

SWEET ADELINES INTERNATIONAL

47th ANNUAL CONVENTION & COMPETITION
Thursday, May 8 - Sunday, May 11, 2025



BUFFALO GATEWAY
Volunteer Assistance Chorus

KAREN PARSONS
CRC

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FOOTLIGHTS - \$2,500

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APPLAUSE, APPLAUSE - \$1,000

EMERALD CROWN - \$100

GOLD CROWN - \$500

FRIENDS OF THE REGION - \$50

THURSDAY, MAY 8

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	AEB Pickup - 3rd Floor
7:00 pm	Joint Briefing - 3rd Floor Ballroom
8:00 pm	Walkthrough - 3rd Floor Ballroom
8:30 pm - 10:00 pm	Encore Club Quartet Reception

FRIDAY, MAY 9

9:00 am - 2:30 pm	Ticket Sales - 3rd Floor (no AEB sales)
9:00 am - 6:00 pm	AEB / Program Pickup - 3rd Floor
9:15 am	SOUND CHECK WARMUPS** ***Everyone invited to be part of the Sound Check Chorus. Songs are Lazy Day and It's the Music That Brings Us Together
9:30 am - 11:00 am	SOUND CHECK
12:00 pm	Mass Sing - Tower City
1:55 pm	Curtain Call - 3rd Floor Ballroom
2:00 pm	Quartet Contest - 3rd Floor Ballroom
Immediately following Quartet Contest	Encore Club celebration immediately following

SATURDAY, MAY 10

8:00 am - 11:00 am	Chorus Rehearsals
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	AEB / Program Pickup - 3rd Floor
11:55 am	Curtain Call
12:05 pm	Chorus Contest - 3rd Floor Ballroom

SUNDAY, MAY 11

9:30 am	Convention Committee - Wrap up meeting w/hotel staff
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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Many thanks to the Greater Cleveland Chorus for the loan of their risers.

WEBCASTERS*

Sara Clevenger
 Lynne Peirce
 Jean Flinn
 Deb Ferenc

WEBCAST STAFF

Cathy Brennan Jenn Signore
 Cindy Fanara Marilyn VanFossen
 Terrey Giaouque Tracey Weltlichh
 Tammy Helline

PAGES

Barb Niemi
 Michelle Riggi-Smith
 Rilea Asberry
 Kim Barth

*Bios on Region 17 website

WEBCAST PRODUCTION - Greenhill Productions

REGIONAL CONVENTION STEERING COMMITTEE

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JUDGING PANEL FOR 2025 REGION 17 COMPETITION

Sound
 Jean Barford
 Region 4

Music
 Sharon Carlson
 Region 12

Expression
 Paula Davis, Panel Chair
 Region 13

Visual Communication
 Michelle Hunget
 Region 5

Panel Secretary
 Andrea Hass
 Region 8

Trial Scorer
 Sheryl Neal

Shadow Secretary
 Beverly Miller

2025 Regional Competition

Rehearsal and Gathering Rooms

CHORUS	ROOM	LOCATION
A Cappella Magic	Hopkins	4th Floor
Battle Creek	Case	4th Floor
Buffalo Gateway	Gold Room* / Forest City	3rd Floor
City of Flags	Van Aken	4th Floor
Friendship VII	Halle	4th Floor
Grand Rapids	Whitehall* / Erie	3rd Floor
Greater Cleveland	Ambassador	1st Floor
Greater Harmony	Bush / Glenn	3rd Floor
Indi-Anna	Blossom	4th Floor
Pride of Toledo	Van Sweringen	4th Floor
River Bend	Holden	4th Floor
River Raisin	Garfield	4th Floor
Voices in Harmony	Severance	4th Floor

Gathering rooms are open to choruses at the conclusion of the quartet contest and throughout the weekend.

*The Forest City (Gold) and Erie (Whitehall) rooms are part of the pattern and are not available on Saturday from 11:00 am until the conclusion of the chorus competition.

PURSES IN PATTERN

No purses will be allowed in the pattern. All personal items must be in a Ziplock quart-sized bag - NO EXCEPTIONS. Freezer bags are the sturdiest and have a label area to write your name on it for identification. At the start of the pattern, your chorus will be provided with large bags to place your Ziplock bag and can be retrieved after your performance.

REGION 17 PAST CHAMPIONSHIP QUARTETS

2024	Daybreak	2006	B.L.A.K. Velvet	1990	Champagne and Soda Pop
2023	Daybreak	2005	Moxie Ladies	1989	Swing Street
2022	DREAM	2004	Sundance	1988	Special Image
2019	Lucille	2003	Distinction	1987	Special Image
2018	Wicked	2002	Distinction	1986	Champagne and Soda Pop
2017	Fusion	2001	Live Wire	1985	Vocal Choice
2016	Fusion	2000	Park Avenue	1985	Crystal-Aires (Region #18)
2015	Surefire	1999	Park Avenue	1984	Vocal Choice
2014	Naturally	1998	Park Avenue	1983	Top Priority
2013	Naturally	1997	Glitz	1982	Four Town Sound
2012	Naturally	1996	Live Wire	1981	Vocal Union #4
2011	TGIF	1995	Glitz	1980	Melody-N-Motion
2010	B.L.A.K. Velvet	1994	Glitz	1979	Electric Chords
2009	Fusion	1993	Glitz	1978	Fours The Limit
2008	B.L.A.K. Velvet	1992	The Singing Club	1977	Electric Chords
2007	TGIF	1991	New Rendition	1976	Talk of The Town

REGION 17 PAST CHAMPIONSHIP CHORUSES

2024	Buffalo Gateway	2006	Pride of Toledo	1991	Water Wonderland
2023	Greater Harmony	2005	Greater Cleveland	1990	City of Flags
2022	Buffalo Gateway	2004	Pride of Toledo	1989	Pride of Toledo
2019	Buffalo Gateway	2003	Greater Cleveland	1988	Water Wonderland
2018	Grand Rapids	2002	Pride of Toledo	1987	City of Flags
2017	Greater Cleveland	2001	Greater Cleveland	1986	Water Wonderland
2016	Grand Rapids	2000	Pride of Toledo	1985	Toledo Seaway
2015	Greater Cleveland	1999	City of Flags	1985	Beaver Valley (former #18)
2014	Grand Rapids	1998	Pride of Toledo	1984	Ann Arbor
2013	Greater Cleveland	1997	City of Flags	1983	Toledo Seaway
2012	Pride of Toledo	1996	Pride of Toledo	1982	Ann Arbor
2011	Greater Cleveland	1995	City of Flags	1981	Toledo Seaway
2010	Pride of Toledo	1994	Pride of Toledo	1980	City of Flags
2009	Greater Cleveland	1993	Water Wonderland	1979	Toledo Seaway
2008	Sounds of Pittsburgh	1992	Pride of Toledo	1978	C.E.S.
2007	Greater Cleveland				

COFG welcomes our
rookies Melanie, Teri
and Jessica

City of Flags
Thanks for 33 years!
you mean the world
to me. ♥ Sue

Love to my
River Raisin Rosies!
We can do it!
Lynne

Battle Creek Chorus congratulates
all participants!

So proud to sing with
my COF/SOP sisters.
Cathy Dunlap

Lori and Barb
As always, let's have
fun. Love you besties!
♥ Michelle

**Best of
luck to
Blue Phoenix
from your
City of Flags
Sisters**

Have fun Battle
Creek Chorus
Rookie Lea Martin!

**Good luck
Dynamics!
Love,
River Raisin
Chorus**

Mirabella,
Looking forward to making
melodies and memories.
Michelle

*Vision to Reality - Construction
Completed! BCC thanks Coach
Sara Clevenger and
Director Mary Su*

Quartet Competition - Friday, May 9, 2025

Mistress Of Ceremonies - Kathy Fazekas

1. The audience is reminded that no one may enter or leave the ballroom while a contestant is on stage.
2. The use of flash cameras or recording equipment is forbidden within the contest with the exception of the official recording personnel.
3. The use of videotape or movie equipment is forbidden with the exception of official videotape personnel.
4. Smoking is prohibited.
5. Please turn off all wristwatch alarms, phones, and pagers.

CONTESTANTS

(Quartet members are listed tenor, lead, baritone, bass)

1

GLOW (Evaluation Only)

Jersey Sound, Spirit of the Gulf, CAL R-17

SHIRLEY ECKERT ~ CONNIE MILESTONE ~ JEAN OHTOLA ~ GAIL STOTLAR

2

Tenacious (Evaluation Only)

Greater Cleveland, Scioto Valley, Gem City

SHANNON LANGE ~ CHELSEA SELVAGGIO ~ TRACY MARCARELLO ~ KAREN JOHNS

3

Party Favors

Voices in Harmony

MELANIE ZENTZ ~ ANDREA FRIAS ~ BRITNI JOHNSON ~ JULIE DEPOWSKI

4

Sunny Side Up

Buffalo Gateway

CORY STIEHL ~ KATHLEEN PITROLA ~ CYNTHIA MCCARVER ~ RUTH MCCARVER

5

Starlight

Buffalo Gateway

MOLLY ARAUJO ~ SARAH HUSS ~ ELISE KULKA ~ MEGAN MOELBERT

QUARTET CONTESTANTS (CONTINUED)

6

AfterGlow!

Buffalo Gateway

MARY ROSE CAMERON ~ KATHY WAKEMAN ~ DIANE PORSCH ~ BETH RIEGLE

7

Chime In

Grand Rapids

COURTNEY CARINI ~ SONJA ACOSTA ~ JUDITH WESTERS ~ LEAH WILLIAMS

8

Ladies First

Buffalo Gateway

KIMBERLY HOOKER ~ BONNIE SUGRUE ~ BONNIE KING ~ SHARON WOLFF

9

Siren Song

Lake Ridge Legacy, Greater Cleveland

ERICA LOUGH ~ HOLLY HOCKENBERRY ~ GRACE SCHWEIZER ~ RAYNA BECK

INTERMISSION

10

Stay Tuned

Indi-Anna

AMY BETLER ~ KAREN MACVAY ~ CINDY SHEFFLER ~ HEATHER FLOWERS

11

Note to Self

A Cappella Magic, Pride of Toledo

GABRIELLE HOLBEN ~ BETSY FOWLER ~ CINDY GIVENS ~ RICHELE REYNOLDS

12

Blue Phoenix

City of Flags, Lake Ridge Legacy, CAL R-17

RILEA ASBERRY ~ TINA LOWE ~ LINDSEY MILLER ~ BETH MILLER

QUARTET CONTESTANTS (CONTINUED)

13

Mayhem

Greater Cleveland

JANIS MOHAT ~ DAWN LIVINGSTONE ~ BONNIE VAIDEAN ~ CHERYL IVES

14

Dynamics

Pride of Toledo

HOLLY TROUTMAN ~ JESSICA VALENTINE ~ MELANIE CASE ~ DAWN SEIGNEUR

15

Lighthouse

Greater Cleveland

JOANN WILSON ~ RHIANNON LIGHT ~ MARILYNN SCHROETER ~ AMY RINGLEY

16

Ready or Not

Greater Cleveland

TAMMEY HELLINE-COMER ~ KATIE RARICK ~ SUSAN RUSS ~ TRACY SOUTHERLAND

17

Ring True

Lake Ridge Legacy

JENNIFER WEIGL ~ MELISA JUDWARE ~ KELLY RAMEY ~ CHRISTINE HURD-CLEM

18

Silver Belles

Buffalo Gateway

RUTH DEMBINSKI ~ PAULA SHUFF ~ SALLY WARRINER ~ LINDA EICK

QUARTET CONTEST (CONTINUED)

STRETCH BREAK

OUTGOING CHAMPIONS

ENCORE CLUB

INTERNATIONAL AWARDS PRESENTATION

- 5 _____
- 4 _____
- 3 _____
- 2 _____
- 1 _____

REGIONAL AWARDS PRESENTATION

Regional awards will be presented on Saturday after the Chorus Contest

CLOSING SONG - HOW WE SANG TODAY

NOTES

Chorus Competition - Saturday, May 10, 2025

Mistress Of Ceremonies - Maria Christian

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CONTESTANTS

1

River Bend (Evaluation Only)

South Bend, IN

SHERRY BERKLEY, CERTIFIED DIRECTOR

2

Grand Rapids

Grand Rapids, MI

HOLLI HOUTZ, CERTIFIED DIRECTOR

3

Friendship VII

New Concord, OH

BONNIE BEAN, DIRECTOR

4

A Cappella Magic

Angola, IN

BETSY FOWLER, HARMONY 500 DIRECTOR

5

City of Flags

Canton, OH

DAVID WALLACE, MASTER DIRECTOR

6

Greater Cleveland

Independence, OH

CHELSEA SELVAGGIO AND SHANNON LANGE, CO-DIRECTORS

CHORUS CONTESTANTS (CONTINUED)

INTERMISSION

7

River Raisin	LYNNE PEIRCE, HARMONY 500 DIRECTOR	Monroe, MI
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Voices in Harmony	JENNIFER JONES, HARMONY 500 DIRECTOR	Ypsilanti, MI
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Battle Creek	MARY SU, CERTIFIED DIRECTOR	Battle Creek, MI
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10

Indi-Anna	CINDY SHEFFLER, CERTIFIED DIRECTOR	Indiana, PA
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11

Pride of Toledo	DAWN SEIGNEUR, CERTIFIED DIRECTOR	Toledo, OH
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12

Greater Harmony	MICHAEL HENGELSBERG, MASTER DIRECTOR	Pittsburgh, PA
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10-MINUTE STRETCH BREAK

OUTGOING CHAMPIONS - BUFFALO GATEWAY

DIRECTOR/PRESIDENT INTRO

INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

MOST IMPROVED _____

DIVISION A CHORUS

12-25 MEMBERS

- 3** _____
- 2** _____
- 1** _____

DIVISION AA CHORUS

26-50 MEMBERS

- 3** _____
- 2** _____
- 1** _____

CHORUS

- 5** _____
- 4** _____
- 3** _____
- 2** _____
- 1** _____

CHORUS REGIONAL AWARDS

- Champion Chorus Plaque
- Champion Trophy Award
- Most Improved Award
- Audience Choice Award (Open Division)

QUARTET REGIONAL AWARDS

- Encore Club Silver Singer Award
- Encore Club Most Improved Quartet
- Live Wire Star Performer Award
- Novice Quartet Award
- Open Division Audience Choice Award

CLOSING SONG - IT'S THE MUSIC THAT BRINGS US TOGETHER