

**Greater New York/New Jersey
Region 15
Sweet Adelines International
Annual Convention and Competition**



**April 20 - 23, 2023
Empire State Plaza Convention Center
Albany, NY**



Congratulations to

Sympatico

**"The only thing better than
singing is more singing." Ella Fitzgerald**

- Maryann O'Keefe (Bass)
- Carol Buchanan (Lead)
- Asuka Ichikawa (Tenor)
- Christine Surh (Baritone)

Love,
Your Sympatigans
Francine, Keagan & Caleb

Music is... a form of
remembering,
a return to the
seasons of the
heart long gone.
- Gian Carlo Menotti



*Wishing all our Region 15
sisters-in-harmony
a wonderful weekend
of singing and friendships!*



Liberty Oak Chorus wishes all Region 15
competitors the wings to soar on stage!



*Music gives a soul to the universe,
wings to the mind, flight to the
imagination and life to everything.*

-Plato

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Music by: Lorraine Rochefort
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Tenor Lead

Bari Bass

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

2023

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:



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



Rhonda Williams
Director
Royal River Chorus
Falmouth, ME

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. The webcast URL will be available through the registration communication and Region 15's website.

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Parade of Champions Choruses Region 15	
Division A	Division AA
1999 Metro Rhythm Jo Lund, Director	1999 Evergreen Carole Argulewicz, Director
2000 Metro Rhythm Jo Lund, Director	2000 Evergreen Carole Argulewicz, Director
2001 Metro Rhythm Jo Lund, Director	2001 Evergreen Carole Argulewicz, Director
2002 Liberty Oak Kathy Feher, Director	2002 Evergreen Carole Argulewicz, Director
2003 Metro Rhythm Jo Lund, Director	2003 Evergreen Carole Argulewicz, Director
2004 Metro Rhythm Jo Lund, Director	2004 Ramapo Valley Renee Craig, Director
2005 Metro Rhythm Jo Lund, Director	2005 Millstone Valley Jack Pinto, Director
2006 Golden Apple Anastasio Rossi, Director	2006 Ramapo Valley Renee Craig, Director
2007 Metro Rhythm Daniel Chernosky, Director	2007 Liberty Oak Katie Blackwood, Director
2008 Long Island Sound Peggy DiSunno, Director	2008 Liberty Oak Katie Blackwood, Director
2009 Jersey Harmony Rich Gray, Director	2009 Harmony Celebration Scott Brannon, Director
2010 Jersey Harmony Rich Gray, Director	2010 Hickory Tree Carolyn Schmidt, Director
2011 Jersey Harmony Rich Gray, Director	2011 Harmony Celebration Scott Brannon, Director
2012 Long Island Sound Peggy DiSunno, Director	2012 Greater Nassau Harriette Walters, Director
2013 Long Island Sound Peggy DiSunno, Director	2013 Harmony Celebration Scott Brannon, Director
2014 Saratoga Soundtrack Nancy Faddegon, Director	2014 Greater Nassau Harriette Walters, Director
2015 Sirens of Gotham Sarah Clay, Director	2015 Harmony Celebration Scott Brannon, Director
2016 Evergreen Carole Argulewicz, Director	2016 Greater Nassau Harriette Walters, Director
2017 Sirens of Gotham Sarah Clay, Stephanie Ofshinsky, Directors	2017 Harmony Celebration Scott Brannon, Director
2018 Sirens of Gotham Stephanie Ofshinsky, Director	2018 Greater Nassau Harriette Walters, Director
2019 Saratoga Soundtrack Jennifer Hunter, Director	2019 Harmony Celebration Kat Britt & Jeannie Froelich Directors
2022 Sirens of Gotham Under their own direction	2022 Greater Nassau Harriette Walters, Director

Region 16 Champion Choruses now members of Region 15 since 2014	
Division A	Division AA
2007 Carousel Harmony - Debra Saucke, Director	2001 Capitaland - Kathy Mendenhall, Director
2009 Saratoga Soundtrack - Nancy Faddegon, Director	2002 Capitaland - Kathy Mendenhall, Director
2011 Saratoga Soundtrack - Nancy Faddegon, Director	2007 Capitaland - Kathy Mendenhall, Director
	2012 Saratoga Soundtrack - Nancy Faddegon, Director
International Champions Harmony Classic	
2019 Sirens of Gotham Mira Taferner & Kari Francis, Directors	

2023 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY • APRIL 20, 2023

4:00 pm	Hotel Check-In	
5:30 - 7:30 pm	Boxed dinners available (pre-paid)	Hilton, Restaurant
6:45 - 7:15 pm	Hand in forms/Return awards	Hilton, Governor B
7:30 pm	Quartet/Chorus Briefing	Hilton, Governor A
** Blue Notes Guides meet briefly at conclusion of briefing		Hilton, Governor A
** Blue Notes Chorus immediately at conclusion of briefing		Hilton, Governor A

FRIDAY • APRIL 21, 2023

8:00 am	Dedicated buses for mic testing chorus/quartet ONLY to ESPCC	
8:30 am	ESPCC Facilities Inspection/Sound Check - <i>By Invitation Only</i>	
8:45 am	Buses for quartets (walk-ons)	
9:45 am	Quartet Walk-Ons - <i>By Invitation only</i>	ESPCC
11:00 am - 7:00 pm	Spectator Buses between Hilton and ESPCC	
11:00 am	Registration Desk/Ticket Sales	ESPCC
11:00 am - Contest End	Boutique	ESPCC
12:00 pm	Mass Sing (weather permitting only)	West Capitol Park
1:30 pm	QUARTET CONTEST	ESPCC
4:00 pm	Hotel Check-In	
7:00 - 9:00 pm	Buffet dinner (pre-paid)	Hilton

SATURDAY • APRIL 22, 2023

8:00 - 9:30 am	Chorus breakfasts (assigned spaces)	
11:00 - 5:00 pm	Spectator Buses between Hilton and ESPCC	
11:00 am	Registration Desk/Ticket Sales opens	ESPCC
11:00 am - Contest End	Boutique	ESPCC
12:00 pm	CHORUS CONTEST	ESPCC
6:30 pm	Banquet and Show of Champions	Hilton
	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Cocktail Hour
	7:30 pm	Buffet Dinner (pre-paid)

SUNDAY • APRIL 23, 2023

10:00 am	Farewell Sing	Location TBD
Safe travels, everyone, and see you next year.		



Twin County Chorus

*Welcome and Good Luck To Our
New Performers! Have Fun Onstage!*

*Marissa *Deirdre *Aubrie *Susan *Jana
*Margo *Suzanne *Loretta *Lori



Winter, Spring,
Summer or Fall



wishes good luck to
Region 15
Choruses and Quartets
One and All!



COMING SOON!



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Parade of Champions Choruses Region 15

1966 Ramapo Valley Renee Craig, Director	1985 Ramapo Valley Renee Craig, Director	2004 Ramapo Valley Renee Craig, Director
1967 Island Hills George Avener, Director	1986 Hickory Tree Ann Minihane, Director	2005 Hickory Tree Carolyn Schmidt, Director
1968 Ramapo Valley Renee Craig, Director	1987 Suburban Sound Sonny Steffan, Director	2006 Greater Nassau Harriette Walters, Director
1969 Island Hills Joan Cobb, Director	1988 Hickory Tree Ann Minihane, Director	2007 Hickory Tree Carolyn Schmidt, Director
1970 Ramapo Valley Renee Craig, Director	1989 Ramapo Valley Renee Craig, Director	2008 Greater Nassau Harriette Walters, Director
1971 Island Hills George Avener, Director	1990 Island Hills Scott Brannon, Director	2009 Harmony Celebration Scott Brannon, Director
1972 Valley Forge Jan Touring, Director	1991 Greater Nassau Harriette Walters, Director	2010 Greater Nassau Harriette Walters, Director
1973 Ramapo Valley Renee Craig, Director	1992 Suburban Sound Alice Lesniak, Director	2011 Harmony Celebration Scott Brannon, Director
1974 Valley Forge Jan Touring, Director	1993 Ramapo Valley Renee Craig, Director	2012 Greater Nassau Harriette Walters, Director
1975 Ramapo Valley Millie Delude, Director	1994 Greater Nassau Harriette Walters, Director	2013 Liberty Oak Katie Blackwood, Director
1976 Ramapo Valley Millie Delude, Director	1995 Ramapo Valley Renee Craig, Director	2014 Greater Nassau Harriette Walters, Director
1977 Island Hills George Avener, Director	1996 Greater Nassau Harriette Walters, Director	2015 Liberty Oak Katie Blackwood, Director
1978 Ramapo Valley Renee Craig, Director	1997 Ramapo Valley Renee Craig, Director	2016 Greater Nassau Harriette Walters, Director
1979 Staten Island Betty Keating, Director	1998 Greater Nassau Harriette Walters, Director	2017 Liberty Oak Katie Blackwood, Marilyn Block, Directors
1980 Island Hills Estelle Grau, Director	1999 Ramapo Valley Renee Craig, Director	2018 Greater Nassau Harriette Walters, Director
1981 Ramapo Valley Renee Craig, Director	2000 Greater Nassau Harriette Walters, Director	2019 Liberty Oak Katie Blackwood, Director
1982 Hickory Tree Janie Pedersen, Director	2001 Ramapo Valley Renee Craig, Director	2022 Greater Nassau Harriette Walters, Director
1983 Ramapo Valley Renee Craig, Director	2002 Greater Nassau Harriette Walters, Director	
1984 Hickory Tree Janie Pedersen, Director	2003 Hickory Tree Carolyn Schmidt, Director	

Region 16 Chorus Champions now members of Region 15 since 2014

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

International Champions

1978 Island Hills Estelle Grau, Director	1979, 1986, 1990 Ramapo Valley Renee Craig, Director
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2023 INTRODUCTIONS



Hello, and welcome to Greater NY/NJ Region 15's annual Sweet Adeline convention and competition!

This weekend promises to deliver great entertainment, over two days of music, by talented a cappella singers. The region's 650+ members have spent hours rehearsing, working with coaches, and preparing for this very special weekend, all while performing in their local communities – from singing in gala shows for hundreds of people, to singing in nursing homes for solitary residents (who smile briefly because they are remembering music connected to long-forgotten events.) Our choruses and quartets provide community support for veterans' ceremonies, for Independence Day celebrations, for holiday programs, and countless other events, and are recognized in their communities for the joy that they bring while singing beautiful harmony. Everyone has been very busy over the past 12 months and will be most appreciative of your applause and recognition today.

An event as complex as this one does not happen without a lot of hard work. I want to take this opportunity to thank the individuals who make this event a successful one for all involved. Thank you to the many committee members who work diligently to plan and execute the weekend's events; to the folks who are here working behind the scenes to engineer and guide the show you are about to see; to the ESPCC staff who are such gracious hosts; and most importantly, thank you to the choruses and quartets - the singers themselves - for their dedication to, and love for, the barbershop craft. Without them there would be no convention or competition – and no a cappella music here today, or in their communities tomorrow. Great job, everyone - and now, on with the show!

- You can't sing harmony alone... -

Barbara Wright

Chair, Regional Convention

Parade of Champions Quartets Region 15			
1966	Tic-Tac-Tones	1994	Madison Avenue
1967	Petti-Chords	1995	Summer Windsong
1968	Parfaits	1996	Summer Windsong
1969	Fireflies	1997	Follies
1970	Priorities	1998	Follies
1971	Penna-Fores	1999	Debut!
1972	Sugar Cones	2000	Debut!
1973	Neat Arrangement	2001	Xclamation!
1974	New Dimension	2002	Millenium
1975	Song Peddlers	2003	Moondance
1976	Chord Poppers	2004	Debut!
1977	Strawberry Sunshine	2005	Escape
1978	Sound Express	2006	Escape
1979	Chord Poppers	2007	Escape
1980	Ladybugs	2008	a.k.a.
1981	Wintergreen	2009	a.k.a.
1982	Ladybugs	2010	Escape
1983	Wintergreen	2011	a.k.a.
1984	Manhattan Rendezvous	2012	East Coast Style
1985	City Lights	2013	Drive!
1986	City Lights	2014	Foreign Exchange
1987	Promises, Promises!	2015	One Track Mind
1988	Promises, Promises!	2016	Drive!
1989	Promises, Promises!	2017	Harmony
1990	City Lights	2018	Just 4 (Kicks)
1991	Starstruck	2019	Harmony
1992	Starstruck	2022	Illuminate
1993	Madison Avenue		
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		



*Wishes all of the competing choruses
and quartets the best of luck this Contest weekend.*

♥ **THANK YOU CAROLE** ♥

Thank you, Carole, for being our dedicated director for over 23 years. We are grateful for all you have helped Evergreen accomplish, capped by our 3rd place win at the International 2017 Harmony Classic. We are sad you leave as our director, but we are thrilled you will join us on the risers.

Candidates interested in being our NEW DIRECTOR,
please contact teamcoordinator@evergreenchorus.org

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GOOD LUCK TWIN COUNTY

GOOD LUCK TWIN COUNTY IN YOUR FIRST
POST-PANDEMIC CONTEST!!!

And to SYMPATICO Quartet

We wish we could be onstage with you in
person and we ARE onstage with you in spirit!!

Marie Hartnett

Carmen Hyman

Connie Kash

Elise Laine

Brenda Liebling

Prudence Puglisi

Diana Rosensweet

Nancy Schnarr

Mary Sheldorfer

And the best to all region #15 Competitors

"When people sing together, community is created. Together we rejoice, we celebrate, we mourn, and we comfort each other. Through music, we reach each other's hearts and souls. Music allows us to find a connection." ~ Peter Yarrow

Congratulations to all the quartets and choruses who have brought us together this weekend! Thank you for sharing your songs and your hearts!

Did Edna Mae Anderson, or any of those women who gathered in her home that Friday night in July 1945, have any inkling of what would become of their new barbershop harmony society? Ten days after that first meeting, 41 women formed Sweet Adelines. By the end of the year, they had an 85-member chorus.

Within four years, there were 1,500 members and 60 quartets in 35 chapters in 14 different states. Today, 78 years later, there are over 21,000 members in 500 choruses and 1,000 quartets throughout North America, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, and across Europe!

That's what happens with great ideas – they become great organizations that grow and thrive.

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2023 INTRODUCTIONS



Hello Region 15,

I am very excited to welcome you back to Albany for our regional contest. It is always thrilling to be together with our friends to celebrate our love for each other and our amazing craft.

As we have had many changes in the last few years, some things do remain the same. We will be having our Mass Sing on Friday at noon in West Capital Park, as well as our Regional Awards Banquet on Saturday evening. Returning to the banquet celebration and show of champions is truly a joy for me and I encourage all of you to attend if possible. I can't wait to celebrate all of our accomplishments with all of you!

As always, your Regional Management Team and Regional Convention Committee have worked long and hard to provide the best possible contest experience, so please be sure to thank them all. In addition, a great big thanks is needed for our Assisting Chorus, Greater Nassau Chorus, for all of the work they do to make the contest weekend run smoothly and efficiently.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of you, the members of Region 15, for making my term as Events Coordinator so enriching and fulfilling. I have so enjoyed working with and getting to know so many of you over the last 6 years and I will cherish all the memories I have made.

Have a great contest, and please reach out to me or any members of our teams if you need anything to give you the best experience possible.

Break a Lip!!

Kay Weiss

Events Coordinator, Region 15





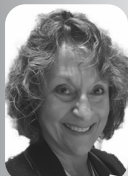
We are so happy to see all of you!
Best wishes and enjoy your time on stage.
With love from the RCC



Kay



Lori



Phyllis



Eileen



Gretchen



Barb



Evelyn



Mary



Pam



Sue



Lee



Jeanne



Johanna



Gail



Kathy



Amy

Watson loves GNC!



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

In Loving Memory

Linda Costello was a long time member of Island Hills Chorus. A teacher before retirement, Linda was a Lead Section Leader, a member of the Music Team, and an Assistant Director. Linda also often mentored members at her home. She was truly generous with her musical knowledge and her time.

For the past 25 years, Linda has liaised with the Northport Veteran's Nursing Home and has directed our annual Christmas performance, for the Veterans, spreading music, joy and love wherever she went.

Linda passed June 2, 2022. We feel sure that the Celestial Choir now has a new powerful and kind lead.





Shout-outs



- ♪ Cheering you on! TO Harmonics FROM Jersey Harmony
- ♪ FOR Twin county Chorus, my sisters in song, Have a wonderful day, I'm right there with you in spirit FROM Liz Levitt, with love
- ♪ TO Anita Barry FOR 55 years of beautiful harmony FROM JHC - we love you!
- ♪ Sing joyfully Saratoga Soundtrack: Giddyup! FROM Kim B
- ♪ Sympatico - You are Sympatically the Best! LOVE, your Sympatifans
- ♪ Honey Bear - You make my world musical! LOVE Sparky
- ♪ Rock out Balancing Act! HEY, HO, HEY, HO
- ♪ Best of Luck TO Illuminate FROM Mary C.
- ♪ Congratulations TO the amazing SOS Rookies FROM Mary C.
- ♪ TO Barbara - We are here because you and I believed, held hands and jumped in! FROM Laura
- ♪ BREAK A LIP and LET IT FLY, Balancing Act, luv, 'da Manager!!
- ♪ Here's TO the best bari section around - LOC baris ROCK! Big hugs FROM your section leader, Jen
- ♪ Biggest Hugs ever TO my Balancing Act Quartet besties, with lots of Love! FROM Jen
- ♪ TO My Amazing LOC Front Row Sistahs - I'm so incredibly proud of each of you...dance your hearts out!! LOVE Terri H.
- ♪ In loving memory of Joyce Kalbach, a beautiful friend and tenor, FROM Anita
- ♪ TO everyone at Island Hills Chorus FROM the staff at Signwave, congratulations and best of luck! Sing pretty.
- ♪ It's ALL about Island Hills Chorus basses!!
- ♪ TO our fearless leader, Barbara Festa, FROM the Bari section. Thank you for your love and hard work for us all year round.
- ♪ Good luck and break a lip to my Island Hills sisters. I wish I could be there with you!! Love Sue Ferrara
- ♪ TO After Hours quartet - love and luck for a great performance to my favorite foursome FROM Linda B.

2023 REGIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE (RCC)

Chair of the Regional Convention	Barbara Wright
Events Coordinator	Kay Weiss
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*Competition Coordinator	Jeanne Viscito
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* International Appointment

2023 REGIONAL MANAGEMENT TEAM (RMT)

Team Coordinator	Lori Britt-Horvath
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Events Coordinator	Kay Weiss
Finance Coordinator	Phyllis Capolongo
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Membership Coordinator	Evelyn Langenstein



VocalFest 2023 - September 8-10, 2023 Parsippany, NJ

Britt-Helene Bonnedahl

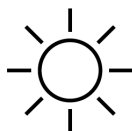
*Retired Master Director 700 Rönninge Show Chorus, Rönninge, Sweden *Certified NLP-Practitioner *Certified Mental Trainer, with specialty in voice and language as a speech therapist *Master Faculty Member, coach and vocal teacher specializing in teaching voice, mindset, directing leadership and communication.

This is a "don't miss" event!

Barbershop for all seasons!



Best wishes to all Region 15 Competitors!



To all our regional friends:
Soar, fly, the sky's the limit!
Fly high illuminate, Mad Caps and Naturally One!

2023 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.

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.

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.

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 www.sairegion15.org and search for Open Division Awards.

2023 APPROVED CANDIDATE JUDGE

BETH KIMLICK - Visual Communication



Beth is very excited to return to Region 15. Beth is in her second year of trial scoring and looking forward to seeing lots of familiar faces. Please seek her out to say hello! Beth is not even close to a new Sweet Adeline. She has over 20 years of experience singing in chorus and quartet competitions at both the regional and international level.

Beth lives in Virginia in the metro DC area and belongs to the Vienna-Falls chorus. She has been their Visual Director for over 20 years, Baritone Section Leader, and Performance Coordinator. She directs a small daytime performance group visiting memory care and senior living facilities bringing music into their lives with engaging programs and audience participation.

When not singing or performing (which is rare), she is a Special Needs Advocate helping families navigate the educational system and is also an Executive Function Coach helping adults develop successful skills for work and life.

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 44 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 Parkside Melody (BHS) and is looking for a new SAI chorus home. "Thank you Region 15 for your warm hospitality."

2023 COMPETITION PAGES

Quartet Contest: Bonnie Peterson, Denise Weinberger
Chorus Contest: Vicki Tisch, Becky King

2023 INTRODUCTIONS

ASSISTING CHORUS WELCOME

GREATER NASSAU CHORUS

Welcome to Greater New York/New Jersey Region 15's 2023 Convention and Competition! Greater Nassau Chorus is honored to be here with you as this year's Assisting Chorus. Although the calendar may tell us when the seasons begin and end, for many of us, this convention is the real start of spring. Our sisters in harmony range from those who are just beginning their journey with Sweet Adelines, to the ones who have seen many conventions and are continuing traditions. No matter how many conventions you've attended, you will soon be swept up in the love, the music, and the joy of experiencing it all... together!

Many thanks to the RCC and the RMT for making this weekend happen!

In harmony,
Alaina Tutrone and Janet Prete
Co-Chairs, Assisting Chorus
Greater Nassau Chorus

GREATER NASSAU ASSISTING CHORUS COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs Janet Prete, Alaina Tutrone
Backstage Liaison Dara Eskenazi
Boutique Jen Mikell-Chiesa
Busing Hilda Blevins
Front of House Nicole Ferrara
OPL Assistant Phyllis Capolongo
Tickets/Registration Gretchen Danby

2023 LONGEVITY AWARDS**Sweet Adelines International Region 15***(Membership is calculated as of December 31, 2022)***60 YEARS**

Chapter-at-Large Region 15

Sonny Steffan

50 YEARSHarmony Celebration Chapter
Harmony Celebration Chapter
Liberty Oak Chapter
Twin County ChapterJeannie Froelich
Sandy Smith
Nancy Saul
Bobbi Foran**45 YEARS**Golden Apple Chapter
Greater Nassau Chapter
Hickory Tree Chapter
Twin County ChapterDiane Buschel
Harriette Walters
Lyn Ertle
Nancy Akron**40 YEARS**Greater Nassau Chapter
Harmony Celebration Chapter
Heart of New Jersey Chapter
Seneca Soundwaves ChapterElisa Horowitz
Mary Jane Leland
Carolyn Wolfe
Elaine Macrillo**35 YEARS**

Capitaland Chapter

Fran Pinto

30 YEARSCapitaland Chapter
Greater Nassau Chapter
Harmony Celebration Chapter
Island Hills Chapter
Island Hills Chapter
Liberty Oak Chapter
Long Island Sound Chapter
Long Island Sound ChapterAlice Flynn
Joan Katinas
Heather Collins
Maryanne Friedlander
Patricia Wilk
Patricia Smith
Julia Gentile
Susan Goldstein**25 YEARS**Capitaland Chapter
City of the Hills Chapter
Evergreen Chapter
Evergreen Chapter
Evergreen ChapterSusan Koppenhaver
Carol Wood
Robin Critelli
Pat McCann
Carol Schultheis**2023 JUDGING PANEL, continued****GINA KAISER - Visual Communication**

Gina, a Certified Judge in the Visual Communication Category, has been the choreographer of the Harmony On The Sound Chorus (HOTS) for over 40 years. (Yes, I WAS the youngest member when I first joined!) During her years as choreographer, HOTS (Formerly Yankeema Chorus) has won the Region 1 Showmanship Award numerous times. She has been a member of the Region 1 and Region 9 faculties. This is her 45th year as a Sweet Adeline and in that time she has sung baritone in various competing quartets. She is also a member of the Stage Coaches. As a choreographer, Gina has taught and coached choruses and quartets worldwide in visual performance. In addition she has choreographed many community theater productions, musicals at the Hopkins School and for The Heyday Theater in CT. She was a competitive gymnast and studied dance at Connecticut College. Currently she studies and competes in ballroom dancing.

THERESE ANTONINI - Panel Secretary

Therese's Sweet Adelines journey has been one of variety and adventure. She has been a member of eight different choruses (including Chapter at Large) in five Canadian provinces and one American state, and in five different regions. At the chorus level, she has served in most leadership positions, as the Events Coordinator and Education Faculty at the Regional level, and on international task forces, committees and the International Board of Directors. She is a member of the International Faculty Program and currently serving as International President. She especially loves her role as Panel Secretary and is honored to be a part of Region 15's 2023 Regional Panel!

Therese makes her home in Toronto, Ontario, Canada and is honored to be a member of both Lake Ontario Region 16 and North Metro Chorus. She has two grown daughters – one actor and one nurse – and lives on her own with her cactus named Squishy.

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	

2023 JUDGING PANEL

PAULA DAVIS - Expression and Panel Chair



Paula is a 39-year member of Sweet Adelines International, a Past International President and current member of the International Board of Directors. She also serves as the Moderator for the International Judge Specialist Committee, is a Certified Expression Judge and a member of the SAI Faculty. Serving her region as the Leadership Development Specialists, she also finds great joy in directing the Song of Seattle Chorus and singing bass in Touchstone Quartet. Her background includes a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Music Education. She lives in the beautiful Pacific Northwest with her husband, Bob, and both of her sons and their families nearby. "Harmony with heart" is both her daily goal and her email address!

BETTY CLIPMAN - Sound



Betty's experience in SAI spans over 50 years and covers all aspects of the organization. Her vision is to musically educate women of all ages, enabling them to experience the joy of singing four-part, a cappella harmony and give them an opportunity to be a part of an international organization.

Some of her numerous achievements include International President, Sweet Adelines International (1991-1993), Judge Specialists Moderator, Certified Judge in the categories of Sound and Expression and 35 years experience as a Sweet Adelines Chorus Director. She established, organized and is the Master Director of The Woodlands Show Chorus. In addition to being an International Championship Chorus Director, Betty is the Bass of the 1980 International Quartet Champions, the Penna-Fores and is a Lifetime Achievement Award Winner recipient, 2000.

CYDNEY WENTSEL - Music



Cydney has been a Sweet Adeline for many years, having found the hobby as a young woman in the mid-70's. Since then, she has been in three Regions, nine choruses and nine competing quartets, singing both baritone and tenor. She is a former chorus director, choreographer and arranger. She currently sings baritone with Harbor City Music Company, coaches choruses and quartets as a member of the Region 19 Education Faculty, and serves as a Certified Judge in the Music Category.

2023 LONGEVITY AWARDS

(Membership is calculated as of December 31, 2022)

25 YEARS (cont.)

Greater Nassau Chapter
Harmony Celebration Chapter
Heart of New Jersey Chapter
Heart of New Jersey Chapter
Hickory Tree Chapter
Liberty Oak Chapter
Long Island Sound Chapter
Spirit of Syracuse Chapter
Twin County Chapter
Twin County Chapter

Heidi Wilson
Helen Vopasek
Kerrie Blum
Portia Licciardello
Miriam Gonzalez
Mona Carol-Albala
Heather Lee
Lynda Weaver
Jennifer Carapazza
Leona Rutkowski

20 YEARS

Capitland Chapter
Chapter-at-Large Region 15
Chapter-at-Large Region 15
City of the Hills Chapter
Golden Apple Chapter
Greater Nassau Chapter
Liberty Oak Chapter
Liberty Oak Chapter
Liberty Oak Chapter
Saratoga Soundtrack Chapter
Seneca Soundwaves Chapter
Spirit of Syracuse Chapter
Spirit of Syracuse Chapter
Twin County Chapter

Marilyn Semerad
Laurie Pracher
Victoria Shernicoff
Elaine Bonadies
Lauren Reid
Dara Eskenazi
Elizabeth Hurst
Judith Ingis
Barbara Koehler
Florence Shaw
Linda Schneider
Mary Connelly
Denise Weinberger
Elise Laine

15 YEARS

Chapter-at-Large Region 15
Greater Nassau Chapter
Harmony Celebration Chapter
Harmony Celebration Chapter
Heart of Long Island Chapter
Hickory Tree Chapter
Spirit of Syracuse Chapter
Spirit of Syracuse Chapter
Twin County Chapter
Twin County Chapter
Twin County Chapter

Linda Bennett
Jane Magenheimer
Susan Goldberg
Catherine Mitchell
Penelope Frauhammer
Janene DePalo
Meghan Chiumento
Amanda Harris
Deena Garod
Roseann Serra
Mary Sheldorfer

SEE YOU THIS SUMMER!



July 13, 14, & 15, 2023

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Congratulations and Very Best Wishes
to our quartets and choruses representing
Region 15 in Louisville, KY
October 30–November 4, 2023

2023 CHORUS COMPETITION

11. **Twin County**

Director, Christine Krowles

Massapequa, NY

Notes _____

12. **Harmony Celebration**

Directors, Kat Britt and Stephanie Ofshinsky

Ridgewood, NJ

Notes _____

13. **Greater Nassau**

Master Director 700, Harriette Walters

EVALUATION ONLY

Baldwin, NY

Notes _____

2023 VIDEO EVALUATIONS

Heart of Long Island

Holtsville, NY

Sirens of Gotham

New York, NY

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

Parade of Directors - Certificates presented by Jeanne Elmuccio, RMT Director Coordinator and Director of Heart of New Jersey Chorus. Flowers presented by Jeanne Viscito, RCC Competition Coordinator.

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

Attention In-Person Competing Choruses

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

2023 CHORUS COMPETITION

5. **Jersey Harmony**
Director, Kat L. Britt Princeton, NJ

Notes _____

RISER CHANGE/30 MINUTE INTERMISSION

6. **Evergreen**
Director, Carole Argulewicz Poughkeepsie, NY

Notes _____

7. **Spirit of Syracuse**
Master Director, Kay Crawford Syracuse, NY

Notes _____

8. **Saratoga Soundtrack**
Director, Jennifer Hunter Saratoga Springs, NY

Notes _____

9. **Capitaland**
Director, Susan Koppenhaver Albany, NY

Notes _____

10. **Liberty Oak**
Master Director, Katie Blackwood Marlboro, NJ

Notes _____



Our favorite season —

CONTEST SEASON!!

Have a Wonderful Weekend!

Jeanine Peggy Janet Robin

Break a lip Laura Riffaud!!

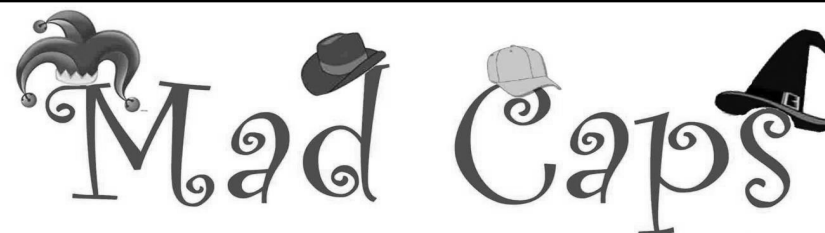
You are the sun in our "Rainbow",

You are the "Zing" in our song!

Your Directorial Debut will be fabulous!

Love,

The Island Hills Tenors



Marilyn, Fran, Nancy, and Niki

email Marilyn: marilys24@gmail.com (518)783-6950



LIVE fully in THE SEASON YOU ARE IN BECAUSE YOU WON'T GET IT BACK

CAROLINE HOWARD

Wishing BALANCE & HARMONY TO all of this weekend's competitors

JAN RUBINO
PERFORMANCE COORDINATOR
(908) 510-2315
mzabeeno@optonline.net



**REBECCA SUNDT-TENOR; MARY WALASZEK-LEAD;
JENNIFER WISEMAN-BARI; JAN RUBINO-BASS**

"It's time now to sing out though the story never ends.
Let's celebrate, remember a year in the life of friends.
Remember the love."
-Johnathan Larson



The ★ Spirit of Syracuse Chorus



We know you will light up the stage!

2023 CHORUS COMPETITION

Introduction: - Barbara Wright - Chair, Region 15 Convention Committee,
Member, Spirit of Syracuse Chorus

Emcee: Beth Paul - Bass, VOCE Quartet

1. City of the Hills

Director, Theresa Hait

EVALUATION ONLY

Oneonta, NY

Notes _____

2a. Long Island Sound

Director, Peggy DiSunno

Hampton Bays, NY

Notes _____

2. Heart of New Jersey

Director, Jeanne Elmuccio

Millstone Township, NJ

Notes _____

3. Island Hills

Director, Laura Riffaud

Hauppauge, NY

Notes _____

4. Hickory Tree

Master Director, Carolyn E. Schmidt

Stirling, NJ

Notes _____

2023 AWARDS

Announcement of Awards by Panel Chair, Paula Davis
(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. _____

Thank you Kay for 13 amazing years!



The Spirit of Syracuse Chorus

Break A Lip Spirit of Syracuse Chorus

To all of my Sisters in Song
The old ones and the new
Knowing you all belong
You worked to see it through
With great harmonies and song
Wrap yourselves with Love of
Family and friends,
Dance, smile
Ring the chords loud and clear
We'll all watch and cheer



~Patsy



Wishes all competing
choruses & quartets
the best of luck!



To All our Region Friends, Light up that Stage!



Twin County Chorus Leads want to wish everyone in Region 15, the Best of Luck at our 2023 Competition.

We are so happy to be here at competition again. :)

Many of our leads are first timers, everyone is so excited. :)

Break a Lip!



wishes all competitors
the very best contest experience.

Region 15 ROCKS!



COULD IT BE? COULD IT HAPPEN?

2023 QUARTET COMPETITION

18. **Illuminate** Coastline Show (#1), Merrimack Valley (#1),
Saratoga Soundtrack, Spirit of Syracuse
Rebecca King, Alicia Caron, Jennifer Hunter, Cherie LaDuke

Notes _____

19. **Anthology** Liberty Oak
Betsy Sunada, Carol Bailey, Laura Partynski, Kimberlee Pulaski

Notes _____

20. **VOCE EVALUATION ONLY** CAL #1, CAL #15, Millenium Magic (#1)
Deanna Sargent, Cheryl Brusket, Angie Kunasek, Beth Paul

Notes _____

The Blue Notes Chorus Recognition

Illuminate Quartet Swan Song

Harmonize the World

directed by Jeanne Elmuccio
RMT Director Coordinator, Director of Heart of New Jersey Chorus,
Member, Liberty Oak Chorus

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

2023 QUARTET COMPETITION

12. **Repeat Offenders** Harmony Celebration, Sirens of Gotham
Laura Packer, Sabrina Doolittle, Kiara Contreras, Alexis DePersia-Norelli

Notes _____

13. **Harmony** Greater Nassau
Diane Duff, Heidi Wilson, Harriette Walters, Leigh Anne Dorman

Notes _____

14. **After Hours** Capitaland
Karen Cashin, Diane Ostrander, Angela Dourdis, Lisa McVey

Notes _____

15. **Sympatico** Greater Nassau, Sirens of Gotham, Twin County
Asuka Ichikawa, Carol Buchanan, Christine Surh, Mayrann O'Keefe

Notes _____

16. **Steppin' Out** Hickory Tree
Amy Lewis, Rita Peyton, Nina Comanto, Regina Jasinski

Notes _____

17. **Elixir** Harmony Celebration, Liberty Oak, Philadelphia Freedom (#19)
Robin Carberry, Jeannine Perruso Brown, Peggy Bastone, Janet Cebula

Notes _____

*What a fav'rite place to be...
 Here in sunny Albany!*



*Wishing all our sisters
 a fun-filled contest weekend!*



54 years of beautiful harmony!

Good luck to all competitors!

Have a great weekend!

Golden Apple Chorus



To Laura Riffaud

*When all the world was a hopeless jumble,
 you kept us "zinging." Thank you!*

And congrats to our first time contest attendees

• Jeanne B • Sandy B • Tricia G • Lorraine G • Alison H
 • Kathryn K • Sheila M • Cindy S • Carolanne S

Have a great show! 🎵 From your Music Team

2023 QUARTET COMPETITION

Introduction: Alaina Tutrone - Co-Chair, Assisting Chorus and
Kay Weiss - RCC EC
Emcee: Carole Argulewicz - Director, Evergreen Chorus

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

Mic Testing Quartet: VOCE CAL #15, CAL #1, Millenium Magic (#1)
Deanna Sargent, Cheryl Brusket, Angie Kunasek, Beth Paul

1. **Mardi Gras** **EVALUATION ONLY** CAL #15, Heart of
New Jersey, Hickory Tree, Liberty Oak
Jeanne Elmuccio, Johanna Leone, Jeanne Viscito, Cass Cochrane

Notes _____

2. **Extension Chords** Heart of New Jersey, Liberty Oak
Carolyn Wolfe, Lori Asch, Becky Woodard, Esther Krutzel

Notes _____

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

Notes _____

4. **Empire** CAL #15, Sirens of Gotham
Helen O'Rourke, Meredith Didlake-Glemboski, Diana Kelliher, Samantha Bunting

Notes _____

5. **Harmonics** CAL #15, Harmony Celebration, Jersey Harmony
Sarah Coffin, Susan Schuman, Georgette Chrystal, Karen Kumpf

Notes _____

2023 QUARTET COMPETITION

6. **Naturally One** Harmony Celebration, Saratoga Soundtrack
Emily Aure, Christina Wittkowski, Katherine Edwards, Marisa Suen

Notes _____

7. **Tag Team** Greater Nassau
Jennifer Esposito, Andrea Macey, Janet Prete, Lori Schnipper-Nastasi

Notes _____

8. **Twist of Fate** **OPEN DIVISION** CAL #14, CAL #19, Hickory Tree
Katy Stevens, Janene Williams, Mo Barrett, Kendra Guber

Notes _____

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

Notes _____

30 MINUTE INTERMISSION

10. **Mad Caps** **OPEN DIVISION** Capitaland
Marilyn Semerad, Nancy Plaat, Niki Fillipone, Francine Pinto

Notes _____

11. **Amethyst** Liberty Oak
Bianca Skvirsky, Mona Capalbala, Wendy McCurdy, Julie Enriquez

Notes _____

WITHDRAWN