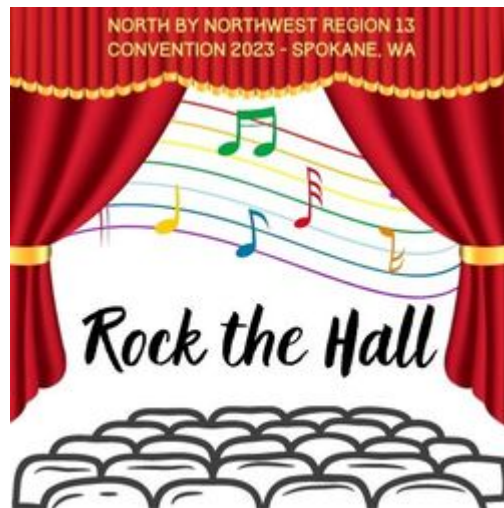


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North by Northwest Region 13 Convention News

March 14, 2023



Hello, Region 13!

Are you getting excited for convention? There are several deadlines quickly approaching and the Order of Appearance will be drawn at the end of the month. Contest will be here before we know it! Read on for lots of important information.

Volunteers desperately needed for Saturday

We are looking for volunteers to help...

- with the pattern inside the Convention Center
- with the pattern inside the FICA
- with backstage assistants
- as a nurse (will receive one day of per diem for the Saturday shift)
- AND MORE!

HELP!

Do you have friends or family that are willing to help on Saturday, May 20? Volunteers without AET's will be provided a "tech pass" badge to wear which will give them entry to both contests.

Please email **Competition Coordinator** Julia Mikulic / julielmikulic@gmail.com for more detailed information and/or if you are interested in helping! We love our volunteers!

Key Dates

- **March 20, 2023** (quartets) / **March 21, 2023** (choruses): **SAI registration deadline** **That's next week!**
- **March 21, 2023** (corrected date): **Pins/Charm orders due**
- **March 27, 2023**: Order of Appearance drawn
- **April 1, 2023**: Early bird deadline for Harmony Emporium vendors
- **April 4, 2023** (quartets) / **April 5, 2023** (choruses): **SAI late registration deadline** (extra fee applied)
- **April 10, 2023**: AET order deadline
- **April 10, 2023**: Program ad and shout outs deadline
- **April 18, 2023**: Apparel order recommended deadline to receive before contest
- **May 1, 2023**: Final deadline for Harmony Emporium vendors
- **May 18-21, 2023**: Region 13 Convention and Competitions take place

Convention registration for quartet and chorus leaders

- **INTERNATIONAL level registration** information was emailed to all quartet and chorus contacts on February 3. **SAI registration deadline is March 20, 2023 (quartets) and March 21, 2023 (choruses)**. 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 above.
- **REGIONAL level registration** is now [available online](#). 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, copyright and Song Assessment verification, the song list for the Panel Secretary, Open Division cue sheets and more! **Deadline: April 10, 2023.**

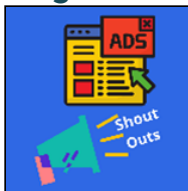
Charms/Pins

Your Region 13 Management Team (RMT) is handling [charm and pin pre-orders, which you can view here](#). The deadline to submit your order is **March 21, 2023**.

- **Group orders are encouraged** by choruses and/or groups of friends, but individual orders can also be made.
- Charms and pins will be ~1.25" square and are \$6/each for 10 or more, \$8/each for less than 10, and \$10 at Convention, though the quantities here will be limited.
- Your order will be processed, packaged, and ready for pick-up in the Harmony Emporium when you arrive in Spokane.



Program Ads/Shout-outs



Rates and deadlines are now available online if you are interested in advertising in our convention program. Barbershoppers (SAI and BHS) and their businesses get special rates! Twenty-five word "Shout Outs" are only \$15, so send some love to your favorite quartets, coaches, or riser buddies. **Deadline to order and pay for ads is April 10.** [More information here.](#)

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 **Sandy Smith** and **Sally Wallace**. The First Timers Class begins at **10:15 pm on Friday**, and will finish in time for you to get a quick lunch and then be on your way to the Quartet Contest.

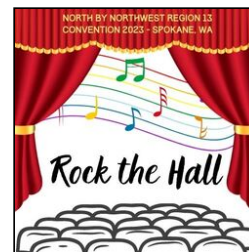
Education Class

Come warm up your body, mind, and voices with your favorite Dynamo Divas: **Nikki Blackmer** and **Judy Pozsgay**! Explore the reason for warm-ups and what you should be looking for while doing them. 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. Every student will leave with a handout of warmups to take home.

Convention/Region Apparel

Convention and region apparel is being offered by the R13 RMT for purchase. This store helps raise monies for our Region so we can keep regional expenses at a minimum, which benefits our members. We recommend placing your order by April 18th to receive your apparel in time for contest.



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. The "early bird" rate expires on April 1st, so don't wait! [More information here.](#) Contact Sally Ryerson, the Harmony Emporium Chair, at sjgoetsch223@gmail.com (preferred) or 360-349-8682 if you have questions.

Event Tickets

Please read the information below regarding badge holders, Kickoff and Show of Champions guests, clear bags, and water bottles at our events. Some things have changed since we last were there.

- **All Events Ticket (AET)** information was emailed to team presidents/directors and quartet contacts last week. Be sure to get that information completed and returned with payment to Evelyn Weiss by the **April 10, 2023** deadline. **Chorus and quartets need to provide their own badge holders for AETs.**
- **AETs are required for entry to all events during Convention week, including Thursday Night Kickoff and Saturday Night Show of Champions.** There is no charge for friends and family without AETs who attend the Kickoff or the Show of Champions; however, there will be the option to make a cash or check donation. Donation buckets will be at each event's entrance doors.
- **Single event tickets** for either the quartet or the chorus contest will be available on the day of the event through TicketsWest; you can find them at the ticket booths in the breezeway by the FICA entrance doors. \$35/general admission; \$25/seniors 65+ and military with ID; youth 12 and under are free. Friends and family are encouraged to arrive early enough to go through venue security. Our venue allows only the clear bags or small clutch purses that are now common practice at most sport and event venues. They do not allow metal bottles.
- **Clear bags policy:** Single Event holders, All Event Ticket (AET) holders in the audience who 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.](#)

Contest Venue

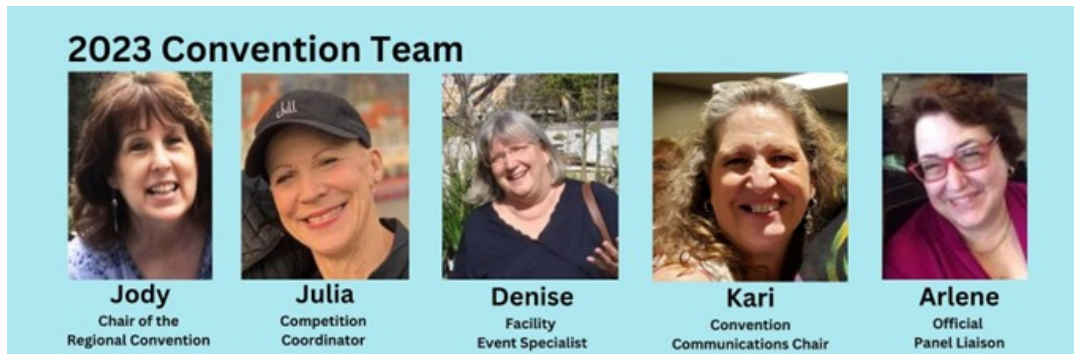
Our contest venue--also known as First Interstate Center for the Arts (FICA), PAC, INB, and/or Opera House--has implemented new requirements since we were last there! You should be aware that:

- **NEW!** Metal water bottles are **not** allowed.
- If you have an All Events Ticket but are not competing that day, a competitor not entering from the stage directly to their seat, or a competitor who leaves and returns after performing, **you must adhere to the clear bags only policy**, as well as the container policies. [More information here.](#)
- Concessions are all cashless, so be sure to bring your debit or credit card.

Convention website

The [Region 13 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!



Your Convention Team is looking forward to seeing you! If you have questions, please contact us at our **new general convention email: SAIR13Convention@gmail.com**

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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