

Welcome from the Area Director

It is my pleasure as your Area 3 Director to welcome all members and guests to our spectacular **Roaring Twenties** and AC&C 2023, where we will be having a **bee's knees** time in East Syracuse, NY.



Your host chapter, Harmony Falls, has done a wonderful job in creating a memorable weekend. Make sure you stop by their hospitality room and tell them how their room is the **real McCoy**! There are treasures for everyone!

Be prepared for our **hotsy-totsy** Moonglow at the DoubleTree by Hilton Syracuse. The theme of "**Roaring Twenties**" will be evident throughout the room. It will be so much fun you'll be wanting to move your **gams and dogs!**

I am very thankful for these wonderful groups of **big cheeses**, Janine Schindler our ACCT Chair, Nicola Stevens our ACJC, Dene Day ACCT Facilities, Michelle Buckenmeyer, Judges' Services

Coordinator, Sharron Gilbert, Registration, Ann Christiano, our Treasurer, and their dedicated Committees and all of the Area 3 Coordinators who have worked diligently on our behalf to ensure that AC&C 2023 is a great success. Through their teamwork and negotiating with the DoubleTree by Hilton Syracuse, they have secured a great all-in-one location for us to celebrate our weekend.

You will note the great selection of craft classes organized by myself and Nancy Weisbein. Education is a big part of what we do, so please take the time to attend at least one or more of the classes on Sunday morning and learn something new.

I hope that you will have a wonderful and successful weekend with lots of fun and memories and I look forward to seeing you all in November at IC&C to be held in Grand Rapids, MI.

Sarah Thorne-Miller, Area 3 Director

Message from the Area Contest & Judging Chair

I have thoroughly enjoyed being your ACJC for the past seven years (and five AC&Cs); however, I am officially retiring from the position following AC&C. I would like to say a huge "Thank You" to the ACCT for all your help and support over the years. It was a pleasure being part of such an amazing team.

I am very happy and excited to be handing over the role to Erin Cassidy. Erin is a member of Bella Nova and sings with the quartet SolFire. She is very qualified for the position and is definitely ready to take the reins. Good Luck Erin, you are going to be great!

Nicola Stevens, Area Contest & Judging Chair

2023 AC&C Judging Panel

Panel Chair Linda Muise, Dover, NH

Music Category Liz LeClair, Milton, NH

Johnny Bugarin, Aurora, CO

Performance Category

Jill Reid, Windsor Junction, NS Sandi Wright, St. Louis, MO

Singing Category

Sue Kember, Windsor Junction, NS Amy Patterson, Cambridge, ON Administrative Judge Patricia Cassidy, Sudbury, ON

Practice Panel Angie Morton-Locke, Paris, ON ADM Candidate

Jessi Nasto (Chorus Contest) Dryden, NY SNG Candidate

Jeanne Viscito (Quartet Contest) Hope, NJ SNG Candidate

Tracey Beatty, Holland Centre, ON PER Candidate



Harmony Creed G. Ruth Geils

Harmony from our hearts, as well as voices;
Affection for each other, oft expressed;
Radiant with our love of barbershop;
Mindful of our principles and ideals;
Outstretched hands to every race and creed;
Neatness in our dress and in our thinking;
Young in heart, for singing keeps us young;
Inspired with our desire to grow and flourish;
Nourished by devotion to our music;
Constructive in our work for Harmony, Inc.

Schedule of Events

Friday, May 5		
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Registration	Grand Ballroom Foyer
10:00 AM – 1:30 PM	Hospitality	Champlain Room
11:30 AM – 12:15 PM	Area Quarus Rehearsal	Adams Basin
12:30 PM – 1:00 PM	Contestant Judges Briefing	Grand Ballroom
1:00 PM – 1:45 PM	Quartet On-stage Viewing (no singing)	Grand Ballroom
3:00 PM – 6:30 PM	Quartet Contest	Grand Ballroom
7:30 PM – 11:00 PM	Quartet Evaluations	ТВА
Saturday, May 6		
8:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Hospitality	Champlain Room
8:00 AM – 8:50 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 – Noon	Registration	Grand Ballroom Foyer
Noon – 3:00 PM	Chorus Contest	Grand Ballroom
3:15 PM – 5:30 PM	Chorus Evaluations	ТВА
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Cocktails/Dinner	Grand Ballroom
8:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Moonglow	Grand Ballroom
Sunday, May 7		
9:00 AM – 12:30 AM	Education Classes	Basin Rooms
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Hospitality	Champlain Room

Harmony, Inc. Events Code of Conduct

All participants—performers, judges, guests, volunteers, etc.—of Harmony, Inc. events are advised of the following code of conduct. We require cooperation from all participants to help ensure a safe and enjoyable convention environment for everybody.

Harmony, Inc. is dedicated to providing a harassment-free convention experience for everyone, regardless of gender, gender identity and expression, age, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, ethnicity, religion, or other personal characteristics. We do not tolerate harassment of convention participants in any form, including on social media platforms.

Violations of this code of conduct may be reported to Chapter, Area or IBOD leadership by any attendee and may result in the violator's immediate removal from the event and further disciplinary action as outlined in Harmony, Inc's Corporate Manual.

Contest Reminders

Photography and Recording

No unauthorized photography or recordings during any performance

Due to copyright laws, recording, or use of video or movie equipment during a contest session is prohibited

Contest Areas

No entering or exiting the contest venue during any performance

No food or beverage in the contest area

No talking or singing along with the contestants

This is a fragrance free and smoke free convention. Please refrain from wearing perfume, scented lotion, or or similar products inside contest areas.

Electronic Devices

Please turn off all cell phones, tablets, pagers, laptop computers, electronic devices and wristwatch alarms so they will not sound during a contestant's performance.

Access to the Judging Area

Unless authorized by the Administrative Panel Chair, no one is to enter the judging area during the contest, including intermissions.



WATCH THE WEBCAST ON ACAVILLE



We're Harmony, We're Strong

Words by Nancy Foris, Music by Beth Ramsson, Arrangement by Russ Foris

A blend with friendship is our creed, In Harmony we fill a need; Come lift your voices loud and long to celebrate with us in song! From all our hearts in Harmony with love that can't be bound, We're partners in Democracy, each woman's voice is found. The chords are close the feelings strong, our path is one that's clear; We give of talents, time and song to share what we hold dear. In barbershop our spirits raise, to Harmony we're true. In song and service, work and play, in everything we do. One voice, one vote that is the key, all women can belong; For what we are is Harmony, we celebrate in song We're Harmony, we're strong! (Come join our song!)



What A Dream Can Do

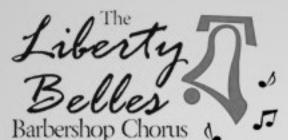
Words and Music by Christine Hayes, Arrangement by Steve Delahanty

Our voices one in song, Together proud and strong. We stand as proof it's true of what a dream can do. When ev'ry voice is heard, then miracles occur. When friendship's bond holds true, See what a dream can do. For Harmony's our gift to share Because of dreamers who would dare Make the world a place where a song's embrace Holds us all, no matter who. Join hands and hearts my friends, This dream will never end. We'll show the world anew, just what a dream, A dream can do, a dream can do.



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH AT 2PM SOUDERTON MENNONITE CHURCH 105 W Chestnut St, Souderton, PA

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Quartet Contest Friday, May 5 at 3 PM — Grand Ballroom

Welcome: Janine Schindler, Area 3 ACCT Chair Presenter: Sarah Thorne-Miller, Area 3 Director

Contestants listed as Tenor, Lead, Baritone, Bass

Mic Testers — Rhapsody Renegades **Rochester Rhapsody** Cory Stiehl, Sarah Casper, Donna Gronemeyer, Sue Melvin **Sunday Drive** Mixed Barbershop Harmony Association (MBHA) Alessandra Daigneault, Emily Faalasli, Rachael Storey-Chase, Calvin Schnure **Escapade** Niagara Frontier Chord Authority and Associate Julianne Yendall, Barbara Yendall, Carol Zeffiro, Betsy Walits Bella Nova Chorus and Associates Legacy Christina Lewellen, Bryn Lewellen, Heidi Brown, Annie Ermlick Porchlight Liberty Belles Chorus and Associate Veronica Lauer, Monica Walsh, Bonita Grady, Linda Franco **Restless Rhythm Crystal Chords** Becky LaBella, Sandy Hamilton-Ziegler, Jan Aiello, Charlene Zearfoss

Northern Blend and Assoc	
Tessa Walker, Jess Leigh, Katie Taylor, Lynn Blakeney	

Crystal Chords Anne McGee, Chris Dunbar, Ann Wilcox, Jessica Rhodes

Intermission — 15 Minutes

ZEST Crystal Chords Karla Terry, Brooke Robinson, Ann Wilcox, Jessica Rhodes

> Harmony Falls Lois Kozlowski, Nancy Oliver, Joan Plant, Belinda Thompson

Northern Blend Ali James, Jodi Castello, Mary Ann Wert, Taralee Lashway

Bella Nova Chorus Allyn Lloyd, Erin Cassidy, Rachael Storey-Chase, Emily Faalasli

Crystal Chords Chris Dunbar, Jessica Rhodes, Ann Wilcox, Iva Flewelling

Nexus

Lip Service

N2Q

Roulette

Top Shelf

SōlFire

Tonal Recall

Northern Blend Kathy Wiley, Dorene Dickerson, Jeannie Greenwood, Bunny Gorman

MetaFour

Harmony Falls and Associate Jean Falter, Olivia Englhart, Karen Trotter, Sherie Carroll

Vivàce

Crystal Chords, Northern Blend and Associate Donna McKay, Amy DePerna, Lorie Autote, Jessi Nasto

Area Quarus

"Grace Kelly"

Words and Music by Mika — Arrangement by Liz Garnett

Directed by Tessa Walker, Harmony, Inc. Associates Coordinator



Presentation of Quartet Awards

BHA Mixed Quartet Trophy

Awarded to the highest scoring MBHA quartet

Donated by Dick and Roxanne Powell in memory of Chuck Wert and "Compound W" and Presented by Mary Ann Wert, Katie Taylor and Lorie Autote

Quartet Qualifier Ribbons

Awarded to the quartets achieving a qualifying score to be eligible to compete at international contest

Donated by Harmony, Inc., and Presented by Sarah Thorne-Miller, Area 3 Director

Novice Quartet Award

Awarded to the highest scoring quartet containing the least number of previous contestants in a barbershop contest

Donated and Presented by For Heaven's Sake, 1996 International Quartet Champions

Cygnet Award

Awarded to the most improved quartet based on score from the previous contest

Donated and Presented by Karen Trotter, Four in Accord, 1986 International Quartet Champions

Third Place Medals

Donated by Area 3 and Presented by Sarah Thorne-Miller, Area 3 Director

Second Place Medals

Donated by Area 3 and Presented by Janine Schindler, Area 3 ACCT Chair

Aspire Award and First Place Medals

Donated by Charisma, 2017 International Quartet Champions, and Presented by Carol Zeffiro and Barbara Yendall

Song by First Place Quartet

We're Harmony, We're Strong

Words by Nancy Foris — Music by Beth Ramsson — Arrangement by by Russ Foris

Directed by Karen Trotter, Director, host chapter Harmony Falls



We Are Thankful

Words and Music by Tom Gentry Arrangement by Harmony, Incorporated Music Judges

> We are thankful for the friends beside us. We are thankful for the songs we share. We are thankful for the love around us. We are thankful, thankful for Harmony.

Best wishes from NFCA to all the competing choruses and quartets M (And we love you, Escapade!)



Shout Outs!

Renegades - Cory, Donna, Sarah: HAVE FUN ON STAGE! Love, Sue



Rochester Rhapsody is so proud and happy that you have joined us! Cath, Carolyn, Shelly, Stephanie, Jenn, Dee, Scooter, Ellen, Jo, Judy, Ellie, Janice, Joan, Tammy, Margaret, Ashley, Holly and Jessica

Chorus Contest Saturday, May 6 at 12 PM — Grand Ballroom

Welcome: Janine Schindler, Area 3 ACCT Chair Presenter: Katie Taylor, Director, Northern Blend

Mic Testers — Northern Blend	Watertown, New York Katie Taylor, Director
Harmony in Motion	Sussex, New Jersey
	Jeanne Viscito, Director
Heart of Pennsylvania	Lewisburg, Pennsylvania
	Dee Casteel, Director
Crystal Chords	Corning/Emira, New York
	Chris Dunbar, Director
Liberty Belles Chorus	Lansdale, Pennsylvania
	Anne Bureau, Director
Intermissio Bella Nova Chorus	on — 15 Minutes Herndon, VA
	Richard Lewellen, Director

Rochester Rhapsody

Rochester, New York

Sue Melvin, Director

Niagara Frontier Chord Authority

Amherst, New York

Ron Mason, Director

Harmony Falls Chorus

Trumansburg, New York Karen Trotter and Nancy Oliver, Directors



Area 3 Family Chorus

"Let There Be Music, Let There Be Love"

Words, Music, and Arrangement by Joe Liles

Directed by Ann Wilcox

Area 3 Associates Chorus

"It's the Music That Brings Us Together"

Words, Music, and Arrangement by Clay Hine Directed by Linda Hilko, Area 3 Associates Coordinator

Area 3 Chorus

"Love in Any Language"

Words and Music by Jon Mohr and John Mays — Arrangement by David Briner

Directed by Katie Taylor, Director, Northern Blend

Presentation of Chorus Awards

Chorus Qualifier Ribbons

Awarded to the choruses achieving a qualifying score to be eligible to compete at international contest

Donated by Harmony, Inc., and Presented by Sarah Thorne-Miller, Area 3 Director

Peg Duclos Award

Awarded to the highest scoring chorus with 30 or fewer chapter members

Donated in memory of Peg Duclos by Kath Morgan and Presented by Janine Schindler, Area 3 ACCT Chair

Most Improved Chorus Award

Awarded to the most improved chorus based on rank from the previous contest

Donated by Heart of Pennsylvania and Presented by Karen Castle, Chapter President

Jean Linn Award

Awarded to the most improved chorus based on score from the previous contest

Donated by Harmony Falls and Presented by Cathy Horein, Chapter President

Rising Star Award

Awarded to the most improved chorus based on performance score

Donated by Rochester Rhapsody, and Presented by Michelle Buckenmeyer, Chapter President

Third Place Ribbons

Donated by Area 3 and Presented by Sarah Thorne-Miller, Area 3 Director

Second Place Ribbons

Donated by Area 3 and Presented by 2022 International Chorus Champions, Northern Blend, Katie Taylor, Director and Taralee Lashway, President

First Place Medals

Donated by Area 3 and Presented by the Liberty Belles Chorus

First Place Chorus Trophy

Donated by the Crystal Chords and Presented by Jo Barlow, Chapter President

Song by First Place Chorus

We're Harmony, We're Strong

Words by Nancy Foris — Music by Beth Ramsson — Arrangement by by Russ Foris

Directed by the First Place Chorus Director

Moonglow — The Roaring Twenties Speakeasy

Saturday, May 6 — Grand Ballroom Cocktails 6:00 PM — Dinner 7:00 PM Moonglow program will follow dinner at 8:00 PM

Roaring Twenties Dinner Buffet

GANGSTER

Garden Salad w/ Cherry Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Carrots and choice of 2 dressings – served at the tables (gluten free, vegetarian, vegan)

PROHIBITION

Roasted Potatoes (gluten free, vegan)

JAZZY

Roasted Vegetables (gluten free, vegetarian, vegan)

BIG CHEESE

Stuffed Shells Marinara (vegetarian)

FLAPPERS

Chicken French

THE BEES KNEES

London Broil (gluten free)

HOTSY TOTSY

Surprise Dessert - served at the tables (vegetarian)

Assorted Rolls and Butter

Coffee and Tea

SIGNATURE COCKTAIL (cash bar)

Gin Rickey (a special drink from the Roaring Twenties)

Moonglow

Carol McDonnell Membership Award Quartet and Chorus Performances "Pass the Hat" for Youth Outreach

* Due to Prohibition rules, no food or drink is allowed in moonglow/afterparty rooms unless purchased from the hotel *

AC&C 2023 Education Classes

Sunday, May 7 from 9:00 AM to 12:20 PM

Session 1—9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Class 1: Coaching Under Glass with Johnny Bugarin (Certified Music Judge) Location: Bushnell's Basin

Johnny will be working with a quartet and coaching through the Music lens.

Class 2: Vocal Freedom - Release Your Natural Voice with Amy Patterson (Certified Singing Judge)

Location: Adams Basin

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.

Class 3: - Tips and Tricks on Memorizing Your Music with Liz LeClair (Certified Music Judge)

Location: Sacketts Basin

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!

NEW THIS YEAR! QUARTET DEVELOPMENT ROOM

Location: Devitt Basin

Calling all Area 3 members who are looking for a quartet or quartet members! Meet together in this room at 9:00 AM 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.

Session 2—10:10 AM to 11:10 AM

Class 1: Northern Blend Master Class with Katie Taylor (Director) Location: Bushnells Basin

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!

Class 2: Practice With Purpose with Amy Patterson (Certified Singing Judge) Location: Adams Basin

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.

Class 3: Conquering the Aging Voice with Sandi Wright (Certified Performance Judge)

Location: Sacketts Basin

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 in the spot you're aiming for, this class is for you.

Session 3 —11:20 AM to 12:20 PM

Class 1: How to be Inclusive in Your Rehearsals and Beyond! with Katie Taylor (Director)

Location: Bushnells Basin

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!

Class 2: Interpreting a Song with Liz LeClair (Certified Music Judge)

Location: Adams Basin

Come play with a little known song, as we experiment with one of the free songs in the "Here's Harmony" series.

Class 3: Right Brain/Left Brain with Sandi Wright (Certified Performance Judge)

Location: Sacketts Basin

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.

Area 3 Convention Team

Area 3 Director Area 3 ACCT Chair Area 3 Contest and Judging Chair Facilities Coordinator Judges' Services Coordinator Registration Coordinator PR Coordinator Treasurer Hospitality Room Sarah Thorne-Miller Janine Schindler Nicola Stevens Dene Day Michelle Buckenmeyer Sharron Gilbert Anita Prather Harvell Ann Christiano Harmony Falls







SING WITH YOUR HEART

Love, Sue Melvin



Best of luck to everyone crossing the stage this weekend.

