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2015

GREATER NY/NJ REGION #15

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What
you
need
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now...

[#HarmonyontheHudson](#)

Reg 15 Convention and Contest

April 30-May 2, 2015

Empire State Plaza Convention
Center, Albany, NY

Thursday, April 30
Contest Briefing
7:30 pm at Hilton
Governor Ballroom A

Friday, May 1
Mass Sing
Noon Capitol steps
Quartet Competition
1:30 pm at ESPCC

Saturday, May 2
Chorus Competition
12:00 pm at ESPCC
7:00 pm Cash Bar/7:30 Dinner
8:45 Awards/Afterglo/Tag Party

The Fast Track

Regional Education Weekend

June 13-14, 2015

Hilton Westchester, Rye Brook, NY

Sign up for the "track" that most
interests you!

Tracks will include
Frontline Director Track
Chorus Leadership Track
Quartet Track
YWIH Track

Go to page 6 of this edition for
more info or check out the regional
website for registration information
and more!

Intro



NAfME Award Winner, Patricia Danner receiving her award in Baltimore last November.

Patricia Danner, Region 15 member, Receives NAFME Award in Baltimore

Patricia Danner received the NAFME Award at the 2014 Sweet Adelines International Convention and Competition in Baltimore this past November. The prestigious honor is annually given to a deserving individual by the NAFME organization (National Association for Music Education). Founded in 1907, NAFME has more than 130,000 members, including active music teachers, university faculty and researchers, college students preparing to teach, and high school honor society members.

Danner is a freelance singer and pianist, private vocal and piano instructor, and choral director at West Morris Mendham High School in Randolph, New Jersey. Introduced to

barbershop music at an early age by her mother, she earned a bachelor's degree in music education and went on to establish her choral program at West Morris Mendham High, including the first barbershop quartets in the school's history—both male and female.

Danner is an eight-year member of Sweet Adelines International, singing baritone with the Greater Nassau Chorus and placing second in 2014 and champion in 2013 with the quartet Drive! in Region #15 of Sweet Adelines International.

She resides in New Jersey with her husband, Ken, and children, Aidan, Clare, and Jonathan.



The 2015 Rising Star Quartet Contest registration is now open!!

[Click here](#) for information on the August 8, 2015 Rising Star Quartet Contest in Phoenix Arizona. Entry is limited to the first 20 quartets.



Are you talking about the convention on social media? Use #harmonyonthehudson

Happy Spring! I am so looking forward to being with everyone soon in Albany at Harmony on the Hudson! The Regional Convention Committee is working diligently to insure that all that attend have a wonderful experience.

Following the regional dinner, regional awards will be given out. Choruses and quartets who have signed up with Harriett Kimball will perform. During that time we also plan to sing regional songs together. From 10:30 - 11:45 pm, Sirens of Gotham will host a tag party.

The Albany Convention and Visitors Bureau has set up a microsite (albany.org/sweetadelines/) which is for us to use to get additional info (restaurants, florists, hairdressers). It's a great resource for our use.

Looking forward to seeing you. ~ Sharon Putney, CRC

JUST A LITTLE *Reminder* Briefing 7:30

Hilton Governor Ballroom A and B.

Forms can be handed in beginning at 6:30.

Chorus List:

Open Division Cue Sheet - 8 copies

Photography Cue Sheet - 3 copies

Final Pose Sheet - 3 copies

Pitch Pipe Sheet - 2 copies

Chorus Contact Info Sheet - 2 copies

List of Competing Members - 2 copies

Quartet List:

Open Division Cue Sheets - 8 copies

Pitch Pipe Sheet - 2 copies

Quartet Contact Info Sheet - 2 copies

TOP 5

Top Five things you do not want to miss at Regional this year:

Mass Sing Friday Noon

Quartet Chorus after the Quartet Contest Friday

Regional Awards Saturday 8:45pm

Performances/Singing Saturday 9:10 pm

Tag Party Saturday 10:30pm

Check out the latest schedule and competition handbook [here!](#)

Notes

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

Check out this link to get all the latest updates from the Sweet Adelines International Board of Directors meeting held March 2015

[SAI UPDATE](#)

Sirens of Gotham Show
May 9th 7:00pm

Liberty Oak Annual Show
June 13th 3:00pm

Jersey Harmony
October 17th

Evergreen Chorus Show
October 18th 3:00pm

Heart of New Jersey Fall Show
October 18th 3:00pm

Harmony Celebration Show
November 7th 7:30pm

Important dates

#HarmonyontheHudson
Regional Convention
April 30-May 2, 2015

The Fast Track Education Event
June 13-14, 2015

VocalFest 2015
Sept 18-20, 2015

Reg. 15

A Note from our RMT Coordinator, Barbara Wright

What do you mean, it's April already? *OMG* - That cannot be possible...

Ah, but it is - contest season and all its madness has begun. I'm looking forward to being in Albany to see how everyone's hard work has paid off - and I hope that, in the flurry of contest preparation, you manage to find joy in what you do, who you are, and what the Sweet Adeline organization brings to your life. The RCC has been hard at work for several months, planning an outstanding weekend for us all. If you see one of those great ladies on your trip through a convention hotel or at the Event Center, please take a moment to thank her for her efforts on our behalf, they are most deserving of our gratitude.

And finally, to those chorus Management Team and Board members who will be stepping out of, or into, leadership roles within your respective choruses on May 1st, thank you for giving of your time, energy and knowledge to guide your chorus through the many business issues that are part of our daily responsibilities. The Region would not be successful without your experience and dedication. You are all wise, wonderful women! Now it's off to see if my performance costume still fits.... See you in Albany!



Hello Region 15 Quartets!

Here it is, Competition time! The house is a mess, the dishes aren't clean, the laundry is piled high, you've forgotten your kid's names, and your husband thinks you've moved out, but....the dress is fabulous, coaches love you, the all-in-one is packed, lashes are purchased, hair and nail appts are booked.....It's time!!!! The work is done, now let yourself shine! Can't wait to see, hear, and hug everyone. Love, Leigh Anne and Kim, your Region 15 Quartet Coordinators.

A Special Recognition from the Albany County Convention and Visitors Bureau

Competition Regional Chair, Sharon Putney and former Events Coordinator, Pat Miller, were 2 of 17 "Ambassadors" recognized by the Albany County Convention Bureau on March 19th. Each ambassador received a personalized plaque, a pin, and will be receiving a proclamation from the Albany County Legislator. There was a reception prior to the meeting, the photo session, and an announcement at the CVB meeting.



Sharon and Pat on the right in second row

Greater NY/NJ Region #15 Presents
The Fast Track Weekend
June 13 - 14, 2015



1. Young Women In Harmony

with Sky Harris & Patty Danner

2. Quartets

with Hannah Barton, Baritone International Top 10 Quartet Spritzer!

3. Front Line Directors

with Harriette Walters

4. Leadership

with RMT Members facilitated by Barbara Wright

To Register for the Event

- **\$145** Regular Member, **\$75** Youth Member
(Fee includes Lunch & Dinner on Saturday)
- Mail check (payable to greater NY/NJ Region #15) to:
Lynda Weaver 414 Fellows Ave Syracuse, NY 13210
- Please indicate which TRACK you are interested in

To Make Hotel Reservations

- Hilton Westchester, 699 Westchester Avenue, Rye Brook, NY 10573
<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/83522b29>
- Room Cost: **\$149** per night
- Space is limited so make your reservations early. Hotel Deadline is **May 17th!**

Stay tuned to the [Fast Track webpage](#) for updates,
class information, schedules and more!



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and show your Region 15 Pride!

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Convention in Albany to purchase
Region #15 pins, Rhinestone Section
Pins and the brand new
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Greater NY/NJ Region
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amazon smile



We are now on
Instagram!
[SAI Region15](#)

Taglines



Harmony Classic Contestant
Saratoga Soundtrack Chorus

Regional Chorus Representative
Greater Nassau Chorus

And Our Regional Quartet
Representative

October 5-10, 2015
MGM Grand Hotel and Casino

Words and Music by
L Ahrens & S Flaherty

At the Beginning (tag)

Arranged by
Carolyn Schmidt

easy tempo

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Tenor Lead

When our jour-ney is through, I'll be stand - ing there with you.

Bari Bass