

AC & C 2023 EDUCATION CLASSES

DoubleTree by Hilton Syracuse – East Syracuse, NY
Sunday, May 7, 2023

Classes are held in the Adams Basin, Bushnells Basin, and Sacketts Basin rooms. The Quartet Development Room will be held in Dewitt Basin.

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Class 1: **Coaching Under Glass** - with Johnny Bugarin (Certified Music Judge). Johnny will be working with a quartet and coaching through the Music lens. *Location: Bushnells Basin*

Class 2: **Vocal Freedom - Release Your Natural Voice** – with Amy Patterson (Certified Singing Judge). We all want to sing freely, naturally, and with ease, right? How often have you heard a director or coach say, "just release the tension" or "stop pushing the sound?" In this experiential class, we'll delve into the concept of primal sounds and natural breathing to help you find your best—and most natural—voice. *Location: Adams Basin*

Class 3: - **Tips and Tricks on Memorizing Your Music** – with Liz LeClair (Certified Music Judge). We all could use some help with "getting off paper" with our music. Come and learn some new tips and tricks to help your brain! *Location: Sacketts Basin*

NEW THIS YEAR! QUARTET DEVELOPMENT ROOM

Calling all Area 3 members who are looking for a quartet or quartet members! Meet together in this room at 9:00 a.m. and sing some common songs to test the blend. Common songs can be found on www.harmonyinc.org under the Members Only section under Song Library.

Location: Dewitt Basin

10:10 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.

Class 1: **Northern Blend Master Class** – with Katie Taylor (Director). Come share an hour with your 2022 International Champions and learn what makes them tick! From music team to publicity, rehearsal techniques to show programming, coaching to membership outreach, NBC will happily share how they work, and be happy to answer any questions you may have! They will also sing a few songs for (and with) you! It'll be fun! *Location: Bushnells Basin*

Class 2: **Practice With Purpose** – with Amy Patterson. Of course, we know personal practice is important, but is there a 'right' way or a 'wrong' way to practice? We'll share ideas and strategies for practicing that will help you feel better prepared and more confident for your next quartet or chorus rehearsal. *Location: Adams Basin*

Class 3: **Conquering the Aging Voice** - with Sandi Wright (Certified Performance Judge). They tell us to use it or lose it, and that is true...well it doesn't get any easier, does it? This class was developed because I am the epitome of an aging voice, but at 67 years old I was still in a top ten quartet. I'll give you the physiological reasons why our voices aren't what they used to be, and I'll also give some advice that works for me. If you are singing along and notice that annoying little wobble, or if you go for a note and it doesn't land in the spot you're aiming for, this class is for you. *Location: Sacketts Basin*

11:20 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.

Class 1: **How to be Inclusive in Your Rehearsals and Beyond!** – with Katie Taylor. Come join Harmony Queen Katie Taylor as she walks through ways to navigate becoming more welcoming to people from all walks of life, abilities, races, ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, and more. Topics include using inclusive language, song choice, outreach, leadership, membership drives, branding, acknowledgment, and more. Katie represents the Harmony, Inc. Equity and Diversity Committee, and is an avid supporter of LGBTQ+ and marginalized people. All questions are welcomed! *Location: Bushnells Basin*

Class 2: **Interpreting a Song** – with Liz LeClair. Come play with a little known song, as we experiment with one of the free songs in the "Here's Harmony" series. *Location: Adams Basin*

Class 3: **Right Brain/Left Brain** – with Sandi Wright. A real left brain look at how to get in touch with the right brain. Exercises in creative visualization and hints to help you live the music so that the audience gets the clear message of the songs. *Location: Sacketts Basin*

