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North by Northwest Region 13 Convention News

April 15, 2024

Hello again, Region 13 members! With just four more weeks until convention, your convention team is very busy finalizing plans. We hope you are getting excited! Please read on for important information.

Program Ad and Shout Outs

The deadline has been extended to April 25, 2024. [Order through this link](#)

Calling Singers for Thursday

Region 13 is now accepting SINGING VOLUNTEERS to participate in our technical rehearsal and sound/lighting check for the upcoming Region 13 Chorus Competition in Spokane WA. This is an exciting, educational opportunity open to ALL members (competing and non-competing) who are attending the Regional Convention in May 2024.

The technical rehearsal and sound/lighting check will take place on Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 4:00 PM. Singers will need to arrive at the Spokane Convention Center Ballroom at 3:45 PM, ready to get on the risers to perform for the Judging Panel so they can set the sound and lighting levels. We will use the regional song *How We Sang Today*. Learning tracks and music are available on the [regional website](#). You will need to sign in to access these.

Sign up to participate no later than **May 1, 2024**. Detailed information will be distributed in early May with everything participants will need to know. [Here is the Mic Tester Chorus Sign Up link.](#)

Saturday Volunteers Needed

Thank you to all who have volunteered for this year's contest. You are awesome and appreciated! We still have four more positions to fill on Saturday, May 18, during the chorus contest. These positions need to be filled by people not singing in the chorus competition. The positions that remain are all in the pattern, so the auditorium doors are not an option. Please consider asking someone to give their time for the day, such as a spouse, partner, friend, etc. All volunteers are very important and we will let them know they make a difference for our contest! [Click this link](#) to volunteer on Saturday.

Is this your first time at Convention?

All first-time competition participants are invited to the annual **First Timers Class and Tour**. Join other newbies to learn about Region 13 and our competition

activities and traditions. You can ask questions, walk the contest traffic pattern, and tour the stage. You don't want to miss this event, led by **Sally Ryerson** and **Patty Martin** and being held in the Spokane Falls Ballroom at the DoubleTree Hotel. The First Timers Class begins at **10:15 am on Friday**, and will finish in time for you to get a quick lunch and be on your way to the quartet contest.

Convention Website

The [Region 13 Convention pages](#) are continuously being updated with convention information. Members are welcome to review the content; however, there are some items that are specific to Quartets, Team Leaders, Directors, and Convention Coordinators. Please be sure to read the instructions, and if you are still unsure, check with your chorus leaders or reach out to your convention team. We are here to assist you whenever you need us: SAIR13convention@gmail.com.

Education Class - Tag Singing: Bite-sized Barbershop

Come spend time with Pride of Portland Chorus director and tag master **Drew Osterhout**, and learn how to have fun teaching and singing tags. Everyone in the class will learn all four parts to at least one tag and will be able to teach it to other singers throughout the weekend. This class will be held Friday at 8:30 am in the Grand Ballroom at the DoubleTree Hotel.

Webcast

YES! Region 13 will be webcasting our quartet and chorus contests once again. The cost is \$25 and will be live and archived for one week following contest. Register and purchase now by clicking [this link!](#)

Event Tickets

Single event tickets for either the quartet or the chorus contest will be available on the day of the event at the TicketsWest booths in the breezeway across from the FICA entrance. The ticket booths open two hours before each contest starts. \$35/ general admission; \$25/seniors, 65+, and military with ID; free: youth 12 and under.

All Events Tickets (AETs) are available for purchase at the registration desk in the lobby of the Spokane Convention Center. **AETs are required for entry to all events during Convention week.**

This venue allows only clear "stadium bags" or the small clutch purses that are now common practice at most sport and event venues.

Thursday Night Kick-off

Choruses: be prepared with something fun, like banners, flags, a cheer, etc. for the Chorus Roll Call.

Contest "Purses" and Backstage Bags

PURSES: The "purse" for the traffic pattern should be a CLEAR, stadium type. You can also use the 1-gallon Ziplock bags we have used in the past. [More information here.](#)

BACKSTAGE BAGS: for carrying clear purses and zip-lock bags from one side of the stage to the other. **Each chorus is limited to a maximum of 6 large bags.** These bags may be reusable or not and should be no larger than 19 x 17 x 7 (similar to the large bags sold at Home Goods, TJ Max, Ross, etc.). Each chorus is responsible for providing its own backstage bags. Please remember that all purses for the entire chorus must fit inside these large backstage bags.

Schedules

The Thursday Night Kick Off schedule is posted on the Convention Website. The tentative convention schedule and traffic patterns are also posted there. The final

schedule and traffic pattern will be posted on the convention website as it gets closer to contest, and published in the convention program as well.

Contest Venue Entry

Single Event ticket holders, AET holders in the audience that are not competing that day, competitors not entering from the stage directly to their seats, or competitors who leave and return after performing must adhere to the clear bags only policy as well as the container policies. [More information here.](#)

Metal water bottles are not allowed. Additionally, concessions are all cashless, so be sure to bring your debit or credit card.

Photography

Ordering information was sent to quartets and choruses last week ([link here](#)) for our new official photographer Janna from InSpirit StudioZ.

Convention/Region Apparel

Convention and region apparel is being offered by the R13 RLT for purchase. This store helps raise funds for our region, which benefits all our members. We recommend placing your order by April 17th to have the best chance of receiving your apparel in time to bring to contest. [Online store link.](#)

Harmony Emporium

We invite YOU to participate as a vendor in our Harmony Emporium! Choruses, quartets, Sweet Adeline business owners, and outside business owners are encouraged to participate. [More information here.](#) If you have questions, contact Jen McDonnell, the Harmony Emporium Chair / JennyLynnMcDonnell@gmail.com (preferred) or 360-487-9098

Convention website

The [Convention website](#) is updated often with the most current information available. You will find all of the information that is covered in your Convention News, and then some. Visit the website for additional information for wheelchair and scooter rentals, Spokane area eateries, the Judges panel, the criteria for contest scores, and oh so much more!



- New general Convention email / SAIR13Convention@gmail.com
- Jody Allen, Chair of the Regional Convention / luvs2sing56@hotmail.com
- Julia Mikulic, Competition Coordinator / julielmikulic@gmail.com
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- Patty Martin, Events Coordinator / pgmartin1@comcast.net

Member Information Update Request

Please take a moment to log in to the [R13 Members Only](#) webpage to update your member profile information. If you have any login issues, please contact [Mindy Engelberg](#) or [Diana Jordan](#).

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sairegion13.org

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Please send your name and preferred email to: eblastupdate@sairegion13.org