

# Convention Bulletin #2

March 2026



Assisting Chorus

Santa Monica • 2025 Region 11 Chorus Champions

**Region 11 Convention & Competition**

April 16-19, 2026 • Ridgecrest, CA

Kerr McGee Community Center • 100 W. California Ave. • Ridgecrest, CA

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# Important Dates

AET registration opens online: <a href="https://www.sairegion11.org/Convention2026">https://www.sairegion11.org/Convention2026</a>	February 1
Contest forms distributed to competitors	March 10
Last day to register for AETs <a href="https://www.sairegion11.org/Convention2026">https://www.sairegion11.org/Convention2026</a>	March 28
All contest forms due	March 28
Competitor Briefing (on ZOOM)	Sunday, April 12 • 7:00p

# 8 New Things This Year

## 1. Inexpensive All-Events Tickets (AETs) for Non-Competitors

In order to encourage competitors to bring their family members to Ridgecrest to cheer them on, we have discontinued the Single-Events Ticket, and instead, created a new lower-cost AET. While competitors still pay the full AET price (already covered by our dues this year for R11 members), non-competitors will now be able to attend both contests for just \$45!!

## 2. Free Attendance for Prospective Members

Have guests in the membership “pipeline” who are considering auditioning for your chorus? Bring them with you to Convention so they can be immersed in the barbershop experience and fall in love with our artform – and you!

## 3. The Return of Sunday Brunch

If you were a Region 11 member back in 2019 and earlier, you’ll remember that we used to have a lovely Brunch together on Sunday morning of Convention weekend. It was a grand time of connecting with friends, honoring our Rose Ceremony recipients, watching the Year in Review video and recognizing individuals for outstanding service to Region 11.

Brunch is back!! We’ve contracted with a local restaurant to provide a hot breakfast for just **\$15/person!** So before you start your trek back home, join us for this event and celebrate the weekend with the best region in the SAJ organization!

Menu: scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, seasoned red potatoes, fruit, a variety of muffins (including GF) and juice. And there’s a Dutch Bros. right across the street from the Kerr McGee Center for those who want/need coffee, etc.

## 4. Competitors Singing for Evaluation Only

In the past, groups singing for Evaluation Only were required to go first in the contest. Starting this year, those Evaluation Only competitors will be mixed into the regular draw.

## 5. Chorus Photos Taken On Stage Again

After deviating from our on-stage photo routine last year, we are back to having official chorus contest photos taken on stage. Please remember to plan a pose in advance that you can get into quickly with everyone visible! (*Quartets will continue to have photos taken off stage after you compete.*)

## 6. Dinner and Afterglow

Once the Chorus Contest ends, go back to your hotel room and change into something comfortable. Then come back to the Kerr McGee Community Center! We’ll have food trucks in the parking lot to fill your empty stomachs. Grab your favorite food, BYOB, your coziest pajamas, and join us for more music and fun!

## 7. New for Quartets – New Jubilee Award

The Winners’ Circle has created a brand new award for quartets age 55+ with a combined age of 240 or more at the date of our Quartet Contest (April 17, 2026). This new award is named in loving memory of 9-time Region 11 champion, Jeannie Vercillo.

## 8. Group Fundraisers for Region 11

We are arranging fundraisers with local restaurants – all proceeds will benefit Region 11 directly! See the first fundraising flyer for Habit Burger & Grill at the end of this bulletin.

# Schedule of Events

## SUNDAY, April 12 • 7:00pm PT – ON ZOOM!!!

Competition Briefing for:

- Chorus Directors
- Chorus Presidents/Team Coordinators
- Competing Quartets
- Traffic Pattern Guides
- Emcees for Quartet and Chorus Contests

*Link will be emailed the week before the event.*

## THURSDAY, April 16

Convention Committee meeting ..... 3:00p – Springhill Suites Hotel

Winners' Circle Reception for:..... 5:00p – 7:00p – TownPlace Suites Hotel

- Competing Quartets
- WC Members

## FRIDAY, April 17

Registration ..... 8:30a – 8:00p – Kerr McGee

Chorus Mic Testing & Quartet Walk-Thru.....10:00a – 11:30a – Kerr McGee

WC Rehearsal.....11:30a – 12:30p – Kerr McGee

Mass Sing..... 2:30p – 3:30p-ish – Freedom Park (next to Kerr McGee)

Harmony Bazaar ..... 3:00p – 10:00p – Kerr McGee

Quartet Contest.....4:00p – 9:00p-ish – Kerr McGee

## SATURDAY, April 18

Registration .....9:0a – 2:00p – Kerr McGee

Chorus Rehearsals .....9:30a – 1:30p – Locations vary

Harmony Bazaar .....1:00p – 8:00p – Kerr McGee

Chorus Contest.....2:00p – 5:30p-ish – Kerr McGee

Dinner / Afterglow / Awards .....7:00p – Kerr McGee

## SUNDAY, April 19

Harmony Bazaar ..... 8:30a – 12:00n – Kerr McGee

Sunday Brunch..... 9:30a – 12:00n – Kerr McGee

# Order of Appearance

## Quartet Contest

- Mic Testers .....SoloVoce  
 1..... 99  
 2..... Eclectic Mix  
 3..... Kick It Up  
 4..... Second Wind  
 5..... The Valkyries  
 6..... By Special Request  
 7..... Ultraviolet  
 8..... Simply Spellbound  
 9..... The Accidentals

– 30-Minute Intermission –

- 10 ..... Troubadour  
 11..... Joyful  
 12..... For the Most Part  
 13..... Shenanigans  
 14..... Sincerely Yours  
 15..... Bliss  
 16..... Cosmopolitan

## Chorus Contest

- 1..... RiverOaks  
 2..... Golden Sands  
 3..... Verdugo Hills  
 4..... Celebrity City  
 5..... ChannelAire  
 6..... Voices United

– 30-Minute Intermission –

- 7 ..... Lady Luck Showtime  
 8..... Antelope Valley Showcase  
 9..... Agoura Hills Harmony  
 10 ..... Santa Monica (Eval. Only)

## Chorus Rehearsal Schedule

Santa Monica	Kerr McGee	Fossil Falls	9:30-10:20
RiverOaks	Kerr McGee	Red Rock Chimney Peak	9:30-10:20
Golden Sands	Springhill	Board Room	9:30-10:20
Verdugo Hills	Springhill	Conference Room	10:30-11:20
Celebrity City	Kerr McGee	Red Rock Chimney Peak	10:30-11:20
ChannelAire	Kerr McGee	Fossil Falls	12:40-1:30
Voices United	Kerr McGee	Fossil Falls	10:40-11:30
Lady Luck Showtime	Kerr McGee	Fossil Falls	11:40-12:30
Antelope Valley Showcase	Kerr McGee	Red Rock Chimney Peak	11:30-12:20
Agoura Hills Harmony	Hampton	Mohave	10:00-10:50

# Form Links – Quartet

Various Quartet Forms.....<https://forms.gle/UPDz9QYRCgVNEhcB6>  
Photography Payments.....<https://www.sairegion11.org/dbpage.php?pg=merchandise>  
Personal Pitches.....[www.sairegion11.org/PersonalPitches2026](http://www.sairegion11.org/PersonalPitches2026)

# Form Links – Chorus

Various Chorus Forms.....<https://forms.gle/DVAKYv5zn1X5oisa9>  
List of Competing Members:  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hRNfMUdh9D--oY\\_jNAXOl-TXUzGe5lYX/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hRNfMUdh9D--oY_jNAXOl-TXUzGe5lYX/view?usp=sharing)  
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# Traffic Pattern – Quartet

2026 BACKSTAGE SCHEDULE QUARTET CONTEST								
	CONTESTANT (*indicates Evaluation only)	MEET @ KMG	Arrive Warm-Up room #1	Arrive Warm-Up room #2	Depart Warm-Up room	Arrive Back Stage	ON STAGE	PHOTO TAKEN
MT	SOLO VOCE	3:22	3:37		3:57	4:02	4:07	4:18
1.	99	3:34		3:49	4:09	4:14	4:19	4:30
2.	ECLECTIC MIX	3:46	4:01		4:21	4:26	4:31	4:42
3	KICK IT UP	3:58		4:13	4:33	4:38	4:43	4:54
4	SECOND WIND	4:10	4:25		4:45	4:50	4:55	5:06
5	THE VALKYRIES	4:12		4:37	4:57	5:02	5:07	5:18
6	BY SPECIAL REQUEST	4:34	4:49		5:09	5:14	5:19	5:30
7	ULTRAVIOLET	4:46		5:01	5:21	5:26	5:31	5:42
8	SIMPLY SPELLBOUND	4:58	5:13		5:33	5:38	5:43	5:54
9	THE ACCIDENTALS	5:10		5:25	5:45	5:50	5:55	6:06
<b>45 MINUTE INTERMISSION</b>								
10	TROUBADOUR	6:07	6:22		6:42	6:47	6:52	7:03
11	JOYFUL	6:19		6:34	6:54	6:59	7:04	7:15
12	FOUR THE MOST PART	6:31	6:46		7:06	7:11	7:16	7:27
13	SHENANIGANS	6:43		6:58	7:18	7:23	7:28	7:39
14	SINCERELY YOURS	6:55	7:10		7:30	7:35	7:40	7:51
15	BLISS	7:07		7:22	7:42	7:47	7:52	8:03
16	COSMOPOLITAN	7:19	7:34		7:54	7:59	8:04	8:15
	3/2/26							8:27
	KMG = Kerr McGee							

# Traffic Pattern – Chorus

<b>2026 BACKSTAGE SCHEDULE CHORUS CONTEST</b>							
	<b>CONTESTANT</b> (*indicates Evaluation only)	<b>MEET @</b> <b>KMCG</b>	<b>Arrive</b> <b>Warm-Up</b> <b>room #1</b>	<b>Arrive</b> <b>Warm-Up</b> <b>room #2</b>	<b>Depart</b> <b>Warm-Up</b> <b>room</b>	<b>Arrive</b> <b>Back</b> <b>Stage</b>	<b>ON</b> <b>STAGE</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>RIVEROAKS</b>	<b>1:22</b>	<b>1:37</b>		<b>1:57</b>	<b>2:02</b>	<b>2:07</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>GOLDEN SANDS</b>	<b>1:34</b>		<b>1:49</b>	<b>2:09</b>	<b>2:14</b>	<b>2:19</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>VERDUGO HILLS</b>	<b>1:46</b>	<b>2:01</b>		<b>2:21</b>	<b>2:26</b>	<b>2:31</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>CELEBRITY CITY</b>	<b>1:58</b>		<b>2:13</b>	<b>2:33</b>	<b>2:38</b>	<b>2:43</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>CHANNELAIRE</b>	<b>2:10</b>	<b>2:25</b>		<b>2:45</b>	<b>2:50</b>	<b>2:55</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>VOICES UNITED</b>	<b>2:22</b>		<b>2:37</b>	<b>2:57</b>	<b>3:02</b>	<b>3:07</b>
<b>30 MINUTE INTERMISSION</b>							
<b>7</b>	<b>LADY LUCK SHOWTIME</b>	<b>3:04</b>	<b>3:19</b>		<b>3:39</b>	<b>3:44</b>	<b>3:49</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>ANTELOPE VALLEY SHOWCASE</b>	<b>3:16</b>		<b>3:31</b>	<b>3:51</b>	<b>3:56</b>	<b>4:01</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>AGOURA HILLS HARMONY</b>	<b>3:28</b>	<b>3:43</b>		<b>4:03</b>	<b>4:08</b>	<b>4:13</b>
<b>*10</b>	<b>SANTA MONICA</b>	<b>3:40</b>		<b>3:55</b>	<b>4:15</b>	<b>4:20</b>	<b>4:25</b>
	<b>3/2/26</b>						<b>4:37</b>
	<b>KMCG = Kerr McGee</b>						

# General Information

## Event Registration\*

Convention registration/All-Event Tickets (AETs) purchase closes on **March 28**. All competing members and all Assisting Chorus members must have an AET.

Be sure you can log in to the Region 11 website and that all your profile information is complete and current before trying to register. Your AET/name badge is your ticket to all events. Your AET must be worn throughout the weekend.

AET (Region 11 members).....	\$0
(included with R11 dues)	
AET (Non-R11 competitors).....	\$100
AET (Guests/visitors).....	\$45
AET (Non-R11 youth competitors 25 years and under) .....	\$50
Brunch .....	\$15

### Registration link:

<https://www.sairegion11.org/Convention2026>

## Printed Program vs. Digital Program

If you would like a PRINTED version of the Convention program, you must indicate that when you are registering for your AET. Price is \$10. Digital programs will be available for those who prefer not to purchase a printed version. Printed programs will NOT be available onsite.

## Region 11 Winners' Circle Quartet Reception

SwingTime will be hosting the 2026 Region 11 Winners' Circle Quartet Reception on Thursday evening from 7:00–9:00pm at the TownPlace Suites.

All competing quartets are invited to come, share a song, and enjoy the camaraderie, appetizers and drinks! Watch for your invitation directly from the Winners' Circle.

## Riser Configuration

All choruses will compete on 7 sets of risers (with inverted center) on the flat ballroom floor. (Quartets will be performing on a small stage.)

## Mic Testers

SoloVoce – 2025's 2nd Place Quartet from Region 21 – will be the official mic testers. The quartet includes Kim Alley, our Region 11 Team Coordinator singing tenor!

## Mic Testing Chorus

Anyone who would like to be part of the Mic Testing chorus on Friday morning should arrive for warmups at the Kerr McGee Center at 9:30a. The two songs that will be used are "Let's Sing Again" and "How We Sang Today."

# General Information

## Mass Sing – Friday • 2:30-3:30p

Mass Sing is back! Join your friends before the Quartet Contest, singing some of your favorite songs! We've invited the Ridgecrest community to hear a free "concert" in Freedom Park, which is located right next to the Kerr McGee Community Center.

Logan Patrick-Miernicki will direct the following songs. Be sure to brush up on them before you get there!

- Wink and a Smile
- Good Old A Cappella
- Let's Sing Again
- How We Sang Today
- Love That Barbershop Style
- It's My Song

Non-competing quartets are also welcome to sing a song! If your quartet would like to sing, RSVP to Logan Patrick-Miernicki at [lugers101@hotmail.com](mailto:lugers101@hotmail.com).

## Withdrawing from Contest

If your chorus or quartet needs to withdraw before Convention weekend, a written withdrawal notice must be received by International Headquarters. This notification must come by email – a phone call is not sufficient.

Should you need to withdraw on competition weekend, please notify Competition Coordinator Tina Rowley ASAP at 818-723-5570.

## Competition Recordings

Within 24-48 hours after contest, the contact person for competing quartets and choruses will be emailed a login to download their video competition recording. Recordings may be shared on social media anytime after SAI publishes the official results, which is usually the Monday following the competition. There is no charge for these recordings.

## Photography

- Choruses pay \$5/person based on the number of members estimated to be on stage. Choruses may either collect \$5 from every member or pay for it from their chorus treasury. Please plan for 1 or 2 poses only.
- Quartets will pay \$20. Please plan ahead for 2 or 3 poses only.

Choruses and quartets have the option to opt out, meaning you will not receive any photos. However, SAI requires that all competitors have an official photo taken. This includes those competing for Evaluation or in the Open Division.

In 2-3 weeks, you'll receive digital files of all your poses! You can then distribute them to your members and upload them to social media! And members can take a file to a place near them to have it printed, if desired.

*NO photographs or videos are allowed from audience members during the competitions, unless authorized by Sweet Adelines International.*

# General Information

## Returning 2025 Trophies

If your chorus or quartet earned a traveling trophy or plaque at the 2025 Convention, it is time to bring them back so they can be presented to this year's winners! Please bring the trophies and/or plaques to the ballroom on Thursday afternoon or on Friday morning at 9:30a. Be sure your trophy is polished and has been engraved with your name.

## Badges

To help with ongoing cost savings and to use best practices of reducing, reusing, and recycling, if you have badge holders at home, bring it with you – most of us have many badge holders collecting dust. Bring one with you and bring extra holders to share! Holders will be available at the registration table if needed.

Your badge is your ticket to all events and must be worn during the weekend. However, if you are a competitor and IN COSTUME, you do not need to have your badge.

## Quartet Love Gift Bags

Santa Monica will be providing Quartet Love Gift bags for those who would like to give cards or little gifts to their fellow competitors. These bags will be located in the Registration area on Thursday night and Friday morning. Bags will then be distributed to the quartets after the walk-through on Friday.

## Judging Panel

Sound – Becky Maybury  
Music – Cydney Wentzel (Panel Chair)  
Expression – Annette Wallace  
Visual Communication – Donna Halley  
Panel Secretary – Cammi MacKinley

### SMALL Purses in the Pattern

Quartet and Chorus competitors: Your personal items **MUST** fit in a small purse (size of a quart-size Ziplock bag). If you need more than that once you get to the venue, please make arrangements ahead of time for someone in the audience to hold your things for you.

**THIS:**



**NOT THIS:**



Choruses will receive large shopping bags on Friday morning – all purses will be placed backstage before your chorus takes the stage on Saturday. These large shopping bags will get **VERY** heavy with all the purses, so please be respectful of this policy.

# Save the Date!



*Region 11*

**ZOOM Competitor Briefing**  
**Sunday, April 12 • 7:00pm PT**

*Attendees Requested:*

Competing Quartet Members  
Competing Chorus Directors  
Competing Chorus Presidents/Team Leaders  
Contest Emcees  
Traffic Pattern Guides

*Please put this important date on your calendar now.  
Zoom link will be provided the week of the event.*



Send inspiring “good luck”  
messages or thank you notes to  
your director, coach, quartet,  
section leader, Board/Team or BFF!

# *Personal Pitches*

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- Messages appear in the Convention program
  - \$5 for up to 25 words
  - Deadline: Friday, March 27
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[www.sairegion11.org/PersonalPitches2026](http://www.sairegion11.org/PersonalPitches2026)



YOU'RE INVITED TO  
REGION 11's  
AFTERGLOW &

# PAJAMA *party*

**SATURDAY NIGHT**  
**7:00–10:00pm**

Grab your coziest pajamas or sweats, and join your friends for a night of music, laughter and Region 11 and Winners' Circle awards.

Our very own "99 Quartet" will be running the show – orchestrating every beat, laugh and burst of fun all night long!

Celebrate and sing along while enjoying delicious bites from our food trucks—there's something for everyone. It's BYOB, so bring your favorite beverage and get ready to party in comfort and style!

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