

# N&NW

North by Northwest Region 13

June 16, 2021

**Register NOW! HCNW 2021 starts this Friday!**



Don't miss this wonderful educational opportunity to attend Harmony College Northwest (HCNW) if at all possible. You can still register for your virtual classes, but you need to hurry! The action starts on Friday, June 18, at 7:00 pm PDT. The Saturday evening show alone is worth the registration fee! [For details or to register, click here.](#)

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## **Attention: Section Leaders (and wannabe Section Leaders!)**

Region 13's Section Leader Workshop will be held via Zoom on Friday, August 20 and Saturday, August 21, 2021. This is the first of two section leader training sessions to be held this fiscal year.

The classes for this workshop are each connected to what we call "The Three Pillars" for chorus section leaders: Preparation, Diagnostic Skills, and Positive/Safe Culture. The cost is only \$15 per person (transferrable, but not refundable).

The workshop kicks off with an opening session from **Erin Howden**, Master 700 Director of Canada's [North Metro Chorus](#), followed by classes led by members of our Region 13 Faculty. The workshop is **open to all members** of our region and is focused on taking the skills of the section leader to the next level, benefiting each singer and the entire chorus. [For more information, including class descriptions, click here.](#)

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**Section Leader Workshop**

Keynote Speaker:  
**Erin Howden**

**only \$15**

Register at:  
<https://nairegion13.org/sectionleaderworkshop>

**August 20th: 6-9:00 pm**  
**August 21st: 9:00 am - Noon**  
all times Pacific

Connect with musical leaders  
in our Region!

## Attention: Chorus Presidents / Team Coordinators

You are all invited to a President / Team Coordinator Forum on June 27, 2021 at 6:00 pm PDT. Our special speaker will be Leadership Development Specialist **Paula Davis**. If you have anything special you would like to discuss with all of us, please send me an email, and I will be sure your questions get answered during our call.

Here is the Zoom meeting information:

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85288489131?pwd=ZUxSWUhhQ2lOL2M4L0U4RmpyNVU4UT09>
- Meeting ID: 852 8848 9131
- Passcode: 786950

*Submitted by Sharon Stockstad,  
Region 13 Membership Coordinator*

## Don't miss this special master class!



The North by Northwest Region 13 Education Team is please to present a unique learning opportunity featuring Broadway star, **Nikki Renée Daniels**. Nikki will be teaching a Master Class on Acting the Song, virtually over Zoom, on August 7 from 10-11:30am PDT. She will work with some of our favorite Region 13 singers to improve their performance from the perspective of a stage performer. Following this “coaching under glass” experience, there will be time for attendees to ask direct questions to Nikki related to the topic, or about her career as a stage performer.

Nikki Renée Daniels has conquered some of the most enviable roles on Broadway and is one of the nicest people in the business. You may recognize her from the Chicago company of *Hamilton*, where she played the role of Angelica. She has also shined on Broadway as Nabulungi in *The Book of Mormon*, Clara in *Porgy and Bess*, and Fantine in *Les Misérables*. Nikki is really missing the bright lights of the stage right now but loves to connect with fans through masterclasses.

[To register, visit our Region 13 website.](#)

*Submitted by Shelly Pardis,  
Region 13 Education Coordinator*

## Coeur d'Alene Chorus

[Coeur d'Alene Chorus](#) is finally having LIVE rehearsals! We are singing socially distanced while ZOOMing rehearsals for those who are still uncomfortable meeting in person, or who are out of town.

- Our new slate of Management Team officers recently had their first meeting.
- Our two biggest fundraising events have a green light for 2021. First up, we will become "Sweep Adelines" for the North Idaho State Fair in August, when we help sweep the fairgrounds clean. Secondly, we will once again be caroling in our Victorian garb at the Coeur d'Alene Resort. We missed these opportunities last year.
- Congratulations to **Kari Flint** for being appointed to the RMT as the Convention Communications Chair. She will be running the convention website and working with **Jody Allen** and **Sandy Smith**.
- We are also looking forward to our chorus' Fifth Annual Camping Trip in September at Farragut State Park.

*Submitted by Kari Flint, Public Relations Coordinator  
and Cherie Letts, Team Coordinator*

## Five Valley Chorus



KPAX, a local Missoula television station, has a regular spot they call **Rebound**, which shows organizations' and businesses' efforts to survive the effects of the pandemic. Five Valley Chorus was featured on June 1. Above is a photo of their rehearsal, and you can see the entire spot here: [Five Valley Chorus conquers virtual challenges and celebrates 50 years](#)

We have had four in-person rehearsals with 100% of participants being fully vaccinated. On June 8, we will be rehearsing outside at the Western Montana

*Submitted by Cindy Morin,  
Team Leader*

## Pride of Portland Chorus...

...is roaring to go!

The last 15 months have been a challenge, but the chorus is better for it. Though current Zoom technological limitations prevented us from successfully singing together, our rehearsals were well organized and kept us interested with a variety of activities, including...

- Vocal and physical warm-ups
- Educational segments, including learning about the judging categories and visual performance videos at different levels
- Guest coaches covering a variety of topics
- Sectionals/dueting against other track parts
- Virtual video projects, including one with Oregon Spirit Chorus from Region 12



POP implemented semimonthly “COVID/Oregon Health Authority approved” in-person rehearsals starting with 10 singers, and increasing as allowed. Two community shows are scheduled for June, plus one in the fall.

The chorus has seen a silver lining to Zoom rehearsals, and aspects of its use will continue to be used; such as for team meetings.

*Submitted by Jean Ashby,  
Marketing Team Coordinator*

## Song of Seattle Chorus

Song of Seattle continues to explore a Sister Chorus relationship with [Felixstowe Harmonies](#) in the UK. We’ve had one joint-committee-level meeting, and we look forward to our first meet and greet session with both choruses on June 12.

Other chorus news:

- The Song of Seattle Board welcomed two (2) new members in May.
- **Karen Fejta** will direct chorus marketing efforts as Song’s Assistant Administrative Director.
- **Sonja Mejlaender** will plan chorus and community events in her new role as Director-at-Large.
- We are back to in-person rehearsals, either in small groups in members’ backyards or all together in an empty parking garage. The first time we sang as a whole chorus brought tears to our eyes.
- **Titanium Quartet** was our guest at a recent Zoom rehearsal. It was fascinating to hear how they approach both learning new music and getting a



Starting in September, Song will be conducting a search for new rehearsal space in the Bellevue area for Wednesdays.

*Submitted by Karen Fejta,  
Assistant Administrative  
Director/Marketing*



## Providing members with opportunities to grow

The North by Northwest Region 13 Education Team is committed to providing our Region 13 membership with opportunities to connect and learn. We meet regularly to identify what we consider gaps--or opportunities!--in our education program. You will see several new opportunities over the next year that will become a permanent part of our program.

Here are a few examples:

- **Level Up Program:** Learning targeted at choruses scoring at C / C+ level who are ready to move to the next level. This is similar to the PEP program and involves both musical and administrative training. This program will be piloted with a few choruses over the next year.
- **Section Leader Training:** Learning directed at current and future musical leaders. The first workshop in this program will be August 20-21. [More information here!](#)
- **Leadership Development Training:** Learning directed at chorus administrative leaders. The next workshop in this program will be September 25.
- **Technology for Chorus Leaders:** This future program is being developed and will provide training opportunities in different tools that can help leaders organize and communicate.
- **Visual Communication Training:** This future program is being developed and will provide training opportunities for visual, performance, and creative leaders.

The team has also been looking at ways to bring our educational offerings to the next level, offering opportunities for more advanced learners or those who wish to push their skills to the next level.

We recently held a Thought Leader Forum with a small group of individuals to brainstorm ideas on how we can fill this learning opportunity. This provided us with a bucketful of ideas we will be able to integrate into our educational offerings for anyone who is looking to take a deeper dive into certain topics. We will be incorporating designators on classes, starting with SET, to help attendees better select the class that fills their bucket.

In addition to these new programs, we continue to have ongoing educational offerings, such as the [Arrangers Workshop](#) at HCNW, [SET](#) (November 11-14 with Dale Syverson), PEP visits, quartet education, YWIH, director education, and so much more. Watch for our monthly summary of upcoming events so you can save the date or check out [sairegion13.org/events](http://sairegion13.org/events).

as always, if you have any suggestions feel free to contact [Shelly Pardis, Region 13 Education Coordinator](#).

## Harmony on the Horizon - SET 2021

The wait is almost over! Really Early Bird registration for SET 2021 opens on June 30. This year, SET will be held on Veteran's Day weekend, November 11-14, 2021, at the Red Lion Hotel in Pasco, WA.

Really Early Bird registration is only \$85 and will end on July 31. Don't miss this opportunity for significant savings!



Registration cost includes:

- Thursday Night Kick-off, with light hors d'oeuvres being served
- Friday classes are in multiple tracks
- Saturday with the incomparable Dale Syverson; followed by a sit-down hotel dinner
- Novice Quartet/VLQ Extravaganza and Show of Champions.
- Breakfast is included Friday through Sunday.

Yes! You get all of this for the Really Early Bird limited time offer of only \$85. (This does not include hotel room reservations.) More information on classes and hotel registration will be available soon.

So what are you waiting for? Get ready, SET, and go to [sairegion13.org/set](http://sairegion13.org/set) to register now!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the information below. Thank you.

*Submitted by Cherie Letts,  
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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.



## Regional Rehearsal Liaison

Further assist our choruses as they plan to return to live rehearsals. The position description is available [here](#).

Please decide to get more involved in your region. If you're interested in any of the open positions, we'd like to hear from you! [sairegion13.org/JoinOurTeam](http://sairegion13.org/JoinOurTeam)

Take a few moments to read the detailed Job Description you are interested in and complete an application today! Both documents are found on the Members Only [website](#).

*Submitted by Sandy Smith,  
Region 13 Communications Coordinator*

## ATTEND A REGIONAL MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

Have you ever wondered what your RMT actually does? Members are welcome to visit monthly meetings, which are held via Zoom. If you plan to attend, you will need to let us know **at least 3 days prior to the meeting**.



All meetings begin at **2:00 pm PDT** and last approximately one hour. The next meeting is scheduled on **June 27**.

For more information or to get the Zoom link, **contact Sandy Smith**, Communications Coordinator.

*Submitted by Sally Ryerson,  
Region 13 Team Coordinator*

## MEMBER INFO 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](#).

*Submitted by Sharon Stockstad  
Region 13 Membership Coordinator*

*"Music does a lot of things for a lot of people. It's transporting, for sure. It can take you right back, years back, to the very moment certain things happened in your life. It's uplifting, it's encouraging, it's strengthening."  
- Aretha Franklin -*

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