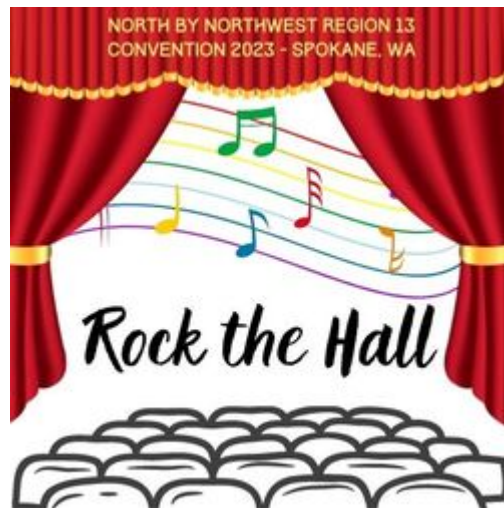


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North by Northwest Region 13
Convention News

May 1, 2023



So much information in this eblast! If you have questions, the contact details for the Convention Team are listed at the bottom of this eblast.

Call for singers on Thursday!

We are in desperate need of 35+ MORE voices to sing with Ovation to test the sound system on stage. Please join us at the FICA to sing "How We Sang Today" on the stage at 4:55 pm on Thursday evening, before the chorus and quartet briefing.

THURSDAY EVENTS:

Thursday Night Kick-off

Join us at 7:30 PM in the Grand Ballroom at the DoubleTree! Choruses are encouraged to plan something fun for the Chorus Roll Call to celebrate their chorus and being together for the first time in three years! There is no charge for friends and family without AETs who attend the Kickoff; however, donations are appreciated. Donation buckets will be at the entrance doors and will help with regional costs.

FRIDAY EVENTS:

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 convention 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 Sandy Smith and Sally Wallace. 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.

Education Class

Come warm up your body, mind, and voices with your favorite **Dynamo Divas: Nikki and Judy!** Explore the reason for warm-ups, and what you should be looking for while doing them, from **8:30-10:00 am on Friday**. Experiment with new ways of warming up our instruments and getting ourselves ready for singing. This class is high participation, with a little bit of the "why" behind it thrown in. [Use this link](#) to print out the warmups handout at home and then bring with you, or download to your phone or tablet. The handouts will not be available on site.

Good Luck Bags

You have until **noon on Friday** to drop notes to choruses and quartets in the Good Luck bags that will be located in the hotel lobby. A representative from each chorus and quartet should pick up their bag at noon on Friday.

Quartet Contest

The quartet contest starts at **12:30 pm on Friday**. Come cheer on the quartets and hear several brand-new quartets as you enjoy a full day of barbershop music!

SATURDAY EVENTS:

Chorus Contest

The chorus contest starts on Saturday at **11:20 am**. It will be a fabulous day of barbershop music with 19 choruses stepping across the stage.

Show of Champions

Enjoy an encore performance from our top two quartets and choruses starting at **8:00 pm in the Grand Ballroom at the DoubleTree**. We will celebrate the Novice Director, Novice Quartet, and Most Improved Quartet, as well as announce the winners of the 2023 Tag Writing Contest. There is no charge to attend the Show of Champions; however, donation buckets will be at entrance doors. All donations received help with regional costs.

Afterglow

Immediately following the Show of Champions, the Afterglow will begin at **about 9:15 pm in the DoubleTree's Grand Ballroom**. Celebrate the culmination of the weekend with newfound friends by dancing the night away with a DJ, enjoying the no-host bar, singing with others in the tag or quartet rooms, or just visiting and reuniting with old friends!

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Webcast

YES! Region 13 will be webcasting our quartet and chorus contests once again for the 2023 contest. The cost is \$25 and will be broadcast live and then archived for one week following the contest. Tell your family and friends! Register NOW at Region13webcast.com.

Event Tickets

Single event tickets for either the quartet or the chorus contest will be available on the day of the event through TicketsWest in the breezeway to the FICA. \$35 for general admission; \$25 for seniors 65+ and military with ID; free for youth 12 and under. Friends and family are encouraged to arrive early enough to go through venue security. This venue allows only clear "stadium bags" or small clutch purses, a now common practice at most sport and event venues. [More venue information here.](#)

All Events Ticket (AET) are available for purchase at the registration desk in the DoubleTree lobby. **Cash or check only. AETs are required for entry to all events**

during Convention week, including the Thursday night Kickoff and Saturday night Show of Champions.

Schedules

Schedules for the [convention](#), [Thursday night Kick Off](#), and [Show of Champions](#) schedules are all linked here as well as posted on the [Region 13 convention website](#). Additionally, these will all be published in the Convention Program. The [Traffic Pattern](#) is also available on the convention website.

Contest Venue

The First Interstate Center for the Arts (also known as the FICA, PAC, INB and Opera House!) allows only bottled-water type containers into the venue. You may bring in an empty water bottle through security and refill it after entering the venue, or purchase water from the concessions and refill as often as you wish. **NO metal, glass or hard plastic bottles of any kind.**

Concessions are all cashless, so be sure to bring your debit or credit card.

Convention/Region Merchandise

Convention and region apparel is being offered on-site at Harmony Emporium in limited quantities of sizes and colors. A limited number of charms and pins will also be available. **Harmony Emporium hours are Thursday: 12:00 noon-10:00 pm, Friday: 8:00 am-12:00 noon, and Saturday: CLOSED.** Sales at this store help raise monies for our Region so we can keep regional expenses at a minimum, which in turn benefits our members.

Harmony Emporium

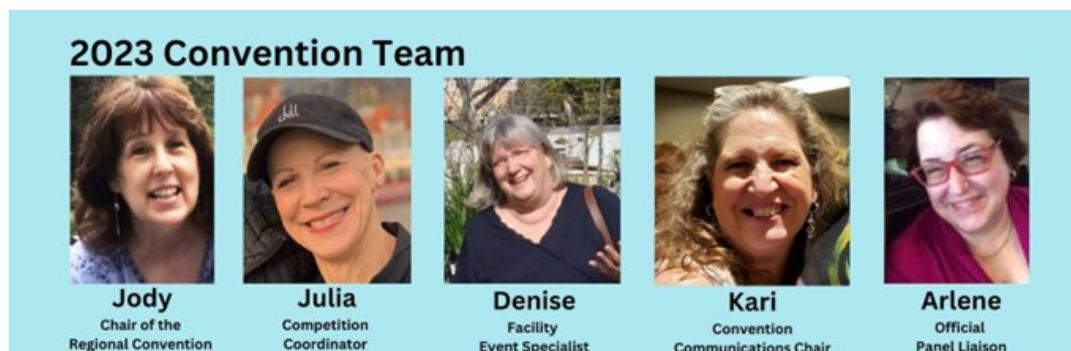
We invite YOU to participate as a vendor in our Harmony Emporium! Choruses, quartets, Sweet Adeline business owners, and outside business owners are encouraged to participate. [More information here.](#) Contact Sally Ryerson, Harmony Emporium Chair, at sjgoetsch223@gmail.com (preferred) or 360-349-8682 if you have questions.

Sweet Adelines International Social Media Request

We often see social videos posted by our members that really capture the Sweet Adelines experience. These are not edited videos or formal performances but casual, behind-the-scenes videos, often taken in a spontaneous moment on someone's cell phone, unscripted, without a plan. Sweet Adelines International would love to have access to this type of content for international marketing and communications purposes. [More information available here.](#)

Convention website

As always, be sure to check the [Region 13 convention website](#), as we attempt to keep the most current information available posted here.



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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](#).

REGION 13 WEBSITE

sairegion13.org

CHANGE / UPDATE / ADD MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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