

OFFICIAL SOUVENIR PROGRAM



AREA 3 AC&C 2024
Stadium Nights
May 3-5, 2024

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON SYRACUSE

Welcome from the Area Director

It is my pleasure as your Area 3 Director to welcome all members and guests to our spectacular Stadium Nights and AC&C 2024, where we'll have a rocking good time in East Syracuse, NY!



Your Host Chapter, the Liberty Belles, 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 number 1 - there are treasures for everyone!

Be prepared for our touchdown of a Moonglow at the DoubleTree by Hilton Syracuse. The theme of "Stadium Nights" will be evident throughout the room. It will be so much fun you'll be wanting to cheer on your fellow Area 3 members as they perform!

I am very thankful for these wonderful groups of all stars: Janine Schindler, ACCT Chair; Erin Cassidy, ACJC; Dene Day, ACCT Facilities; Michelle Buckenmeyer, Judges' Services Coordinator; Sharron Gilbert, Registration; Ann Christiano, Treasurer; and their dedicated Committees and all of the Area 3 Coordinators who have worked diligently on our behalf to ensure that AC&C 2024 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! Keep on singing!

Sarah Thorne-Miller, Area 3 Director

Message from the Area Contest & Judging Chair

Can you believe it? AC&C weekend is here! All the hard work and dedication you've put into your contest sets is about to shine on the stage. The ACCT has also been hard at work to make this weekend a success and I cannot thank them enough for their patience and help while I learn the ropes of being the ACJC. Nicola Stevens was exceptional in this role and I am grateful for her mentorship.

I am also thankful for the many volunteers who signed up to help this weekend; every role is needed to keep our contest weekend running smoothly and we could not do this without you. We have so much talent here in Area 3, both on and off the stage. It's going to be an amazing weekend!

Erin Cassidy, Area Contest & Judging Chair

2024 AC&C Judging Panel

Panel Chair

Marie Ross, Powder Springs, GA
(Area 6)

Administrative Judge

Rob Arnold, Mississauga, ON
(BHS)

Musicality Category

Cary Burns, Phoenix, AZ
(BHS)

Adele Merritt, Upper Tantallon, NS
(Area 1)

Performance Category

Angie Dolber, Whitinsville, MA
(Area 2)

Diane Patterson, Westminster, MA
(Area 2)

Singing Category

Wendy McCoole, Eliot, ME
(Area 2)

Jen Wheaton, Louisville, KY
(Area 4)



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.



Northern Blend
sends their best wishes to all the
competitors - especially their quartets!

Roulette! Vivace!

Half Notes!
Tonal Recall!

Backstage Pass!
Arranged Marriage!



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

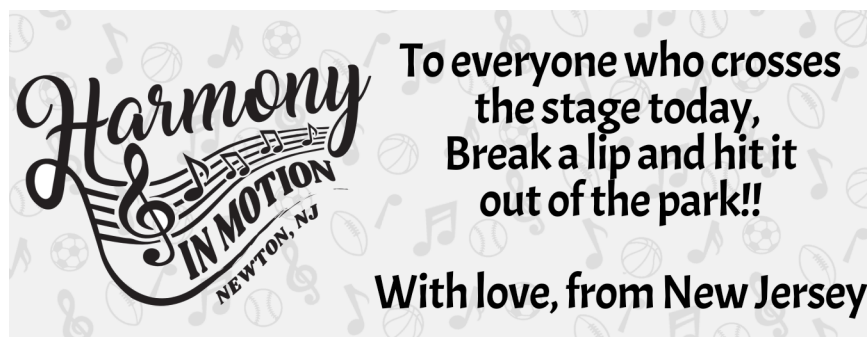
This is a fragrance free and smoke free convention. Please refrain from wearing perfume, scented lotion, or or similar products inside contest areas.

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.



Schedule of Events

Friday, May 3

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	TBA

Saturday, May 4

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 – Noon	Registration	Grand Ballroom Foyer
Noon – 3:00 PM	Chorus Contest	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 6

9:00 AM – 12:30 PM	Education Classes	Basin Rooms
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Hospitality	Champlain Room

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!)

Crystal Chords turns 30!

**Sunday May 19
2-4 pm**

Horseheads First United Methodist Church
1034 W. Broad Street, Horseheads, NY

**Please join us as we celebrate
our birthday! Enjoy food,
fellowship, and, of course,
SINGING**



For more info contact:
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call Anne at 607-329-0961

CRYSTALCHORDS.COM

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.



**We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to fill the following positions:
Co-Education Coordinator (x2) ★ Youth Coordinator**

**Join the Area 3 Council and help others experience the joys of Harmony!
Contact Area 3 Director Sarah Thorne-Miller for info on how to apply**

Quartet Contest

Friday, May 3 at 3 PM — Grand Ballroom

Welcome: Janine Schindler, Area 3 ACCT Chair

Presenter: Kelly Peterson, Executive Director, Harmony, Incorporated

Contestants listed as Tenor, Lead, Baritone, Bass

Mic Testers — Half Notes

Northern Blend and Associate

Hazel Coughlin, Phoebe Hall, Claudia Kirkland, Anita Prather Harvell

Accidentals

Heart of Pennsylvania

Karen Castle, Emily Heuer, Dee Casteel, Tiffany Morgan

Tonal Recall

Northern Blend

Kathy Wiley, Dorene Dickerson, Jeannie Greenwood, Bunny Gorman

Vivàce

Crystal Chords, Northern Blend and Associate

Donna McKay, Amy DePerna, Lorie Autote, Jessi Nasto

Legacy

Bella Nova Chorus and Associates

Gaye LaCasce, Bryn Lewellen, Alexa Beal, Christina Lewellen

Mach 4

Crystal Chords

Brooke Robinson, Becky LaBella, Cathy Horein, Michelle Dunne

Overeducated

Heart of Pennsylvania

Moria Chambers, Laurel Fox, Sarah Lower, Lauren Cohen

Roulette

Northern Blend

Morgan Lacroix, Jess Leigh, Katie Taylor, Lynn Blakeney

SōlFire

Bella Nova Chorus

Allyn Lloyd, Erin Cassidy, Rachael Storey-Chase, Emily Faalasi

Arranged Marriage

Mixed Barbershop Harmony Association

Christina Lewellen, Jessi Nasto, Richard Lewellen, Anthony Nasto

Stretch Break

N2Q

Harmony Falls

Lois Kozlowski, Ginger Melfi, Joan Plant, Belinda Thompson

Here & Now!

Rochester Rhapsody

Wordene Day, Lisa Twitchell, Kathy Dickson, Heather Clarke

Renegades

Rochester Rhapsody

Cory Stiehl, Sarah Casper, Donna Gronemeyer, Sue Melvin

Nexus

Crystal Chords

Chris Dunbar, Jessica Rhodes, Ann Wilcox, Iva Flewelling

Sassafras

Liberty Belles

Kristina Thompson, Anne Bureau, Samantha Hersh, Charissa Wilson

BACKSTAGE PASS

Northern Blend and Associate

Ali James, Jodi Gibson, Taralee Lashway, Kat Bell

ZEST

Crystal Chords

Karla Terry, Brooke Robinson, Ann Wilcox, Jessica Rhodes

MetaFour

Harmony Falls and Crystal Chords

Jean Falter, Anne Leinen, Karen Trotter, Sherie Carroll

Fringe Benefits

Harmony in Motion

Vicki Gonzales, Jessica Struble, Jeanne Viscito, Kathy Maroko

Off-the-Cuff

Mixed Barbershop Harmony Association

Sarah Casper, Ben Casper, Sue Melvin, Joe Pietruch

Area Quarus

"Go The Distance"

Lyrics by David Zippel, Music by Alan Menken — Arrangement by Aaron Dale
Directed by Gaye LaCasce, International President, Harmony, Incorporated

Presentation of Quartet Awards

MBHA Mixed Quartet Trophy

Awarded to the highest scoring MBHA quartet

Donated by Dick and Roxanne Powell in memory of Chuck Wert and "Compound W"
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

Cygnets 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
Presented by Carol Zeffiro and Barbara Yendall

Song by First Place Quartet

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Directed by Anne Bureau, Director, Liberty Belles





HERE AND NOW! QUARTET

Let's have fun on the stage and
share our music!

**Good luck to *Renegades*
and
*Off-the-Cuff!***



**Good luck to my
Rochester Rhapsody Sisters!
Have fun on the stage today!**



LOVE YOU ALL ~
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Chorus Contest

Saturday, May 4 at 12 PM – Grand Ballroom

Welcome: Janine Schindler, Area 3 ACCT Chair

Presenter: Gaye LaCasce, International President, Harmony, Incorporated

Liberty Belles Chorus

Lansdale, Pennsylvania

Anne Bureau, Director

Harmony in Motion

Sussex, New Jersey

Jeanne Viscito, Director

Heart of Pennsylvania

Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

Dee Casteel, Director

Bella Nova Chorus

Herndon, VA

Richard Lewellen, Director

Harmony Falls Chorus

Trumansburg, New York

Karen Trotter and Nancy Oliver, Directors

Rochester Rhapsody

Rochester, New York

Sue Melvin, Director

Northern Blend

Watertown, New York

Katie Taylor, Director

Niagara Frontier Chord Authority

Amherst, New York

Ron Mason and Carol Zeffiro, Directors

Crystal Chords

Corning/Emira, New York

Donna McKay, Director



Area 3 Family Chorus

“Love At Home”

Words and Music by J.H. McNaughton — Arrangement by Tom Gentry

Directed by Ann Christiano, Area 3 Treasurer

Area 3 Chorus

“As Long As I’m Singing”

Words and Music by Bobby Darin — Arrangement by Tom Gentry

Directed by Anne Bureau, Director, Liberty Belles Chorus

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 Emily Heuer, 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 Linda Franco, Chapter President, Liberty Belles

First Place Medals

Donated by Area 3 and Presented by Niagara Frontier Chord Authority

First Place Chorus Trophy

Donated by the Crystal Chords and Presented by Anne Leinen, Chapter Representative

Song by First Place Chorus

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Directed by the First Place Chorus Director



**MBHA salutes
all Area 3 contestants**

Many thanks
to the Area leadership for
inviting us to join in the fun!

*Area 3 is
the place to be!*

Moonglow — Stadium Nights

Saturday, May 4 — Grand Ballroom
Cocktails 6:00 PM — Dinner 7:00 PM
Moonglow program will follow dinner at 8:00 PM

Stadium Concessions Buffet

SYRACUSE SERVED SALAD

Diced Fresh Vegetables on top of Romaine Lettuce and choice of 2 dressings served at the tables (*gluten free, vegetarian, vegan*)

NEW JERSEY DEVILS NACHO BAR

Includes Queso, Salsa & Jalapenos

SEATTLE MARINERS SMASHED SALT POTATO BAR

Includes Sour Cream, Butter, Bacon Bits, Shredded Cheddar Cheese (*gluten free, vegetarian, vegan*)

RED SOX ROASTED VEGETABLES

Roasted Vegetables (*gluten free, vegetarian, vegan*)

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES PASTA

With Meatless Marinara (*gluten free, vegetarian*)

BUFFALO BILLS CHICKEN TENDERS

Includes choice of BBQ, Honey Mustard & Buffalo Wing Sauces

BALTIMORE ORIOLES BEEF BRISKET

Includes Beer Cheese, Caramelized Onions, Kaiser Rolls

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS ICE CREAM STATION

Includes Chocolate and Vanilla Ice Cream, Hot Fudge, Whipped Cream & Cherries

Coffee and Tea

SIGNATURE COCKTAILS (cash bar)

Miami Hurricanes Stadium Cocktail
Lamarca Prosecco

Moonglow

Carol McDonnell Membership Award ☆ Quartet and Chorus Performances

“Pass the Hat” for Youth Outreach

*** Due to Stadium policy, no food is allowed in moonglow/afterparty rooms; drinks allowed if purchased from the hotel ***

Taylor Trax



CUSTOM LEARNING TRAX BY

Katie Taylor



"Area 3 is the PLACE to BE!"

**PRIVATE VOICE INSTRUCTOR
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YOUTH OUTREACH FACILITATOR**

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AC&C 2024 Education Classes

Sunday, May 5 from 9:00 AM to 12:20 PM

Session 1—9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Class 1: Listening vs Hearing, Watching vs Believing - It's All About Performance! with Angie Dolber (Certified Performance Judge)

Location: Bushnells Basin

In this class we'll talk about the basics of the Performance Category and how the other two categories can enhance the performance experience as well. By looking at various performances, and even trying a little ourselves, we'll talk about words like artistry, authenticity, and how you can truly entertain the audience.

Class 2: Getting Out of the Rut with Cary Burns (Certified Musicality Judge)

Location: Adams Basin

Getting out of a rut is different than simply improving. Breaking free of our usual patterns is often the first step in improvement. Have you ever worked hard to get better, but feel like you're not breaking through to the next level? Have you focused on excelling in contest to find that you are getting approximately the same scores? Do you rehearse the same way each week? This class will examine ruts and how we can free ourselves from them so we can create new paths.

QUARTET DEVELOPMENT ROOM

Location: Devitt Basin

Have you ever wanted to try out quartet singing but weren't sure how to start? Come by the Quartet Development Room to meet other members looking for potential quartets and sing some tags together! We'll be teaching a few easy tags, giving you a fun and easy way to quickly try out a little taste of quartet harmony.

Session 2—10:10 AM to 11:10 AM

Class 1: LET'S RING SOME CHORDS! with Wendy McCoole (Certified Singing Judge)

Location: Bushnells Basin

In this hands-on class we will dive into the different SNG elements – intonation, vocal quality, unity, expansion, and vocal expression – to gain a better understanding of the importance of each to (and things that get in the way of) ringing those barbershop chords.

Class 2: Membership Growth: How to attract new singers to your chorus! with Adele Merritt (Certified Musicality Judge)

Location: Adams Basin

Are you ready to share your great chorus with interested singers in your area? Are you wondering how to grow your membership? Come and join this class to find out how the Valley Voices A Cappella Chorus in Area 1 generated massive membership growth in just two years, blossoming from 24 members on the risers in March 2022 to 66 members in March 2024!

Session 3 –11:20 AM to 12:20 PM

Class 1: Where All Women Can Belong: A Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Roundtable with Anita Prather Harvell (Area 3 Harmony, Inc. EDC Committee Representative)

Location: Bushnells Basin

Harmony, Inc. members and chorus leaders are invited to participate in a roundtable discussion on strategies to create a more inclusive musical environment.

The group will collaborate on topics such as (subject to change):

- What expectations do singers have concerning diverse relationships in their performing groups?
- How do we create welcoming spaces for those new to our organization?
- Speaking the language: Common terms in DEI, access and belonging efforts
- Why do we need to incorporate DEI into our chorus culture?

Panelists: Sue Melvin, Jess Leigh

Class 2: The Mysterious Voice with Jen Wheaton (Certified Singing Judge)

Location: Adams Basin

Ever wonder what the “voice box” is? What is a Larynx? Or is it pronounced “larnyx”? Is there a difference between vocal cord and vocal fold? Do I absolutely have to breathe to sing? What is “support”?? As human beings, we naturally learn to use our voices, but we don’t necessarily learn how it all works. To better understand what coaches and directors are asking us to do with our voices, it’s really helpful to know what it all is and how it works. Bring your nerd-selves to this class and you will learn all about it!



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the
Us!*

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Sarah Thorne-Miller

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Liberty Belles



Who loves you?

**YOUR
DIRECTOR!**

Share your beautiful hearts
with Area 3!



**Are you passionate about
promoting Harmony, Inc.?**

**— JOIN OUR —
TEAM**

The International Marketing & Communications Team is seeking a skilled and creative writer to serve as volunteer PR Coordinator. Join our supportive and creative team and help us spread the word about Harmony to the world!



For information on how to apply, please contact the Director of Marketing and Communications Anne Bureau:
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SAVE THE DATE

The
*Liberty
Belles*
Barbershop Chorus



SEP
14th
2:00 PM

**3rd Annual
A Cappella
Show**

Souderton Mennonite Church
105 W Chestnut St
Souderton, PA

tickets & info:

www.thelibertybelleschorus.com

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