



June 2026 Leadership Summit - Harmony Brigade and Quartet Connection

June 26 - 27, 2026

Holiday Inn Independence

6001 Rockside Road, Independence OH 44131

The **Great Lakes Harmony Region 17 Leadership Summit – Harmony Brigade and Quartet Connection** is designed to provide the ultimate in education and performance opportunities for the leaders in our organization... **THOSE OF US WHO SHARE AN ENTHUSIASM FOR LEARNING, OPPORTUNITY AND PERSONAL GROWTH. And WHO DOESN'T?**

If you are a dedicated chorus singer (maybe even looking to dabble in arranging, judging or directing...), a committed director or music leader, a quartet singer (or quartet hopeful!) or a chorus administrative leader, **this weekend has been designed with YOU in mind!**

I'm IN! Now... what is a HARMONY BRIGADE?

A **Harmony Brigade** is being held in conjunction with our **Summit** and **Quartet Connection**. It brings together singers from across our Region and neighboring Regions to share the experience of singing in a **traditional 4-member quartet** or **Very Large Quartet (VLQ)** of five or more singers! Attendees will select from one to three songs in three levels of difficulty (Basic, Intermediate and/or Advanced), learn the song/s at home, then come to the Brigade ready to sing! Quartets and VLQs will perform on the **Saturday Night Celebration of Harmony**.

I am not sure I'm ready to perform in a quartet... yet. Can I still participate?

ABSOLUTELY! Brigade attendees have the option of singing in a **Very Large Quartet... or VLQ!** The VLQs will be finalized at the event, and will be comprised of five or more singers.

How will quartets and VLQs be assigned?

Quartets and VLQs will be created on Friday at 6:30 p.m. prior to the formal opening at 8:00 p.m. If able, consider singing one of those sought-after parts! Maybe tenor or baritone?

What songs have been chosen for the Brigade?

Three wonderful songs have been chosen for our Brigade singers! They are fun and inspirational... songs that we will be willing to sing and listen to... over and over!

Level 1/Basic: "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" Arrangement by June Dale; learning tracks by Kim Newcomb. For singers with limited quartet experience. For quartet or VLQ.

Level 2/Intermediate: "As Long as I'm Singing" Arrangement by Tom Gentry; learning tracks by Anne Bureau. For singers with quartet experience. For quartet or VLQ.

Level 3/Advanced: "Get Happy" Arrangement by Kohl Kitzmiller; learning tracks by Kohl Kitzmiller. For experienced quartet singers. For singers who wish to be assigned to quartets only. **Do not select this song if you prefer to sing in a VLQ.**

How do I order music and learning tracks?

You can select ANY or ALL of the three songs. The price for each set of music and learning tracks is **\$8.00 per song**. The three-song package of music and tracks is **\$20.00**. This charge covers the cost of the music and tracks which belong to you once they are purchased.

I'm ready to start learning my music! What are my next steps?

Contact Lynne Erskine Peirce-Kemp, Region 17 Education Coordinator at the email address below with your chorus name, voice part, song choices and preference for quartet or VLQ. Payment will be made to Marilyn VanFossan/Region 17 Finance Coordinator using Venmo, Zelle, PayPal or credit card. To pay by credit card, contact Marilyn with your name, card number, expiration date, code on back of card and billing zip code.

Venmo: @GLHRegion-Finance

Zelle: GLHR17finance@gmail.com

PayPal: GLHR17finance@gmail.com

REGISTRATION, HOUSING and LUNCHEON deadline is June 1, 2026. Forms, schedule and Quartet Connection information available at

[Great Lakes Harmony Region 17 Sweet Adelines](#)

TACO BAR lunch is \$30.00 all inclusive.

For music and information, contact:

Lynne Erskine Peirce-Kemp, Education Coordinator

glhr17education@gmail.com

To arrange for payments of music and tracks, contact:

Marilyn Van Fossan, Finance Coordinator

financecoord@region17online.org

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All housing is to be made through this link:

[Sweet Adelines booking link for Holiday Inn Cleveland South-Independence](#)

Name	Registration \$25.00	Lunch \$30.00	Voice Part	Brigade	Quartet Connection

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