom.

Quartets: You will be standing on the floor.

There will still be some draping as well as Sound and Lighting.

Enter stage right and exit stage left.

There will be NO stage curtain. Each chorus package starts when the director signals the emcee for the introduction. Quartet packages begin when the emcee introduces each quartet.

TENTATIVE Weekend Schedule **Final schedule will be published at a later date.**

DATE	TIME	SCHEDULE	ROOM/FACILITY
Friday, April 29 th	10:00 AM – 3:30 PM	Registration	Convention Center Foyer
	10:00 AM – 1:30 PM	Hospitality	Ballroom East
	12:30 PM – 1:00 PM	Area Quarus Rehearsal	Cotillion 2
	1:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Contestant Judges Briefing	Convention Center
	1:30 PM – 2:15 PM	Quartet on-stage viewing	Convention Center
	3:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Quartet Contest: Area Quarus, Awards & Qualifiers, 1 st place sings	Convention Center
	8:00 PM – 11:00 PM	Evaluations	TBA
Saturday, April 30 th	8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Hospitality	Ballroom East
	8:15 AM – 9:00 AM	Chorus on-stage viewing (no singing)	Convention Center
	9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Area Chorus Rehearsal	Convention Center
	9:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Family Chorus Rehearsal	Convention Center
	10:00 AM – contest	Chorus assigned rooms available	TBA
	10:00 AM – Noon	Registration	Convention Center Foyer
	Noon – 2:45 PM	Chorus Contest: Area Chorus, Awards & Qualifiers, 1 st place sings	Convention Center
	3:15 PM – 5:30 PM	Chorus Evaluations	TBA
	6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Cocktails / Dinner	Convention Center
	8:00 PM – 10:00 PM	MoonGlow	Convention Center
Sunday, May 1 st	9:00 AM – 12:30 PM	Education / Craft Classes	Cotillion 1, 3 & Ballroom West
	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Hospitality	Ballroom East

Harmony Welcomes Mixed Quartets!

We're happy to again announce that Area 3 has opened its arms to include mixed quartets registered with the Mixed Barbershop Harmony Association (MBHA) at our AC&C.

For details on how to register with MBHA visit: www.mixedbarbershop.org. Once you are registered with MBHA and your dues are up to date, please complete the Quartet Contest Entry Form (HAR-061). <https://www.harmonyinc.org/har-061-official-area-quartet-contest-entry-form/>

If you need assistance, please contact Nicola Stevens, ACJC (a3jc@harmonyinc.org). All contestants **must** purchase an All Events Pass [AEP] for the Area Convention & Contest. All Contest Entry Forms are due by February 28th.



AREA 3 CHORUS:

Katie Taylor is leading our 2022 Area 3 Chorus in song at this year's AC&C, as the director from Northern Blend, our 2019 Area 3, 1st Place Chorus Champion. The song is "Change the World", arranged by David Wright / Deke Sharon.

The Area Chorus has been made up of 4 singers from each chapter. If you are able to be in the Area 3 Chorus, PLEASE be certain to do your part by LEARNING the song. We will continue with our annual AC&C Saturday morning rehearsal and performance Saturday afternoon at AC&C. Remember that all Area 3 Associate members [in good standing] are also invited to sing in the Area 3 Chorus! The ACCT Chair will send out 4 copies of music and trax to each chorus. Associates and any other member interested in singing may contact Janine Schindler, Area 3 ACCT Chair at: ACCTChair@area3harmony.org.

AREA 3 QUARUS:

Our Area 3 Quarus Directors for 2022 are Area 3 2019 1st Place Quartet Champions, Lip Service, and the song the Quarus will be singing is, "Count On Me", arranged by Jeremy Johnson. Sheet music and learning trax will be available to registered quartets soon. Once you decide that your quartet can learn this song and be with us for the Friday afternoon rehearsal and performance Friday evening at AC&C, please email the contact Janine Schindler, Area 3 ACCT Chair at: ACCTChair@area3harmony.org for music and trax.

AREA 3 FAMILY CHORUS:

This is an invitation to all Area 3 singers who fall within the FAMILY category to please participate in our Family Chorus at AC&C 2022! This year's director will be Anne Bureau and the song she has chosen is "When There's Love at Home", arranged by Tom Gentry. We certainly don't want to miss anyone who is eligible to enjoy this experience and encourage all members who have a mother, mother-in-law, daughter, daughter-in-law, sister, sister-in-law, aunt, cousin, associate member and/or affiliate male family member that sing in Area 3 – to please join us! It is a very enjoyable and rewarding experience.

Please indicate your interest in participating by emailing Janine Schindler, Area 3 ACCT Chair at: ACCTChair@area3harmony.org, and she will send you the music and trax. We'll continue with our annual AC&C Saturday morning rehearsal and Saturday performance at AC&C so that we may have some time together prior to our performance.

AC&C 2022 HOSTESS CHAPTER, CRYSTAL CHORDS,

presents:

“DERBY DAYS”



The Crystal Chords are so excited to welcome Area 3 back to Liverpool as we “Call to Post” for our exciting *Derby Days*. The stakes are high as we all pony up to the starting gate and find out who will win, place, or show in the big Sweepstakes. You can bet there will be plenty of harmony, friendship, and fun as we cheer each other on. Be sure to bring your finest Derby Hats, of course!!

We have beautiful t-shirts with the *Derby Days* logo available for pre-order (see t-shirt order page). These are available in two colors -- ‘Carolina Blue’, and ‘White’ -- in sizes XS – 4XL, for \$17 each. (Men’s fit available upon request.)

There will be plenty to peruse in the Hospitality Room, too, so be sure to stop in – credit cards will be accepted! If your chorus or quartet would like to reserve a table in the Hospitality Room to sell your CDs, please contact Chris Dunbar at cdunbar419@gmail.com.

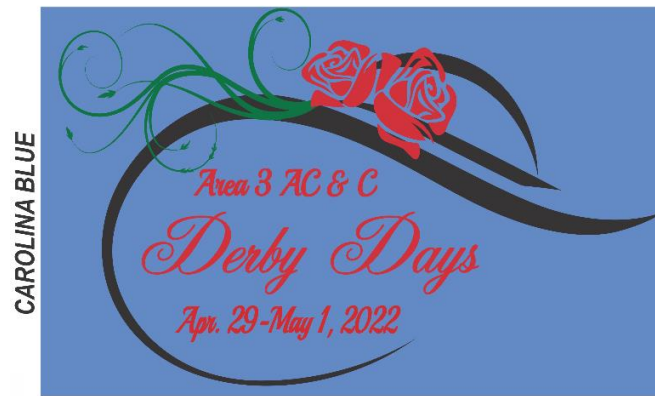
We look forward to seeing you all there as we go “*Off to the Races*”!!!

Derby Days T-Shirt Order

\$17

Sizes XS -
4XL

UNIT



- *T-shirts are lightweight, moisture-wicking, and highly breathable.
- * 100% polyester interlock with Posi-Charge technology
- * Gently contoured silhouette
- * Set in sleeves

Please print and complete the order form on the next page and mail completed order and check by **3/20/22** to:

Checks made payable to Crystal Chords. One check per Chorus/
Associate please.

Chris Dunbar
419 Hillbrook Rd.
Elmira, NY 14905

BANQUET & MOONGLOW

- The Banquet will continue to be buffet style; however, the Hotel Staff will serve your food choices.
- Seating will be generously spaced throughout the banquet hall with 6-7 seats per table.
- You have the option of taking your plate back to your hotel room to dine.
- For those who have opted to dine in your hotel room, you will be welcomed back to your designated table for the Moonglow festivities.
- The menu will be provided in the 2nd mailing.

For the MoonGlow, other than the normal pre-determined awards being presented, only the following will be part of our Saturday evening annual Area 3 AC&C MoonGlow program:

- **ALL Choruses** -- will perform one song [unless an exemption is requested]
- **ALL Area 3 Current Quartet Medalists** -- will perform one song
- **ALL Area 3 Queen quartets and/or International Chorus Champions** -- will perform one song [unless they do not wish to do so]
- **Judges** -- will perform one song [unless they elect not to do so]

***Please note:** Due to trying to keep the cost of the AEP reasonable and the increasing cost to print a program, there will be no program this year and therefore no program ads. A one-page contest performance order sheet will be available at the door for each contest.

CHECKLIST

Due Dates:

- February 28: Contest Entry Form**
- March 20: Housing Form**
- March 20: Registration Form, COVID Acknowledgement
and Vaccine Card**
- March 20: T-Shirt Order due**
- March 30: Late entry Contest Entry Form**
- Anytime: Volunteer Sign Up**
- Anytime: Request Area Chorus, Quarus & Family Chorus Music**

More details will follow in the 2nd mailing in early April. Questions? Please email
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