

Sweet Adelines International

46th

Annual Convention & Competition

Thursday, May 9 - Sunday, May 12, 2024



Viva Acappella

GREAT LAKES HARMONY
Region 17

A Harmonizing Competition

Greater Harmony
Volunteer Assistance Chorus

Karen Parsons
CRC

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FOOTLIGHTS - \$2,500

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EMERALD CROWN - \$100

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THURSDAY, MAY 9

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	AEB Pickup - 3rd Floor
7:00 pm	Joint Briefing - 3rd Floor Ballroom
8:00 pm	Walkthrough - 3rd Floor Ballroom
8:30 pm - 10:00 pm	Encore Club Quartet Reception

FRIDAY, MAY 10

9:00 am - 3:30 pm	Ticket Sales - 3rd Floor
9:00 am - 6:00 pm	AEB / Program Pickup - 3rd Floor
9:15 am	SOUND CHECK WARMUPS** ***Everyone invited to be part of the Sound Check Chorus. Songs are Lazy Day and It's the Music that Brings Us Together
9:30 am - 11:00 am	SOUND CHECK
2:00 pm	Mass Sing - Tower City
2:55 pm	Curtain Call - 3rd Floor Ballroom
3:00 pm	Quartet Contest - 3rd Floor Ballroom
	Encore Club celebration immediately following Quartet Contest

SATURDAY, MAY 11

8:00 am - 11:00 am	Chorus Rehearsals
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	AEB / Program Pickup - 3rd Floor
11:55 am	Curtain Call
12:05 pm	Chorus Contest - 3rd Floor Ballroom

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Many thanks to the Greater Cleveland Chorus for the loan of their risers.

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Deb Ferenc

Maria Christian

Saturday*

Deb Ferenc

Jean Flinn

WEBCAST PRODUCTION

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Region 11

Expression
Annette Wallace
Region 1

Panel Secretary
Andrea Hass
Region 8

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Kim Vaughn
Region 21

Music
Cydney Wentzel**
Region 19

**Panel Chair

2024 Regional Competition Rehearsal and Gathering Rooms

CHORUS	ROOM	LOCATION
A Cappella Magic	Hopkins	4th Floor
Battle Creek	Case	4th Floor
Buffalo Gateway	Gold Room / Forest City	3rd Floor
City of Flags	Van Aken	4th Floor
Dogwood Blossoms	Holden	4th Floor
Flagship City	Bryant	4th Floor
Friendship VII	Halle	4th Floor
Grand Rapids	Whitehall* / Erie	3rd Floor
Greater Cleveland	Ambassador	1st Floor
Greater Harmony	Bush / Glenn	3rd Floor
Indi-Anna	Blossom	4th Floor
Lake Ridge Legacy	Garfield	4th Floor
Laurel Harmony	Danridge	4th Floor
Pride of Toledo	Van Sweringen	4th Floor
River Raisin	Hamilton	4th Floor
Sounds of Pittsburgh	Brush	4th Floor
Voices in Harmony	Severance	4th Floor

Gathering rooms are open to choruses at the conclusion of the quartet contest and throughout the weekend.

*The Forest City (Gold) and Erie (Whitehall) rooms are part of the pattern and not available on Saturday from 11:00 am until the conclusion of the chorus competition.

REGION 17 PAST CHAMPIONSHIP QUARTETS

2023 Daybreak	2005 Moxie Ladies	1989 Swing Street
2022 DREAM	2004 Sundance	1988 Special Image
2019 Lucille	2003 Distinction	1987 Special Image
2018 Wicked	2002 Distinction	1986 Champagne and Soda Pop
2017 Fusion	2001 Live Wire	1985 Vocal Choice
2016 Fusion	2000 Park Avenue	1985 Crystal-Aires (Region #18)
2015 Surefire	1999 Park Avenue	1984 Vocal Choice
2014 Naturally	1998 Park Avenue	1983 Top Priority
2013 Naturally	1997 Glitz	1982 Four Town Sound
2012 Naturally	1996 Live Wire	1981 Vocal Union #4
2011 TGIF	1995 Glitz	1980 Melody-N-Motion
2010 B.L.A.K. Velvet	1994 Glitz	1979 Electric Chords
2009 Fusion	1993 Glitz	1978 Fours The Limit
2008 B.L.A.K. Velvet	1992 The Singing Club	1977 Electric Chords
2007 TGIF	1991 New Rendition	1976 Talk of The Town
2006 B.L.A.K. Velvet	1990 Champagne and Soda Pop	

REGION 17 PAST CHAMPIONSHIP CHORUSES

2023 Greater Harmony	2005 Greater Cleveland	1990 City of Flags
2022 Buffalo Gateway	2004 Pride of Toledo	1989 Pride of Toledo
2019 Buffalo Gateway	2003 Greater Cleveland	1988 Water Wonderland
2018 Grand Rapids	2002 Pride of Toledo	1987 City of Flags
2017 Greater Cleveland	2001 Greater Cleveland	1986 Water Wonderland
2016 Grand Rapids	2000 Pride of Toledo	1985 Toledo Seaway
2015 Greater Cleveland	1999 City of Flags	1985 Beaver Valley (former #18)
2014 Grand Rapids	1998 Pride of Toledo	1984 Ann Arbor
2013 Greater Cleveland	1997 City of Flags	1983 Toledo Seaway
2012 Pride of Toledo	1996 Pride of Toledo	1982 Ann Arbor
2011 Greater Cleveland	1995 City of Flags	1981 Toledo Seaway
2010 Pride of Toledo	1994 Pride of Toledo	1980 City of Flags
2009 Greater Cleveland	1993 Water Wonderland	1979 Toledo Seaway
2008 Sounds of Pittsburgh	1992 Pride of Toledo	1978 C.E.S.
2007 Greater Cleveland	1991 Water Wonderland	
2006 Pride of Toledo		

This is our Moment!
Battle Creek Chorus
thanks our directors
Mary Su and
Lynne Peirce.

To Mayhem, Final Cut,
Dream, and Baritone Blues:
Be Fearless,
Love, Deb

Best wishes to all
competitors from
your hostess chorus,
Greater Harmony

Party of Four Quartet, We are so
excited for our stage buddies to go on
be "FOUR" us! Break a Lip!
Love, Starlight Quartet

What a difference a
Day-Breaks!
We love you Nancy,
Sara, Alli & Mim
GHC

Legacy cheers
for our rookie
Wendy!
Enjoy your 1st
contest!

Flagship City Chorus
Fall in Love on this Lucky Day
So proud of all of you, Kim

Thank you to the final
Greater Harmony Board
of Directors, and all
previous boards, for your
service to, and passion
for, the chorus.

Blue Phoenix,
may your harmonies
soar! Legacy loves
you!

Good luck, Fast Forward! Bring
your sunshine to the stage.
Love, GHC

Battle Creek Chorus thanks
our coaches Sara Clevenger,
Michael Hengelsberg, and
Sherry Berkley.

Ladies First Quartet,
You are an idol to us all.
You are the 'FIRST' quartet
on all our minds! Break a Lip!
Love,
Starlight Quartet

Silver Belles Quartet, We know
you will be the 'BELLES' of the
competition! Break a Lip!
Love, Starlight Quartet

To GCC:
Be Fearless!
Love,
Deb

To all competitors:
Enjoy the ride!
Love,
Deb Ferenc

Good luck to Beach Glass Quartet
Enjoy your performance on stage!
Fast Forward Quartet
Kim, Faith, Christa and Dana

Buffalo Gateway Chorus,
"You shine so brightly even
the stars are in awe"
-Anonymous
We are so PLAID
to sing with you!
Love, Starlight Quartet!

Legacy can't
"bear" how much
they love
Ring True!

After Glow Quartet,
Thank you for being a
"GLOWING" role model to
us! Break a Lip! Love,
Starlight Quartet

Wishing all
competitors
their best
performance
ever...so far!

MV rocks
the house!

Have fun
Rookies of
Battle Creek
Chorus!

Mood Ring Quartet,
Your encouragement and
friendship is like a "RING",
never-ending! Break a Lip!
Love, Starlight Quartet

Quartet Competition - Friday, May 10, 2024

Mistress Of Ceremonies - Amy Ringley

1. The audience is reminded that no one may enter or leave the ballroom while a contestant is on stage.
2. The use of flash cameras or recording equipment is forbidden within the contest with the exception of the official recording personnel.
3. The use of videotape or movie equipment is forbidden with the exception of official videotape personnel.
4. Smoking is prohibited.
5. Please turn off all wristwatch alarms, phones, and pagers.

CONTESTANTS

(Quartet members are listed tenor, lead, baritone, bass)

1 **Party of Four** Buffalo Gateway
AMANDA SHERIFF ~ KATHLEEN PITROLA ~ CYNTHIA MCCARVER ~ RUTH MCCARVER

2 **Starlight** Buffalo Gateway
MOLLY ARAUJO ~ SARAH HUSS ~ ELISE KULKA ~ SARAH CASPER

3 **JAMS** Voices in Harmony
MELANIE ZENTZ ~ ABBEY SOULE ~ SANDRA LARSON ~ JULIE DEPOWSKI

4 **Blue Phoenix** CAL R-17, Lake Ridge Legacy
RILEA ASBERRY ~ TINA LOWE ~ LINDSEY MILLER ~ BETH MILLER

5 **Beach Glass** Flagship City
SUSAN ABT ~ VALERIE PESTA ~ BONNIE HESS ~ JOY GRIBBIN

QUARTET CONTESTANTS (CONTINUED)

6

Ladies First

Buffalo Gateway

KIMBERLY HOOKER ~ BONNIE SUGRUE ~ BONNIE KING ~ SHARON WOLFF

7

Silver Belles

Buffalo Gateway

RUTH DEMBINSKI ~ PAULA SHUFF ~ SALLY WARRINER ~ LINDA EICK

8

Ring True

Lake Ridge Legacy

JENNIFER WEIGL ~ MELISA JUDWARE ~ KELLY RAMEY ~ CHRISTINE HURD-CLEM

9

Note to Self

A Cappella Magic, Pride of Toledo

GABRIELLE HOLBEN ~ BETSY FOWLER ~ CINDY GIVENS ~ RICHELE REYNOLDS

INTERMISSION

10

Mood Ring

Buffalo Gateway

HEATHER STEVENS ~ MADELINE ANDERSON-BALMER ~ AMY STACEY ~ BETH ANDERSON-BALMER

11

Mayhem

Greater Cleveland

JANIS MOHAT ~ DAWN LIVINGSTONE ~ BONNIE VAIDEAN ~ CHERYL IVES

12

Stay Tuned

CAL R-17, Indi-Anna

AMY BETLER ~ KAREN MACVAY ~ CINDY SHEFFLER ~ HEATHER FLOWERS

QUARTET CONTESTANTS (CONTINUED)

13

Chime In

Grand Rapids

COURTNEY CARINI ~ SONJA ACOSTA ~ JUDITH WESTERS ~ LEAH WILLIAMS

14

Final Cut

CAL R-17, City of Flags, Greater Cleveland, Scioto Valley

RHIANNON LIGHT ~ SHANNON UNDERWOOD ~ JODY SPELMAN ~ PAMELA CRUGNALE

15

DREAM

CAL R-17, Greater Cleveland, Spirit of the Gulf

JOANN WILSON ~ RUTH BATES ~ JILL SPRIESTERSBACH ~ NANCIE JAICKS

16

Daybreak

CAL R-17, Greater Harmony

NANCY CONWAY ~ SARA CLEVINGER ~ MARGIE MANUEL ~ ALLISON HENGELSBERG

17

AfterGlow!

Buffalo Gateway

MARY ROSE CAMERON ~ KATHY WAKEMAN ~ DIANE PORSCH ~ BETH RIEGLE

18

Fast Forward

CAL R-17, Flagship Harmony, Greater Harmony

DANA SWINDELL ~ FAITH FEDERICI ~ KIM ACKERMAN ~ CHRISTA COLLINS

19

Baritone Blues

Greater Cleveland

TAMMEY HELLINE-COMER ~ VICKI VAN GORDER ~ MARILYN SCHROETER ~ TRACY SOUTHERLAND

QUARTET CONTEST (CONTINUED)

STRETCH BREAK

ENCORE CLUB

OUTGOING CHAMPIONS

QUARTET INTRO

INTERNATIONAL AWARDS PRESENTATION

- 5th _____
- 4th _____
- 3rd _____
- 2nd _____
- 1st _____

REGIONAL AWARDS PRESENTATION

- Encore Club Silver Singer Award
- Encore Club Most Improved Quartet
- Live Wire Star Performer Award
- Novice Quartet Award
- Open Division Audience Choice Award

CLOSING SONG - HOW WE SANG TODAY

NOTES

Chorus Competition - Saturday, May 11, 2024

Mistress Of Ceremonies - Maria Christian

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CONTESTANTS

1A	Laurel Harmony (Evaluation Only) VICKY WESTLEY, CERTIFIED DIRECTOR	Greensburg, PA
1	Dogwood Blossoms JEFF DOLAN, DIRECTOR	Mt. Vernon, OH
2	River Raisin LYNNE PEIRCE, HARMONY 500 DIRECTOR	Monroe, MI
3	City of Flags JAY DOUGHERTY, DIRECTOR	Canton, OH
4	A Cappella Magic BETSY FOWLER, HARMONY 500 DIRECTOR	Angola, IN
5	Friendship VII BONNIE BEAN, DIRECTOR	New Concord, OH

CHORUS CONTESTANTS (CONTINUED)

6 **Lake Ridge Legacy** Elyria, OH
BETH MILLER, DIRECTOR

7 **Greater Cleveland** Independence, OH
MARILYN SCHROETER, CERTIFIED DIRECTOR

8 **Voices in Harmony** Ypsilanti, MI
JENNIFER JONES, HARMONY 500 DIRECTOR

INTERMISSION

9 **Sounds of Pittsburgh** Pittsburgh, PA
DAVID WALLACE, MASTER DIRECTOR

10 **Buffalo Gateway** Buffalo, NY
DIANE PORSCH, MASTER DIRECTOR

11 **Pride of Toledo** Toledo, OH
DAWN SEIGNEUR, CERTIFIED DIRECTOR

12 **Battle Creek** Battle Creek, MI
MARY SU, CERTIFIED DIRECTOR

CHORUS CONTESTANTS (CONTINUED)

13

Flagship City

Erie, PA

KIMBERLY ACKERMAN, CERTIFIED DIRECTOR

14

Indi-Anna

Indiana, PA

CINDY SHEFFLER, CERTIFIED DIRECTOR

15

Grand Rapids

Grand Rapids, MI

JUDY WESTERS, DIRECTOR

16

Greater Harmony (Withdrawn)

Pittsburgh, PA

MICHAEL HENGELSBERG MASTER DIRECTOR

10-MINUTE STRETCH BREAK

OUTGOING CHAMPIONS - GREATER HARMONY

DIRECTOR/PRESIDENT INTRO

INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

MOST IMPROVED _____

DIVISION A CHORUS

15-30 MEMBERS

3rd _____

2nd _____

1st _____

DIVISION AA CHORUS

31-60 MEMBERS

3rd _____

2nd _____

1st _____

CHORUS

5th _____

4th _____

3rd _____

2nd _____

1st _____

REGIONAL AWARDS

CLOSING SONG - IT'S THE MUSIC THAT BRINGS US TOGETHER

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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