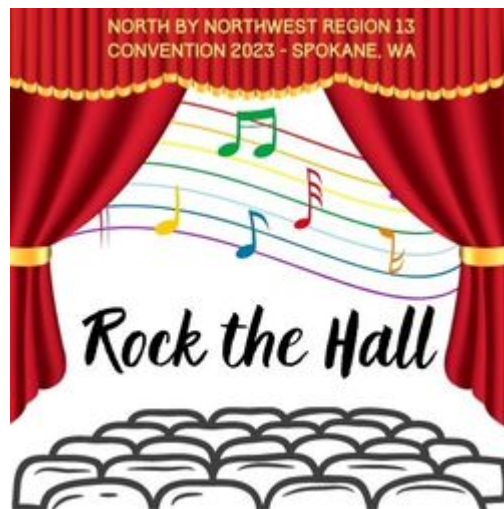


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North by Northwest Region 13
Convention News

February 22, 2023



Hello, Region 13!

Hello again Region 13 members! This eblast is going to be a long one, as your convention team is very busy finalizing plans. We hope you are eagerly preparing to return to Spokane for convention weekend. Please read on for several things you should be thinking about!

Volunteers needed

We're talkin' to YOU! Volunteers don't need to commit to the entire weekend; we'll be able to find times and jobs that fit your needs. We are still looking for people to help in the following areas, to name a few:

- Door monitors at the First Interstate Center for the Arts
- Staffing for the DoubleTree's Registration table
- Assistants in the warmup and photo rooms
- Backstage assistants ... and more!

Please email **Competition Coordinator Julia Mikulic** / juliemikulic@gmail.com for more detailed information and if you are interested in helping!

Convention website

The [Region 13 Convention Website](#) has been updated with about 95% of the available 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.

Convention registration for quartet and chorus contacts

International level registration information was emailed to all quartet and chorus contacts on February 3. If you have not yet registered and paid your contest fee for your quartet or chorus through the [Sweet Adelines International website](#), please be sure it is completed by the posted deadlines (which vary).

Regional level registration for is now available online. **Deadline: April 10, 2023.** After you've successfully registered your chorus or quartet with Sweet Adelines International, chapter and 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! You can find the [Quartet Registration link here](#) and [Chorus Registration link here](#).

Hotel reservations

At this time, the DoubleTree is completely booked overall (not just our room block) for Thursday; however, there are still rooms available for Friday and Saturday night, and a few earlier in the week. [We have added information for nearby hotels here.](#)

All Events Tickets

All Events Ticket (AETs) 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: \$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. **This venue allows only the clear bags or small clutch purses that are now common practice at most sport and event venues. The FICA also does not allow metal bottles.**

Contest Venue changes

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:

- Metal water bottles are not allowed; plastic or glass is acceptable.
- Single Event holders, 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; [more information here.](#)
- Concessions are all cashless, so be sure to bring your debit or credit card.

Charms/Pins

Your Region 13 Management Team is handling [charm and pin pre-orders, which you can view here.](#)

- **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.](#)

Convention/Region Apparel

Convention and Region 13 apparel is being offered by the Regional Management Team 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 to bring to contest. [Click here for a link to the store.](#)

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 1, 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.

Key Dates

- **March 20, 2023:** Quartets SAI registration deadline
- **March 21, 2023:** Choruses SAI registration deadline
- **March 27, 2023:** Orders of Appearance drawn
- **March 27, 2023:** Pins/Charm orders due
- **April 1, 2023:** Early bird deadline for Harmony Emporium vendors
- **April 4, 2023:** Quartets: SAI late registration deadline (extra fee applied)
- **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 Team 2023

Your Convention Team is looking forward to seeing you! If you have questions, please contact us.

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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](#).

CHANGE / UPDATE / ADD MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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