

Convention News ~ March 5, 2025



# Ready, Set, SOAR!

Hello again, Region 13 members! The March convention news is going to be long, as your convention team is very busy settling plans. We hope you are eagerly preparing for convention weekend. Please read below for several things you should be thinking about.



# Convention website

The <u>Region 13 Convention pages</u> 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: <a href="mailto:sair13convention@gmail.com">sair13convention@gmail.com</a>.

Please read on for some key dates.

- March 17, 2025 (quartets) / March 18, 2025 (choruses): SAI registration deadline
- March 24, 2025: Order of Appearance drawn

- April 1, 2025: Early bird deadline for Harmony Emporium vendors
- April 1, 2025 (quartets) / April 2, 2025 (choruses): SAI late registration deadline (extra \$100 fee applied)

  • April 15, 2025: Open Division competitors ONLY: your cue sheets are due to
- the Convention Coordinator
- April 18, 2025; Charms and pins order deadline: order on your own
- April 25, 2025: AET order deadline
- April 25, 2025: Program ad and shout outs deadline
- April 18, 2025: Convention and regional merchandise recommended deadline to receive before contest
- May 1, 2025: Final deadline for Harmony Emporium vendors
- May 15-18, 2025: Region 13 Convention and Competitions take place.



# Convention registration

International level registration information was emailed to all quartet and chorus contacts on January 31. If you have not yet registered through the **Sweet Adelines** International website and paid your contest fee, please be sure it is completed by the posted deadlines, which vary.

Regional level registration: Deadline: April 25, 2025

After you've successfully registered your chorus or quartet with Sweet Adelines International, your chapter or quartet contacts also need to register with Region 13. This provides us with information we need for each competitor, Open Division cue sheets, and more!

Chorus Leaders: To get started, Michelle Clark, R13 Registration Chair, has emailed the registration information to the chorus contacts indicated in the survey. If you have not received this, please email Michelle for assistance. More information is available at 2025 Convention - Chorus - International & Regional Registration. Be sure to take advantage of the Chorus Checklist to guide you through the process of submitting forms and meeting deadlines while preparing for convention.

Quartet Contacts: Quartet Registration is now open and available by visiting 2025 Convention - Quartet - International & Regional Registration. Be sure to take advantage of the Quartet Checklist to guide you through the process of submitting forms and meeting deadlines while preparing for convention.



# Hotel reservations

At this time, most of the rooms in our block at the DoubleTree are booked. Below are the links for nearby hotels:

- Best Western Plus City Center
- The Centennial
- The Davenport Grand
- Fairfield Inn & Suites



# All Events tickets

All Events Ticket (AET) information was emailed to chorus and quartet contacts on March 5th, 2025. Be sure to get that information completed and returned with payment to Michelle by the April 25, 2025 deadline. Choruses and quartets will provide their own badge holders for AETs.

Single event tickets for both the quartet and chorus contests will be available on the day of the event through the TicketsWest booth, located in the breezeway across from the entrance to the First Interstate Center for the Arts (FICA).

Ticket prices: \$35/general admission; \$25/seniors 65+ and military with ID; youth 12 and under are free.



### Contest venue

#### Location:

- Spokane Convention Center, 236 West Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane WA 99201; Ballrooms 100 A-C. More information here.
- Cashless concessions: all purchases are now cashless and will be processed using a contactless point of sale system. Plexiglass guards have been installed at all counters and individual containers will be used for the safety of our guests and employees.
- Water: There are no bag or water bottle restrictions imposed by the venue.



#### Convention souvenirs

**Convention and region apparel** is being offered by the R13 RLT for purchase. This store helps raise regional funds benefitting all members. We recommend placing your order by April 18th to receive your apparel in time to wear during contest. **Convention and regional merchandise link**.

**2025 Charms/Pins** are available by **pre-order only** for \$8 each. Deadline to order is April 18, 2025. Orders can be made directly through this <u>online store link</u>. Orders will be available for pick up at the registration desk in the chorus or quartet envelope. Non-competing individuals will also pick up their order at the registration desk.



# **Program Ads and Shout-outs**

Information about purchasing a program ad or shout-out is <u>available here</u>. Contact Jen McDonnell, Harmony Emporium Chair, if you have any questions: <u>JennyLynnMcDonnell@gmail.com</u> / 360-487-9098



# Photo orders

<u>InSpirit StudioZ</u> is once again our official photographer. Follow the link to the <u>Photography Information</u> page to complete the order form. The password for the order page is in the quartet and chorus checklist.

Deadline to order is May 1, 2025. Candid photos will not be offered this year.



The 2025 Quartet and Chorus contests will once again be available to view on a webcast. The viewer fee is \$25 to watch both contests. You can find the link and sign up now by following this link.

The webcast will be available for both the chorus and quartet contest for one week following the conclusion of convention.



# Driving from the rainy side to the sunny side of the state?

I-90 Vantage bridge deck replacement work is resuming March 3, and it could impact your travel from Western Washington to Spokane. <u>Visit this link</u> for more information as you make your travel plans.



#### **Convention Team**

Your Convention Team looks forward to seeing all of you at the 2025 convention. We encourage you to watch your email as we share our monthly Convention News Updates!



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# **Member Information Update Request**

Please take a moment to log in to the <u>R13 Members Only</u> webpage to update your member profile information. If you have any login issues, please contact <u>Mindy Engelberg</u> or <u>Diana Jordan</u>.

REGION 13 WEBSITE sairegion 13. org

CHANGE / UPDATE / ADD MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION Please send your name and preferred email to: <a href="mailto:eblastupdate@sairegion13.org">eblastupdate@sairegion13.org</a>