

**ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT  
RELATING TO COVID-19 AND ANY NON COVID ILLNESS OR INJURY**

**THIS IS A RELEASE OF LEGAL RIGHTS — READ AND UNDERSTAND BEFORE SIGNING**

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of the novel coronavirus **COVID-19** and **any NON COVID-19 ILLNESS OR INJURY** agree to voluntarily assume the risk that I may be exposed to or infected by **COVID-19** or **any NON COVID ILLNESS OR INJURY** by attending and participating in the **Greater NY/NJ Region #15 2022 VocalFest** and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I acknowledge and understand that the circumstances regarding COVID-19 are changing from day to day and that, accordingly, guidelines regarding COVID-19 are regularly modified and updated and I accept full responsibility for familiarizing myself with the most recent updates.

I understand and acknowledge that the **VocalFest** activities are not being required by the **Greater NY/NJ Region #15** or **Sweet Adelines International** or leadership of either entity. Members of **Greater NY/NJ Region #15** are voluntarily offering **VocalFest** to other members, including me, in consideration and exchange for my voluntary agreement to participate in **VocalFest** and to execute this agreement.

In consideration of my voluntary agreement to participate in **VocalFest** and knowing the risks described above, I hereby: 1) assume all the risks and responsibilities surrounding my participation in the Convention; 2) waive any and all rights or claims against the **Greater NY/NJ Region #15 and Sweet Adelines International**, its musical director and other directors, its officers, staff, managers, members, agents, and assigns (the "Releasees") that I may have as a result of my participation in the **VocalFest**; and 3) fully release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless the Releasees against any and all claims, demands, suits, judgments, losses or expenses of any nature whatsoever (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees, costs and disbursements), arising from or out of, or relating to, directly or indirectly, the infection of COVID-19 or any other illness or injury, which may accrue to me or my heirs in connection with my participation in the Convention ("Claims"), whether a COVID-19 infection, or other illness or injury occurs before, during, or after participation in **VocalFest**.

This Agreement shall, in all respects, be interpreted, enforced, and governed under the laws of **New Jersey** without reference to its choice of law provisions.

**I HEREBY KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL OF ANY DISPUTE ARISING IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT.**

**I AM AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS LIABILITY WAIVER AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS, AND UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING IT I MAY BE GIVING UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS I MAY OTHERWISE HAVE, AND SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY AND WITHOUT INDUCEMENT OR COERCION.**

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

***FOR PARTICIPANTS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN, THE FOLLOWING IS REQUIRED:***

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_