



AREA 3 CONVENTION & CONTEST
May 5-7, 2023
EAST SYRACUSE, NY



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

Welcomes You To:

“ROARING TWENTIES”

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 2023 HOUSING



**** Due to our late contract with a new venue (the previous hotel closed), reservations will be made individually (like ICC). Rooms are limited at the main hotel and two overflow hotels, located on the same property, are available. Links to place reservations will be sent via email on March 1st.**

Main Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton Syracuse *All beds are double/double**
6301 State Route 298
East Syracuse, NY 13057**

Room costs are: \$134.00 plus tax single/double Check In- 4 pm
\$149.00 plus tax triple Check Out- 11 am
\$165.00 plus tax quad

Complimentary breakfast is not included.

Once the main hotel is full, links to the overflow hotels will be released.

Overflow Hotel #1:
Fairfield by Marriot
Carrier Circle
6593 Weighlock Dr. East

Overflow Hotel #2:
Springhill Suites
Carrier Circle
6593 Weighlock Dr.

***Beds are double/queens or king**

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Check In- 3 pm, Check Out- 12 pm

Room costs for both the Fairfield and Springhill are: \$149.00 plus tax and includes a complimentary buffet breakfast

Parking on-site at all three hotels is **FREE**. At the Main hotel, 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. The Overflow hotels are a 5-7 minute walk or you can drive over.

AC&C 2023 REGISTRATION [AEP]

Contest Site: DoubleTree by Hilton Syracuse

*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.** to: *Michelle Buckenmeyer, 59 Autumn Chapel Way, Rochester, NY 14624, no later than **March 20th**.*

Full AEP for AC&C 2023 is **\$133.00**

Non-Performing AEP costs **\$108.00**

Youth AEP will cost **\$112.00** [covered by HARMONY INC.]

General Admission Contest Tickets **\$20.00** each

Guest dinners **\$48.00**

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

General Admission tickets can also be purchased at the door for \$20.00.

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!****



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 March 6, 2023, 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 April 5, 2023.

The Judging Panel is listed below:

Panel Chair	Linda Muise
Administrative Judge	Patricia Cassidy
Music	Liz LeClair and Johnny Bugarin
Performance	Jill Reid and Sandi Wright
Singing	Sue Kember and Amy Patterson

The Practice Panel is listed below:

Administrative Judge Candidate	Angie Morton-Locke
Performance Category Candidate	Tracey Beatty
Singing Category Candidate	Jessi Nasto (Chorus) and Jeanne Viscito (Quartet)

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 be taken on the stage.

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. 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 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.

Enter **stage left** and **exit stage right**. This is the opposite of what we are used to doing.

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, May 5th	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Registration	Grand Ballroom Foyer
	10:00 AM – 1:30 PM	Hospitality	Champlain Room
	12:30 PM – 1:00 PM	Area Quarus Rehearsal	Adams Basin
	1:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Contestant Judges Briefing	Grand Ballroom
	1:30 PM – 2:15 PM	Quartet on-stage viewing	Grand Ballroom
	3:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Quartet Contest: Area Quarus, Awards, 1 st place sings	Grand Ballroom
	7:30 PM – 11:00 PM	Evaluations	TBA
Saturday, May 6th	8:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Hospitality	Champlain Room
	8:15 AM – 9:00 AM	Chorus on-stage viewing (no singing)	Grand Ballroom
	9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Area Chorus Rehearsal	Grand Ballroom
	9:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Family Chorus Rehearsal	Grand Ballroom
	10:00 AM -10:30 AM	Associates Chorus Rehearsal	Grand Ballroom
	10:00 AM - contest	Chorus assigned rooms available	TBA
	10:00 AM – Noon	Registration	Grand Ballroom Foyer
	Noon – 2:45 PM	Chorus Contest; Family Chorus, Area Chorus, Associate Chorus, Awards, 1 st place sings	Grand Ballroom
	3:15 PM – 5:30 PM	Chorus Evaluations	TBA
	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Cocktails / Dinner	Grand Ballroom
8:00 PM – 10:00 PM	MoonGlow	Grand Ballroom	
Sunday, May 7th	9:00 AM – 12:30 PM	Education / Craft Classes	TBA
	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Hospitality	Champlain Room

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).

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 March 6th.



AREA 3 CHORUS:

Katie Taylor is leading our 2023 Area 3 Chorus in song at this year's AC&C, as the director from Northern Blend, our 2022 Harmony, Inc. 1st Place Chorus Champions. The song is "Love in Any Language" and it is arranged by Dave Briner.

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 Director for 2023 is Tessa Walker, 2019 Harmony Queen from Hot Pursuit, and the song the Quarus will be singing is, "Grace Kelly", arranged by Liz Garnett. 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 2023! This year's director will be Ann Wilcox and the song she has chosen is "Let There Be Music, Let There Be Love", arranged by Joe Liles. 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.



AREA 3 ASSOCIATE CHORUS:

This new chorus is for our Associates. Linda Hilko will be directing the Associate Chorus and she has chosen the song, "It's The Music That Brings Us Together" arranged by Clay Hines. We know you all know this song written shortly after the "shelter-in-place" for COVID-19 started and we can't think of a more fitting song to pave the way for this new chorus. Music and trax can be found on the Harmony, Inc. website under Members only/songs. [It's the Music That Brings Us Together](#) Please let Linda (Associate@area3harmony.org) know that you'll be participating in the Associate Chorus.

AC&C 2023 HOSTESS CHAPTER, Harmony Falls,
presents:

“Roaring Twenties”



Harmony Falls is thrilled to host Area 3 AC&C 2023!

We are taking a step back in time to the Roaring Twenties, so rouge those knees, roll your stockings down and step out in your best 1920's garb!

The t-shirts are the cat's meow – they are sky blue with a black Roaring Twenties logo and are available for pre-order (see t-shirt order form) in sizes XS-4XL for \$18.00 each.

Stop by the Hospitality Room to check out the shop. If your chorus would like to reserve a table to sell CDs, please contact Sherie Carroll (sherie.carroll@gmail.com) or Diane Sakowsky (dsakowsky@yahoo.com).

Don't be a bluenose! Let's have a real wingding! See you all in May!



T-Shirt Order Form

Roaring 20s

This year's logo t-shirts are sky blue, v-neck 50/50 blend with black logo
\$18.00 per shirt

DEADLINE for orders is March 31, 2023
Order form and payment must be received NO LATER THAN March 31
Final order will be placed April 1, 2023



Don't be late - place your chorus order now!
Shirts will be available for pick up in the Hospitality Room

Chorus Name: _____ Date: _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Contact Email: _____

XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL

Total Number of Shirts: _____

Total Amount Due: _____

Paid by check number: _____

Order forms & accompanying checks should be made payable to Harmony Falls Chorus and mailed to:

**Harmony Falls Chorus
C/O Lois Kozlowski
3231 Halseyville Rd
Trumansburg NY 14886**

Please also **EMAIL A COPY** of your order form to loiskozlowski4444@gmail.com no later than March 31, 2023.

Individual T-Shirt Tracking Form

Feel free to make additional copies of this page as necessary

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COVID PROTOCOLS



Area 3 is following the guidance of Harmony, Inc. for our AC&C with respect to dropping all mandates for COVID. There are no *requirements* for vaccine or masking. We will reinstate on an event-by-event basis, if the federal or state guidelines change for that location.

BANQUET & MOONGLOW

- The Banquet will be buffet style.
- 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 again be an electronic program this year and program ad information will be provided in the second mailing. A one-page contest performance order sheet will be available at the door for each contest.

CHECKLIST

Due Dates:

- March 1: Link sent to make individual Hotel Reservations**
- March 6: Contest Entry Form**
- March 20: Registration Form**
- March 31: T-Shirt Order due**
- April 5: 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
ACCT Chair: [Janine Schindler](mailto:Janine.Schindler@area3harmony.org) at: acctchair@area3harmony.org