

# Greater New York/New Jersey Region 15

Sweet Adelines International  
Annual Convention and Competition

May 12-15, 2022

Empire State Plaza Convention Center  
Albany, NY



We're looking forward to seeing you at

# Vocal Fest 2022!

October 21-23 in Parsippany, NJ

MASTER FACULTY:

**Dr. Jim Henry**

A 40+ year member of the Barbershop Harmony Society, Jim is a two-time BHS International quartet champion bass, with *Gas House Gang* and *Crossroads*, and a four-time international chorus champion director of *The Ambassadors of Harmony*.

Jim Henry holds degrees in vocal music education, music theory, and music composition, including a Ph.D. in Music Composition from Washington University. He is currently Head of Choral Studies at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Jim travels the world as a guest conductor, coach, clinician, teacher, and lecturer.

AND

- ♪ Region 15's expert faculty leading interactive educational sessions.
- ♪ Great performances by our award winning choruses and quartets.
- ♪ Fun & bonding with old friends and new.

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**We are so happy to be back together again,  
both in person and through our**

# **COMPETITION WEBCAST!**

**Thanks to all who helped make this webcast possible:**

- ♪ **Regional Management Team**
- ♪ **Regional Convention Committee**
- ♪ **Assisting Chorus Volunteers**
- ♪ **Malone Media**

**Welcome and thank you to our webcasters who are  
both joining us from Region 1:**



**Rhonda Williams**  
Director  
Royal River Chorus  
Falmouth , ME



**Sally Jeffery**  
Co-Director  
Merrimack Valley A Cappella  
Andover, MA

The fee for this webcast is **\$25** and includes live viewing of the competition and on-demand viewing for 12 months. Videos from all choruses and quartets that submitted them for evaluation will also be included in on-demand viewing after the competition through this URL:

**<https://malone-media.com/videos/sairegion15/>**

# 2022 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## THURSDAY • MAY 12, 2022

4:00 pm	Hotel Check-In	
6:15 - 7:15 pm	Turn in forms for Briefing	Hilton, Governor B
6:30 pm	Boxed dinners available (pre-paid)	Hilton, Restaurant
7:30 pm	Quartet/Chorus Briefing	Hilton, Governor A

## FRIDAY • MAY 13, 2022


8:00 am	Dedicated buses for mic testing chorus/quartet ONLY	
8:30 am	ESPCC Facilities Inspection/Sound Check- <i>By Invitation Only</i>	
9:30 am	Buses for quartets (walk-ons)	
10:00 am	Quartet Walk-Ons	ESPCC
11:00 am - 7:00 pm	Spectator Buses between Hilton and ESPCC	
11:30 am	Registration Desk/Ticket Sales	ESPCC
11:30 am - Contest End	Boutique	ESPCC
12:00 pm	Mass Sing (weather permitting only)	West Capitol Park
1:15 pm	Quartet Contest Curtain Call	ESPCC
1:30 pm	QUARTET CONTEST	ESPCC
4:00 pm	Hotel Check-In	
7:30 pm	Buffet dinner (pre-paid)	Hilton

## SATURDAY • MAY 14, 2022

9:00 am	Chorus breakfasts	
Noon - 7:00 pm	Spectator Buses between Hilton and ESPCC	
1:00 pm	Registration Desk/Ticket Sales opens	ESPCC
11:30 am - Contest End	Boutique	ESPCC
2:15 pm	Chorus Contest Curtain Call	ESPCC
2:30 pm	CHORUS CONTEST	ESPCC
5:45 pm (approx.)	Regional Awards Program	ESPCC
7:30 pm	Buffet Dinner (pre-paid)	Hilton

## SUNDAY • MAY 15, 2022

Safe travels, everyone, and see you next year.



**JERSEY  
HARMONY  
CHORUS**

**SENDS BEST WISHES TO ALL COMPETING  
CHORUSES AND QUARTETS!**

*After Hours*  
Barbershop-style Women's Quartet  
Call: 1-845-242-1875



Karen, Diane, Angie, & Lisa

We wish you the  
**best**  
**Moment in Time**  
during Region 15's  
2022 contest.



***Twin County Chorus***

**Best wishes to all the quartets and  
choruses in the 2022 Region 15 Contest**

**We applaud Sympatico Quartet in their  
Contest Debut**

## **2022 INTRODUCTIONS**



It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 2022 Region 15 Sweet Adelines Convention. This weekend marks the jubilant return of barbershop music to Albany as our singers take the ESPCC stage after a 3-year hiatus. The performances that you will see today are the first public appearances for most of us since the onset of the pandemic, and in fact, are likely to be the first time many will sing together without being masked. You can be sure that the smiles you see on the faces of singers are genuine as we return to the music that we all love!

As you may know, COVID has had a tremendous impact on the Arts in general, but possibly no more so than on choral singing. For two years choruses and quartets worked to find ways to rehearse together while actually singing alone in their respective homes (and discovered that it's impossible to harmonize with others over Zoom.) Financial obligations became harder to meet, and illness – or the fear of it – kept a rotating roster of singers from participation. Still, we persevered, and this weekend we joyfully celebrate the survival of the great American art form known as barbershop!

I want to take this opportunity to thank the individuals who make this event successful – the many committee members who worked diligently to plan and execute the weekend's events; the folks who are here working behind the scenes to engineer and guide the show you are about to see; and most importantly, the choruses and quartets - the singers themselves - for their bravery, dedication, and determination to keep the music alive. And thanks to you, our audience and families, for your continued encouragement and support.

It's great to finally be in the same room with you again!

In love and harmony,  
Barbara Wright  
CRC - Chair of Regional Convention



**We greet you with a  
song in our hearts!**

***Best wishes to our sisters in Region 15***



**Greater Nassau Chorus wishes all  
competitors the BEST moment in  
time on stage!**

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THE  
**Butterfly**  
COUNTS NOT  
MONTHS BUT  
**Moments,**  
AND HAS  
**time enough.**

- RABINDRANATH TAGORE



## **2022 INTRODUCTIONS**



Welcome Back Region 15!!!

I am so excited to welcome you all back to Albany after such a very long time away. This weekend is very emotional on so many levels. It has been such a long time coming and there are not words to describe how happy I am to have us

together again doing what we love with the people that we love.

Your RCC and RMT teams have been working hard to make this the greatest weekend and competition experience possible. It comes with the expected limitations to keep us all healthy and safe while still being able to ring chords and share the barbershop joy. Please be sure to thank the members of the leadership teams for the work they have done along with our Albany partners: The staff of the Hilton, The Discover Albany Center and the ESPCC as well as our friends from Brown Transportation.

This competition will be a little different in many ways and I hope you are able to enjoy all of it. Please don't hesitate to ask if there is anything you need to help you feel comfortable during your time here in Albany.

I wish you all the best

In Harmony,  
Kay Weiss  
EVC - Events Coordinator



**Welcome back and best wishes to all participants!**  
**We hope you all have a wonderful weekend.**  
**With love from the RCC,**



Evelyn



Kay



Barb



Jeanne



Phyllis



Mary



Pam



Nancy



Inez



Gretchen



Johanna



Lori



Gail



Eileen



Kathleen



## **2022 REGIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE (RCC)**

Chair of the Regional Convention .....	Barbara Wright
Events Coordinator .....	Kay Weiss
Finance Coordinator .....	Phyllis Capolongo
*Competition Coordinator .....	Jeanne Viscito
Official Panel Liaison .....	Evelyn Langenstein
Assistant Panel Liaison .....	Inez O'Brien
Stage Manager .....	Scott Russell
Assistant Stage Manager .....	Gail Van Vlack
Tickets, Registration and Photos .....	Eileen Welsh
Tickets, Registration and Photos Assistant .....	Gretchen Danby
Housing Manager .....	Johanna Herudek
Convention Communications .....	Kathleen Wright
Busing .....	Mary Connelly
Convention Services .....	Phyllis Capolongo
Regional Program .....	Pam Tracy
Awards Chair .....	Nancy Duke
Webcast Coordinator .....	Lori Britt Horvath

\* International Appointment

## **2022 REGIONAL MANAGEMENT TEAM (RMT)**

Team Coordinator .....	Lori Britt-Horvath
Communications Coordinator .....	Victoria Tisch
Directors Coordinator .....	Jeanne Elmuccio
Education Coordinator .....	Jean Schoenlank
Events Coordinator .....	Kay Weiss
Finance Coordinator .....	Phyllis Capolongo
Marketing Coordinator .....	Kiara Contreras
Membership Coordinator .....	Melissa Prew

## **GOLDEN APPLE CHORUS**

is delighted to introduce our new Director



**SHARON  
VITKOVSKY**

**CITY LIGHTS QUARTET**  
1992 SAI International Champs

**RAMAPO VALLEY CHORUS**  
3-time SAI International Champs

**Welcome back to all!**



**To the Awesome Liberty Oak Baritones!**  
**May your moments on stage be magical!**  
**With admiration from your section leader**

## **2022 INTRODUCTIONS**

### **ASSISTING CHORUS WELCOME**

#### ***LIBERTY OAK CHORUS***

Welcome, Region 15, to the Greater New York/New Jersey 2022 Convention. Liberty Oak Chorus (LOC) is proud to be your Assisting Chorus this year as we return to a live event. There's nothing better than singing and laughing together with our friends. If you need anything, please talk to any member of LOC. Our goal is to help in any way we can. Together with all our quartets, choruses, directors, RMT members, coaches, and judges let's experience and celebrate this one beautiful moment in time.

Lee Popiolek  
Assisting Chorus Chair  
Liberty Oak Chorus

### **LIBERTY OAK ASSISTING CHORUS COMMITTEE**

Chair .....	Lee Popiolek
Backstage Liaison .....	Linda Bridge
Boutique .....	Jeanine Perruso Brown
Busing .....	Pattie Paulikens
OPL Assistant .....	Barb Koehler
Tickets/Registration ...	Brenda Cheong, Kathy Greenfield
Front of House.....	Kim Fry, Sheila Hodroski

## **2022 LONGEVITY AWARDS**

### **Sweet Adelines International Region 15**

*(Membership is calculated as of December 31, 2021)*

#### **55 YEARS**

Capitaland Chapter

Linda Brown

#### **50 YEARS**

Greater Nassau Chapter

Barbara Blaisdell

#### **45 YEARS**

Liberty Oak Chapter

Ursula Weber

Twin County Chapter

Marie Harnett

#### **40 YEARS**

Greater Nassau Chapter

Mary D'Emic

Greater Nassau Chapter

Sylvia Giallombardo

Harmony Celebration Chapter

Sharon Tindle

Heart of New Jersey Chapter

Lois Taylor

Island Hills Chapter

Sally Hausner

Liberty Oak Chapter

Paula Hoffman

Seneca Soundwaves Chapter

Barbara Howard

#### **35 YEARS**

City of the Hills Chapter

Mary Johnson-Butler

Greater Nassau Chapter

Jennifer Esposito

Greater Nassau Chapter

Kathy Sullivan

Harmony Celebration Chapter

Jean Schoenlank

Liberty Oak Chapter

Dolly Power

Spirit of Syracuse Chapter

Debra Saucke

#### **30 YEARS**

Chapter-at-Large Region 15

Susan Mion

Capitaland Chapter

Linda Hayes

Greater Nassau Chapter

Leigh Anne Dorman

Greater Nassau Chapter

Edyth Duff-Lockley

Greater Nassau Chapter

Janet Prete

Jersey Harmony Chapter

Judy Katz

Liberty Oak Chapter

Katie Blackwood

Liberty Oak Chapter

Kathleen Wright

Saratoga Soundtrack Chapter

Elizabeth Horn

**2022 LONGEVITY AWARDS**

*(Membership is calculated as of December 31, 2021)*

**25 YEARS**

Chapter-at-Large Region 15  
City of the Hills Chapter  
City of the Hills Chapter  
Greater Nassau Chapter  
Harmony Celebration Chapter  
Harmony Celebration Chapter  
Heart of New Jersey Chapter  
Heart of New Jersey Chapter  
Hickory Tree Chapter  
Island Hills Chapter  
Island Hills Chapter  
Jersey Harmony Chapter  
Liberty Oak Chapter  
Liberty Oak Chapter  
Liberty Oak Chapter  
Liberty Oak Chapter  
Liberty Oak Chapter  
Song of the Valley Chapter  
Spirit of Syracuse Chapter

Alison Antonucci  
Susan Dana  
Donna Fornito  
Elaine de Bruin  
Georgette Chrystal  
Susan Schuman  
Cindy Raia  
Karen Urban Grande  
Louisa Kenny  
Judy Avena  
Olga Thuman  
Kat Britt  
Meg Boehme  
Jeanine Perruso Brown  
Andrea Kanefsky  
Teresa Olson  
Mary Walaszek  
Patricia Meade  
Judith Thomas

**20 YEARS**

Capitaland Chapter  
Evergreen Chapter  
Harmony Celebration Chapter  
Harmony Celebration Chapter  
Heart of New Jersey Chapter  
Hickory Tree Chapter  
Island Hills Chapter  
Jersey Harmony Chapter  
Liberty Oak Chapter  
Spirit of Syracuse Chapter  
Twin County Chapter

Nancy Ducatte  
Jeannette Morse  
Beth Granelli  
Mim Markert  
Jeanne Elmuccio  
Rosemarie Gerber  
Janet Gulati  
Diane Trampe  
Jill Grois  
Amy Manley  
Linda Linsenbarth

**15 YEARS**

Chapter-at-Large Region 15  
Capitaland Chapter  
Capitaland Chapter

Patricia Danner  
Meredith Butler  
Dolores Conroy

**2022 LONGEVITY AWARDS**

*(Membership is calculated as of December 31, 2021)*

**15 YEARS cont.**

Capitaland Chapter  
City of the Hills Chapter  
City of the Hills Chapter  
Greater Nassau Chapter  
Heart of Long Island Chapter  
Liberty Oak Chapter  
Liberty Oak Chapter  
Liberty Oak Chapter  
Liberty Oak Chapter  
Long Island Sound Chapter  
Seneca Soundwaves Chapter  
Seneca Soundwaves Chapter  
Song of the Valley Chapter  
Spirit of Syracuse Chapter  
Twin County Chapter  
Twin County Chapter

Diane Ostrander  
Bettie Bennett  
Jennifer Withington  
Andrea Macey  
Gina Cicero  
Shayna Atkinson  
Linda Bridge  
Nancy Duke  
Gwen Kallish  
Kathy Solomon  
Bonnie Benvenga  
Shirley Reed  
Carol Klein  
Laura Orlando  
Carmen Hyman  
Susan Montano

***Congratulations to all!***



**Congratulations and Very Best Wishes  
to our quartets and choruses representing  
Region 15 in Phoenix.  
September 12-17, 2022**



*Congratulations to*  
**The Spirit of Syracuse Chorus**



*Cheers to many more years!*

**WE ARE BACK!**



July 14 -16, 2022 Cazenovia College, Cazenovia, NY  
**WWW.LAKESIDEACAPPELLA.COM**



*We can't wait to be on the stage  
And sing for all of you!*

*So many moments have gone by  
Since we've SEEN each other,  
Since we've HEARD each other,  
And it's finally TIME!!*



In loving Memory of  
Josephine "Jo" Santandrea

April 16, 1926 - December 25, 2021

Capitaland Chorus  
Member 30+ Years



Those we love must someday pass beyond our present sight  
Must leave us and the world we know without their radiant light  
But we know that like a candle their lovely light will shine  
To brighten up another place more perfect -- more divine.  
And in the realm of Heaven where they shine so warm and bright  
Our loved ones live forevermore in God's eternal light.



May all competing  
Choruses & Quartets

Enjoy this  
**"One moment in time"**

that will be  
*Treasured Forever!*

Special wishes to our  
Director - Jeanne Elmuccio  
We love you - Break a Leg!



To Jan, Mary, Rebecca, and  
Terri—my touchstones!  
Love you so much! Jen

• DON'T WAIT FOR.  
— THE —  
Perfect Moment  
TAKE THE MOMENT  
— & —  
MAKE IT  
Perfect

We are so grateful and thrilled to be  
able to share the stage with the members of  
Region 15 once again.

Enjoy this moment.

Congratulations on all your  
hard work to get here!

**The Spirit of Syracuse Chorus**

**Wishing Health, Happiness, and Harmony  
to my Region 15 family, especially my beloved  
Hickory Tree Chorus!**

**With you all in spirit, and via webcast!**

**Much love,  
*Dana Dunlevy***



***REGION 15 IS BACK!!!!***

*Evergreen Chorus is thrilled to share the competition  
stage again with all competing Quartets and Choruses.  
Good Luck, Have Fun and enjoy this wonderful...*

***"One Moment in Time"***



## **2022 QUARTET COMPETITION**

Introduction: Lee Popiolek - Chair, Assisting Chorus

Emcee: Jeannie Froelich - City Lights, The Buzz Quartets

*Fun Fact: Quartet members are listed in this order: tenor, lead, bari, bass*

### **Mic Testing Quartet: Four the Moment**

Liberty Oak

*Jeanne Elmuccio, Carol Meaney, Robin Stevenson, Melissa Herkalo*

### 1. **Champagne Alley**

Harmony Celebration, Jersey Harmony,  
Jersey Sound (#19), Liberty Oak, Ocean-Bay (#19)

*Stephanie Brictson, Sharon Ehrisman, Kat Britt, Shayna Felts Atkinson*

Notes \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. **Twist of Fate**

**OPEN DIVISION**

CAL #14, Hickory Tree

*Katy Stevens, Janene DePalo, Michelle Barrett, Kendra Guber*

Notes \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. **Sympatico**

Greater Nassau, Sirens of Gotham, Twin County

*Asuka Ichikawa, Carol Buchanan, Christine Surh, Mayrann O'Keefe*

Notes \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. **Special Characters**

Evergreen, Harmony Celebration, Royal River (#1)

*Robin Critelli, Christine Seebach, Kathleen Rendich, Kathy Dembek*

Notes \_\_\_\_\_

### 5. **Harmonics**

CAL #15, Harmony Celebration, Jersey Harmony

*Sarah Coffin, Susan Schuman, Georgette Chrystal, Karen Kumpf*

Notes \_\_\_\_\_

## 2022 QUARTET COMPETITION

6. **Amethyst** Liberty Oak  
*Bianca Skvirsky, Mona Carol-Albala, Wendy McCurdy, Julie Enriquez*

Notes \_\_\_\_\_

7. **Just 4 (Kicks)** Harmony Celebration, Liberty Oak  
*Diane Schoenlank, Katie Blackwood, Beth Fulton*

Notes \_\_\_\_\_

8. **Mad Caps** OPEN DIVISION Capitaland  
*Marilene Plaat, Niki Fillipone, Francine Pinto*

Notes \_\_\_\_\_

9. **Heart Strings** Harmony Celebration  
*Heather Collins, Patricia Martini, Carole Harrison, Elizabeth Harris*

Notes \_\_\_\_\_

10. **Balancing Act** Liberty Oak  
*Rebecca Sundt, Mary Walaszek, Jennifer Wiseman, Jan Rubino*

Notes \_\_\_\_\_

11. **Breakfast for Dinner** Sirens of Gotham  
*Elizabeth Culbertson, Anna Chelak, Meredith Rich, Haley Cole*

Notes \_\_\_\_\_

**30 MINUTE INTERMISSION**

**2022 QUARTET COMPETITION****12. Illuminate**

Coastline Show (#1), Merrimack Valley (#1),  
Saratoga Soundtrack, Spirit of Syracuse

*Rebecca King, Alicia Caron, Jennifer Hunter, Cherie LaDuke*

Notes \_\_\_\_\_

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**13. Elixir**

Harmony Celebration, Liberty Oak, Philadelphia Freedom (#19)

*Robin Carberry, Jeannine Perruso Brown, Peggy Bastone, Janet Cebula*

Notes \_\_\_\_\_

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**14. Harmony**

Greater Nassau

*Diane Duff, Heidi Wilson, Harriette Walters, Leigh Anne Dorman*

Notes \_\_\_\_\_

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**15. Naturally One**

CAL #15 , Greater Nassau

*Emily Aure, Christina Wittkowski, Katherine Edwards, Marisa Suen*

Notes \_\_\_\_\_

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**16. After Hours****OPEN DIVISION**

Capitaland

*Karen Cashin, Diane Ostrander, Angela Dourdis, Lisa McVey*

Notes \_\_\_\_\_

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**17. Totally Uncalled Four**

Sirens of Gotham

*Emilia Mahaffey, Amy Heaton, Katherine Veil, Colleen Willett*

Notes \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



## **2022 QUARTET COMPETITION**

### **18. Anthology**

Liberty Oak

*Betsy Sunada, Carol Bailey, Laura Partynski, Kimberlee Pulaski*

Notes \_\_\_\_\_

### **19. Repeat Offenders**

Harmony Celebration, Sirens of Gotham

*Laura Packer, Sabrina Doolittle, Kiara Contreras, Alexis DePersia-Norelli*

Notes \_\_\_\_\_

## **The Blue Notes Chorus Recognition**

**Harmony Quartet** Swan Song**Harmonize the World**

directed by Jeanne Elmuccio

RMT Director Coordinator and Director of Heart of New Jersey Chorus

### ***Mission Statement***

**Harmony, Friendship, and Fun!***Empowering women through education,  
passion and innovation.*

## **2022 AWARDS**

Announcement of Awards by Panel Chair, Renee Porzel  
(Award Certificates will be mailed after Contest)

### **QUARTET CONTEST**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

Novice Quartet award \_\_\_\_\_

Most Improved Quartet \_\_\_\_\_

### **CHORUS CONTEST**

Most Improved Chorus \_\_\_\_\_

#### **SMALL CHORUS AWARDS (Division A)**

15-30 Singing Members

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

#### **MID-SIZE CHORUS AWARDS (Division AA)**

31-60 Singing Members

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

#### **CHORUS AWARDS**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

**2022 CHORUS COMPETITION**

Introduction: - Barbara Wright - Chair, Region 15 Convention Committee

Emcee: Angie Kunasek - VOCE Quartet

**1A. Harmony Celebration**

*Master Director, Scott Brannon*

**EVALUATION ONLY**

Ridgewood, NJ

Notes \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Saratoga Soundtrack**

*Director, Jennifer K. Hunter*

Saratoga Springs, NY

Notes \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Greater Nassau**

*Master Director 700, Harriette Walters*

Baldwin, NY

Notes \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Capitaland**

*Director, Susan Koppenhaver*

Albany, NY

Notes \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Evergreen**

*Director, Carole Argulewicz*

Poughkeepsie, NY

Notes \_\_\_\_\_

## **2022 CHORUS COMPETITION**

### 5. **Hickory Tree**

*Master Director, Carolyn E. Schmidt*

Stirling, NJ

Notes \_\_\_\_\_

## **30 MINUTE INTERMISSION**

### 6. **Sirens of Gotham**

New York, NY

Notes \_\_\_\_\_

### 7. **Spirit of Syracuse**

*Master Director, Kay Crawford*

Syracuse, NY

Notes \_\_\_\_\_

### 8. **Liberty Oak**

*Master Director, Katie Blackwood*

**EVALUATION ONLY**

Freehold, NJ

Notes \_\_\_\_\_

**Swan Song** - while the scores from the Chorus contest are being tabulated, **Liberty Oak Chorus** will perform their out-going package.

### **Parade of Directors**

**How We Sang Today** - directed by the Director of the Overall Chorus Champion

**Post-Contest Awards Program** - immediately following the close of the official contest. Don't go away - you won't want to miss this!

## **2022 CHORUS COMPETITION**

### VIDEO EVALUATION, IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1. <b>Golden Apple</b><br><i>Director, Sharon Vitkovsky</i>              | <b>VIDEO EVALUATION</b><br>White Plains, NY       |
| 2. <b>Heart of New Jersey</b><br><i>Director, Jeanne Elmuccio</i>        | <b>VIDEO EVALUATION</b><br>Millstone Township, NJ |
| 3. <b>Island Hills</b><br><i>Directors, Barbara Festa, Laura Riffaud</i> | <b>VIDEO EVALUATION</b><br>Hauppauge, NY          |
| 4. <b>Jersey Harmony</b><br><i>Director, Kat L. Britt</i>                | <b>VIDEO EVALUATION</b><br>Princeton, NJ          |
| 5. <b>Long Island Sound</b><br><i>Director, Peggy DiSunno</i>            | <b>VIDEO EVALUATION</b><br>Riverhead, NY          |
| 6. <b>Song of the Valley</b><br><i>Director, June Noble</i>              | <b>VIDEO EVALUATION</b><br>Chester, NY            |



### **Attention In-Person Competing Choruses**

*Be sure to pick up your banners and riser chairs  
at the conclusion of the contest!*

## **2022 JUDGING PANEL**

### **RENEE PORZEL - *Expression and Panel Chair***



Renée joined the Melodeers Chorus in 1990 and she has been an integral part of their music and visual teams helping the chorus win seven Sweet Adelines International championships – in 1995, 1998, 2001, 2004, 2009 2012, and 2015.

Renée is a member of the Sweet Adelines International Faculty Program and is a Certified Visual Communication Judge. Renée was also a member of the Sweet Adelines International Board of Directors and served as International President from 2012-14. Renee coaches choruses and quartets around the world, and specializes in helping groups reach their potential visually and vocally, and reach their performance and competition goals.

Renée resides in Buffalo Grove, IL, with her husband, Bob. They are the proud parents of Aaron and daughter-in-law Kim, and Ethan. Bob and Renee are still celebrating the fact that they are the lucky grandparents to three very special granddaughters!

Renee is sending best of luck wishes to every singer this weekend. She hopes you all enjoy the spotlight and treasure this opportunity to share your joy!

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### **KIM VAUGHN - *Sound***



As the 2014 Lifetime Achievement Award winner, Kim Vaughn is one of the most recognizable women in the barbershop harmony world. She directed the San Diego Chorus, 2001 International Champions, for 30 years and is a Master Director 700. Kim is a Sound category judge and Master level International faculty.

Kim's talents lie not only in her directing and teaching skills, but also in her own performance accomplishments. She has won the coveted women's International quartet Champion title three times, the first woman to ever do so. She won her first title in 1976 with High Society, again in 1988 with Savvy and most recently in 2001 with A Cappella Gold.

Kim is a voice teacher who is active not only with her own studio and coaching around the barbershop world but is also a frequent contributor to online seminars concerning women's vocal issues in every style of music.

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## **2022 JUDGING PANEL, continued**

### **ANN GOOCH - Music**



Ann Gooch is a Sweet Adeline International member for 50+ years, a certified music judge, an international faculty specialist emeritus, a past International President, and a recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award. Ann is widely known as the woman who put the “International” in Sweet Adelines having traveled the world educating and promoting barbershop harmony and Sweet Adelines Worldwide.

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### **BARBARA NIELSEN - Visual Communication**



This is Barbara's 31<sup>st</sup> year of official panel service and her second visit to Albany, NY. She was also a frequent visitor to Region 15 when she was a judge candidate and trial scoring. A native Marylander, Barbara lives in Baltimore County and is retired from McCormick & Company (spices, herbs, food products) after 43 years of service. In fact, she now serves on the McCormick Retiree Association Board of Directors and has edited their newsletter for a number of years. And she is a devoted fan of the Baltimore Orioles and Baltimore Ravens.

In her Sweet Adeline life, in addition to judging, she sings Tenor and serves as a Section Leader in the Harbor City Music Company Chorus, current 4<sup>th</sup> Place International Medalist Chorus. Three of the biggest thrills in her Sweet Adeline life are being a part of the Elkridge “orphan package” . . . being onstage with Pride of Baltimore in their first international contest and placing 6<sup>th</sup> . . . and being in the judging pit when Harbor City's own Lustre won their crowns.

When she is not singing, she is an avid book club member and gardener. She enjoys digging in the dirt in both her large backyard flowerbed and her community vegetable garden—where she grows one of the most delicious things in the world—a Maryland tomato! And, yes, they go great with steamed crabs!

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## **2022 JUDGING PANEL, continued**

### **ANDREA HASS - Panel Secretary**



Having been in Sweet Adelines for 37 years, Andrea has served as Panel Secretary for the last 12 years and loves hearing all the wonderful harmonies and meeting people from across the organization! Being member of Skyline Chorus in Denver, Colorado keeps her busy – not only as a singer, but also as the Finance Manager for the chorus. She serves on the Region 8 Convention Steering Committee, too, so understands and appreciates all that goes into the making of a contest!

Andrea has two grown daughters who are Sweet Adelines and it's been a joyful experience to sing with them! One is active and in Skyline Chorus with her and the other is a Member-at-Large for the time being.

In her spare time, she works part-time (and remotely) for a dental practice – keeping their books in order! And she is very fortunate to live close to her three grandchildren – two 7-year olds and a 5-year old – who keep her and her husband of 43 years, Leon, busy, too!



### **2022 COMPETITION PAGES**

Quartet Contest: Hilda Blevins, Paulette Young

Chorus Contest: Dolores Conroy, Lisa Fidele

### **Scoring Levels (per song)**

A+ 94-100	B+ 74-79	C+ 54-59	D+ 34-39	F 0-19
A 86-93	B 66-73	C 46-53	D 26-33	
A- 80-85	B- 60-65	C- 40-45	D- 20-25	



## **2022 TRIAL SCORERS**

### **BETH KIMLICK - Visual Communication**



Beth is very excited to FINALLY start her first year of trial scoring! While new to the judging program she is not new to Sweet Adelines. She has over 20 years of experience singing in chorus and quartet competitions at both the regional and international level.

Beth lives in Burke, Virginia in the metro DC area and belongs to the Vienna-Falls chorus. She has been their Visual Director for 20 years as well as their Baritone Section Leader and Performance Coordinator. When not singing or performing (which is rare), she is a Special Needs Advocate helping families navigate the educational system to support the needs of their child. She is also an Executive Function Coach helping young adults develop successful skills for work and life.

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### **LYNDA KUPSON - Expression**



Lynda has been in Sweet Adelines for over 30 years and she is currently a member of Harmony on the Sound Chorus in Region One. She was raised by a Sweet Adeline mom, so barbershop has been the soundtrack of her life. She is very excited to finally be able to hear those remarkable harmonies live and in person again! "Best of luck to all the competitors and I hope everyone has the most amazing weekend!"

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### **DONNA HALLEY - Visual Communication**



Donna Halley, an Approved Candidate Judge in Visual Communication, hails from suburban Philadelphia and attended many of the Region 15 conventions when they were held in Philadelphia. A Sweet Adeline for 43 years, Donna has had the opportunity to perform on the International stage, on the front row, with the Valley Forge, Greater Harrisburg and Pride of Baltimore Choruses. She is a former Education Coordinator for Region 19 and now sings with the Philadelphia Freedom Chorus (SAI), Parkside Melody (BHS) and Fanfare Quartet. "Thank you Region 15 for your warm hospitality."

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## **2022 HONORARY REGIONAL AWARDS**

### **Dody O'Brien Most Improved Chorus Award**



This award was established in March 2006 in Memory of Dody O'Brien's years of dedicated service. She embodied a spirit of unfaltering trust in our organization's ability to inspire members to achieve goals of improved success through harmony.

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### **Renee Craig Performance Award**



This award was established in March 2007 by The Harmony Celebration Chorus to honor Renee Craig's accomplishments in both Region 15 and Sweet Adelines International. It was designed to recognize that, although the goal is always musical excellence, it is the performance that creates the magic. This award is given for the highest combined scores in Expression and Showmanship.

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### **Harriette Walters Leadership Award**



The Region 15 Management Team (RMT) established this award in 2010 to recognize the qualities that International Faculty Member and Greater Nassau Chorus Master Director 700 Harriette Walters demonstrates in every aspect of her Sweet Adelines life.

Here are some of the qualities the RMT weighs in the selection: trustworthiness, discipline, ability to identify great ideas, willingness to motivate and inspire, dedication to ongoing growth. Applications are accepted annually for this award through December 15, and they should be submitted to the region 15 Team Coordinator.

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### **Audience Choice/ Bravo Award**

The Audience Choice/Bravo Award was discontinued by Sweet Adelines International and cannot be presented on the contest stage. It has been reinstated by Greater NY/NJ Region 15 and will be presented during the Regional Awards presentation following the competition.

Region 15 sponsors the chorus award and Monkey Wrench Quartet sponsors the quartet award. Both awards are for open division competitors only and will be chosen by audience ballots if two or more quartets/choruses are competing. To be eligible for this award a quartet or chorus must achieve a score of C or better.

For more information regarding these awards please visit <a href="http://www.sairegion15.org">www.sairegion15.org</a> and search for Open Division Awards.
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## Shout-outs

- ♪ To LIBERTY OAK CHORUS for BEING THE BEST ASSISTING CHORUS with love from “Red”.
- ♪ In LOVING MEMORY of LONG ISLAND SOUND CHORUS MEMBER AND MY SISTER, JOSEPHINE SKURKA from Julia Gentile
- ♪ To THE BEST CARPOOL BUDDIES EVER - JANET, PEGGY and FRAN - YOU MAKE THURSDAYS AWESOME from Cheryl
- ♪ In LOVING MEMORY of CARLYN BARR - LOVE AND MISS YOU AS YOU SING WITH THE ANGELS from Cheryl Tirri.
- ♪ Toasting THE LADIES OF GREATER NASSAU CHORUS WHO SING WITH JOY AND SPIRIT from Joan, bari.
- ♪ In LOVING MEMORY of OUR BELOVED BASS, ELLIE BERGER from Island Hills Chorus.
- ♪ Good Luck to ILLUMINATE from Mary Connelly.
- ♪ Good Luck to SPIRIT OF SYRACUSE ROOKIES from Mary Connelly.
- ♪ To REBECCA for HER FIRST QUARTET COMPETITION with love from Balancing Act





## ***In Loving Memory***



### ***Marge Priddy***

Mom....you gave me the gift of music...and you are in my heart always because of it.

Love, Jeanne



## **REMEMBERING BETTY BANACH**



For 47 years Betty was a dedicated member of Island Hills Chorus and said she loved every minute of it! Her talents were many. Besides singing Baritone, she always kept us up to date sewing and creating costumes and many accessories, teaching us as well. Her happy smile welcomed new members. Many of us remember her enthusiasm and willingness to help whenever help was needed. She attended all Regional Competitions and was part of Island Hills Chorus 1st Place win in the 1978

International Competition. Betty retired in 2015 and always kept in touch with us. She recently passed away at 98 years. We will remember her with a smile!



*Wishing each of our  
Singing Sisters*

*A Magical Moment in Time !!*

*Jeanine*

*Peggy*

*Janet*

*Robin*



*"All great achievements require time."*

*Maya Angelou*

Wishing love and harmony to all  
competitors as they shine. This is **YOUR**  
time!!

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Rebecca Sundt-Tenor Mary Walaszek-Lead  
Jennifer Wiseman-Baritone Jan Rubino-Bass

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### Parade of Champions Quartets Region 15

1966	Tic-Tac-Tones	1993	Madison Avenue
1967	Petti-Chords	1994	Madison Avenue
1968	Parfaits	1995	Summer Windsong
1969	Fireflies	1996	Summer Windsong
1970	Priorities	1997	Follies
1971	Penna-Fores	1998	Follies
1972	Sugar Cones	1999	Debut!
1973	Neat Arrangement	2000	Debut!
1974	New Dimension	2001	Xclamation!
1975	Song Peddlers	2002	Millenium
1976	Chord Poppers	2003	Moondance
1977	Strawberry Sunshine	2004	Debut!
1978	Sound Express	2005	Escape
1979	Chord Poppers	2006	Escape
1980	Ladybugs	2007	Escape
1981	Wintergreen	2008	a.k.a.
1982	Ladybugs	2009	a.k.a.
1983	Wintergreen	2010	Escape
1984	Manhattan Rendezvous	2011	a.k.a.
1985	City Lights	2012	East Coast Style
1986	City Lights	2013	Drive!
1987	Promises, Promises!	2014	Foreign Exchange
1988	Promises, Promises!	2015	One Track Mind
1989	Promises, Promises!	2016	Drive!
1990	City Lights	2017	Harmony
1991	Starstruck	2018	Just 4 (Kicks)
1992	Starstruck	2019	Harmony

### Region 16 Quartet Champions now members of Region 15 since 2014

1980	The Sound Relations	2004	All the Rage
1995	Fanfare!	2005	All the Rage
1996	Fanfare!	2006	All the Rage
2000	InJoy	2008	Tetra
2001	InJoy	2013	One Track Mind
2002	InJoy		

### International Champions

1957	Cracker Jills	2005	the "BUZZ"
1992	City Lights		

**Parade of Champions Choruses****Region 15**

1966 <b>Ramapo Valley</b> Renee Craig, Director	1984 <b>Hickory Tree</b> Janie Pedersen, Director	2002 <b>Greater Nassau</b> Harriette Walters, Director
1967 <b>Island Hills</b> George Avenier, Director	1985 <b>Ramapo Valley</b> Renee Craig, Director	2003 <b>Hickory Tree</b> Carolyn Schmidt, Director
1968 <b>Ramapo Valley</b> Renee Craig, Director	1986 <b>Hickory Tree</b> Ann Minihane, Director	2004 <b>Ramapo Valley</b> Renee Craig, Director
1969 <b>Island Hills</b> Joan Cobb, Director	1987 <b>Suburban Sound</b> Sonny Steffan, Director	2005 <b>Hickory Tree</b> Carolyn Schmidt, Director
1970 <b>Ramapo Valley</b> Renee Craig, Director	1988 <b>Hickory Tree</b> Ann Minihane, Director	2006 <b>Greater Nassau</b> Harriette Walters, Director
1971 <b>Island Hills</b> George Avenier, Director	1989 <b>Ramapo Valley</b> Renee Craig, Director	2007 <b>Hickory Tree</b> Scott Brannon, Director
1972 <b>Valley Forge</b> Jan Touring, Director	1990 <b>Island Hills</b> Scott Brannon, Director	2008 <b>Greater Nassau</b> Harriette Walters, Director
1973 <b>Ramapo Valley</b> Renee Craig, Director	1991 <b>Greater Nassau</b> Harriette Walters, Director	2009 <b>Harmony Celebration</b> Scott Brannon, Director
1974 <b>Valley Forge</b> Jan Touring, Director	1992 <b>Suburban Sound</b> Alice Lesniak, Director	2010 <b>Greater Nassau</b> Harriette Walters, Director
1975 <b>Ramapo Valley</b> Millie Delude, Director	1993 <b>Ramapo Valley</b> Renee Craig, Director	2011 <b>Harmony Celebration</b> Scott Brannon, Director
1976 <b>Ramapo Valley</b> Millie Delude, Director	1994 <b>Greater Nassau</b> Harriette Walters, Director	2012 <b>Greater Nassau</b> Harriette Walters, Director
1977 <b>Island Hills</b> George Avenier, Director	1995 <b>Ramapo Valley</b> Renee Craig, Director	2013 <b>Liberty Oak</b> Katie Blackwood, Director
1978 <b>Ramapo Valley</b> Renee Craig, Director	1996 <b>Greater Nassau</b> Harriette Walters, Director	2014 <b>Greater Nassau</b> Harriette Walters, Director
1979 <b>Staten Island</b> Betty Keating, Director	1997 <b>Ramapo Valley</b> Renee Craig, Director	2015 <b>Liberty Oak</b> Katie Blackwood, Director
1980 <b>Island Hills</b> Estelle Grau, Director	1998 <b>Greater Nassau</b> Harriette Walters, Director	2016 <b>Greater Nassau</b> Harriette Walters, Director
1981 <b>Ramapo Valley</b> Renee Craig, Director	1999 <b>Ramapo Valley</b> Renee Craig, Director	2017 <b>Liberty Oak</b> Directors Katie Blackwood, Marilyn Block
1982 <b>Hickory Tree</b> Janie Pedersen, Director	2000 <b>Greater Nassau</b> Harriette Walters, Director	2018 <b>Greater Nassau</b> Harriette Walters, Director
1983 <b>Ramapo Valley</b> Renee Craig, Director	2001 <b>Ramapo Valley</b> Renee Craig, Director	2019 <b>Liberty Oak</b> Katie Blackwood, Director

**Region 16 Chorus Champions**  
**now members of Region 15 since 2014**

1996 <b>Capitaland</b> Kathy Mendenhall, Director	2002 <b>Capitaland</b> Kathy Mendenhall, Director
1997 <b>Spirit of Syracuse</b> Nancy Field, Director	2004 <b>Capitaland</b> Kathy Mendenhall, Director
1999 <b>Capitaland</b> Kathy Mendenhall, Director	2006 <b>Spirit of Syracuse</b> Nancy Field, Director

**International Champions**

1978 <b>Island Hills</b> Estelle Grau, Director	1979, 1986, 1990 <b>Ramapo Valley</b> Renee Craig, Director
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Parade of Champions Choruses Region 15	
Division A	Division AA
1999 <b>Metro Rhythm</b> Jo Lund, Director	1999 <b>Evergreen</b> Carole Argulewicz, Director
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2002 <b>Liberty Oak</b> Kathy Feher, Director	2002 <b>Evergreen</b> Carole Argulewicz, Director
2003 <b>Metro Rhythm</b> Jo Lund, Director	2003 <b>Evergreen</b> Carole Argulewicz, Director
2004 <b>Metro Rhythm</b> Jo Lund, Director	2004 <b>Ramapo Valley</b> Renee Craig, Director
2005 <b>Metro Rhythm</b> Jo Lund, Director	2005 <b>Millstone Valley</b> Jack Pinto, Director
2006 <b>Golden Apple</b> Anastasio Rossi, Director	2006 <b>Ramapo Valley</b> Renee Craig, Director
2007 <b>Metro Rhythm</b> Daniel Chernosky, Director	2007 <b>Liberty Oak</b> Katie Blackwood, Director
2008 <b>Long Island Sound</b> Peggy DiSunno, Director	2008 <b>Liberty Oak</b> Katie Blackwood, Director
2009 <b>Jersey Harmony</b> Rich Gray, Director	2009 <b>Harmony Celebration</b> Scott Brannon, Director
2010 <b>Jersey Harmony</b> Rich Gray, Director	2010 <b>Hickory Tree</b> Carolyn Schmidt, Director
2011 <b>Jersey Harmony</b> Rich Gray, Director	2011 <b>Harmony Celebration</b> Scott Brannon, Director
2012 <b>Long Island Sound</b> Peggy DiSunno, Director	2012 <b>Greater Nassau</b> Harriette Walters, Director
2013 <b>Long Island Sound</b> Peggy DiSunno, Director	2013 <b>Harmony Celebration</b> Scott Brannon, Director
2014 <b>Saratoga Soundtrack</b> Nancy Faddegon, Director	2014 <b>Greater Nassau</b> Harriette Walters, Director
2015 <b>Sirens of Gotham</b> Sarah Clay, Director	2015 <b>Harmony Celebration</b> Scott Brannon, Director
2016 <b>Evergreen</b> Carole Argulewicz, Director	2016 <b>Greater Nassau</b> Harriette Walters, Director
2017 <b>Sirens of Gotham</b> Directors Sarah Clay, Stephanie Ofshinsky,	2017 <b>Harmony Celebration</b> Scott Brannon, Director
2018 <b>Sirens of Gotham</b> Stephanie Ofshinsky, Director	2018 <b>Greater Nassau</b> Harriette Walters, Director
2019 <b>Saratoga Soundtrack</b> Jennifer Hunter, Director	2019 <b>Harmony Celebration</b> Kat Britt & Jeannie Froelich Directors
Region 16 Champion Choruses now members of Region 15 since 2014	
Division A	Division AA
2007 <b>Carousel Harmony</b> Debra Saucke, Director	2001 <b>Capitaland</b> Kathy Mendenhall, Director
2009 <b>Saratoga Soundtrack</b> Nancy Faddegon, Director	2002 <b>Capitaland</b> Kathy Mendenhall, Director
2011 <b>Saratoga Soundtrack</b> Nancy Faddegon, Director	2007 <b>Capitaland</b> Kathy Mendenhall, Director
	2012 <b>Saratoga Soundtrack</b> Nancy Faddegon, Director
International Champions Harmony Classic	
2019 <b>Sirens of Gotham</b> Mira Taferner & Karl Francis, Directors	



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