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June 7, 2020

DIRECTOR SPOTLIGHT





Melanie McGuire has been a Sweet Adeline for 27 years. During that time she held many positions including tenor and lead section leaders, choreographer, Assistant Director and positions on Management Team. Melanie has been a BHS Director for 11 years and is currently CoDirecting the Seattle SeaChordsmen with Elizabeth Davies and is the front line Director for Northwest Harmony in Vancouver, WA. Melanie is a member of PDX Voices, a mixed chorus in Portland and is the Lead for Wink Quartet, Region 13's 2019 champions.

Submitted by Sandy Smith



re you Zooming yet

Here's your chance to learn how!



Saturday June 13, 2020 10:00 AM PDT North by Northwest Presents: Zoom 101: The Basics of Zooming presented by Region 13 Faculty

Jennifer Cooke is a member of Sweet Adelines, Harmony, Inc, and BHS; she currently sings lead with the Song of Atlanta Chorus (SA) and is master director of the Scenic City Chorus (SA) in Chattanooga, TN. Jennifer also sings with the Region 14 (SA) champion quartet, Presto!, and the Area 5 (HI) champion quartet, Swing Theory -- who is also proud to be the first registered female BHS quartet. Jennifer works extensively with the Sweet Adelines' Young Women in Harmony program, coaches quartets and choruses throughout the region, is a private vocal instructor, and creates learning media for choruses and quartets all over the world. As a Literacy Coach with the Metro Nashville Public School system, Jennifer works with administration and educators to foster leadership and build instructional capacity.



Jennifer Cooke, Guest Faculty

For more information about this event, see https://www.facebook.com/Region13/

RMT MEETINGS

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meetings which are held via zoom. The meeting schedule is below, and you will heed to register at least 3 days prior to the meeting if you wish to attend. All meetings begin at 6:00 pm Pacific time and last approximately one hour.

June 28 July 26 August 30 September 27 October 25 November 29 December 27

To register, go to the **Regional Calendar** (login first), open the calendar event and click on the meeting link.

Submitted by Sally Ryerson



HARMONY COLLEGE NORTHWEST 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HCNW had to be canceled, but to celebrate the 40th Anniversary we are broadcasting a "Saturday Night Show" featuring performances from past headliners of HCNW summer events.

Submitted by Nancy Kurth

WHEN CAN WE SING TOGETHER AGAIN?

Many of us are finding this time of social distancing, isolating and mask-wearing unsettling, at the least. We want to know what to expect, yet trying to predict the unpredictable is unproductive. We have been disheartened by reports telling us of the higher risk of spreading the virus through singing, yet we are eager to be on the risers once again with our dear friends.

Members of our region are asking the same question as those across the organization: When will it be safe for us to gather again to sing?

Speaking for your Regional Management Team, we wish we had the answer for you. Unfortunately, there is no simple answer that will work for our five states, numerous counties, and various cities. Areas will begin returning to "normal" (will there be such a thing?) activity on a schedule that seems appropriate for their specific situations. The answer to "When?" will have to come from each of you, both individually and collectively as a chorus, after carefully considering a number of factors:

- What restrictions are in place at state and local level?
- Is your rehearsal facility prepared to allow you to resume rehearsals?
- How "safe" is your rehearsal space?
- What safeguards should your members observe?
- What personal health issues increase the risk for you and other members?
- Will you meet even if some members do not feel safe participating in rehearsals?
- Does your director feel comfortable returning to rehearsal?

In the meantime, we can continue to make use of technology to keep us connected. We can take advantage of the many excellent educational offerings being provided by Sweet Adelines International, our own Region 13, and other individuals from the vocal music and barbershop worlds who are generously sharing their expertise. As areas begin to open up, perhaps small groups can carefully begin to meet and sing. And until it is completely safe, we must continue to be patient and focused on staying healthy, knowing the time WILL come when we can all sing together again.

Submitted by Sally Ryerson

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The Region 13 Management Team is looking for women to fill a variety of jobs in our region. Some are "one and done" positions, others are short-term spots, and still others are for a two-year position.

If you're interested, we'd like to hear from you! sairegion13.org/JoinOurTeam

MEMBER INFO UPDATE REQUEST

Please take a moment to login 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**.

A request not made, is an opportunity missed

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TO CHANGE/ADD **MEMBER INFO** Send your name and preferred email to eblastupdate@sairegion13.org

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