



TO: Region 11 Members

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SUBJECT: Summer Sizzler  
**August 15 – 18, 2019**  
DoubleTree Hotel, Bakersfield

### Guest Faculty

**Nikki Blackmer**



**Anne Downton**



- Nikki and Anne are members of the 2017 International Champion Quartet Frenzy.
- Nikki is the director for A Cappella Joy and holds a master's degree in Vocal Performance.
- Anne is Master Director for West Coast Harmony and is the youngest person ever to obtain Master Director status.

### Assisting Chorus



Please share this letter as well as the other attached flyers with any in your chorus who may not have a computer!

*Summer Sizzler is on its way and it is kicking off with Quartet Academy on Thursday evening and plenty of exciting classes with Nikki Blackmer, Anne Downton and the Region 11 faculty starting at 8:00 a.m. Friday.*

- Registration is included in Region 11 dues; \$35 for non-Region 11 members.
- Novice Quartet Contest on Friday night.
- Winners' Circle dinner and show on Saturday night - \$43 when you register online; \$48 onsite **(No "show only" tickets available.)**
- DoubleTree room rates – 2 nights: \$276 or 3 nights: \$414 (prices include all taxes)

**Please Note: There will not be a printed Sourcebook handed out at registration. Sourcebook materials will be made available for download on the website two weeks before Summer Sizzler for you to review and print.**

## **REGISTRATION**

**Deadline: Monday, July 1, 2019**

Seminar registration (AETs) are included with regional dues and are not a separate entity that can be transferred or sold to anyone else. All Region 11 members already have AETs available to them.

***However, everyone who plans to attend Summer Sizzler MUST STILL REGISTER for the seminar.***

All non-Region 11 members must purchase a registration, even if only attending or competing in Friday's Novice Quartet Contest. Registration is \$35, and you can register and pay for your guest online.

The webpage for Registration is: <http://www.sairegion11.org/event/-11-summer-sizzler/>

Each individual member is responsible for making sure that they are registered. Email [Region11Registrar@gmail.com](mailto:Region11Registrar@gmail.com) with any questions. If you plan on attending the always entertaining Winners' Circle Show, you will need to select and pay when you register for Summer Sizzler. PayPal is the preferred payment method (credit cards accepted through PayPal).

## **HOUSING**

**Deadline: Monday, July 1, 2019**

We are again at the DoubleTree Hotel. Rooms are 1-2 persons/one bed, or 3-4 persons/2 beds. Two persons to a room are NOT guaranteed two beds.

- **Room rate – 2 nights: \$276 (includes all taxes)**
- **Room rate – 3 nights: \$414 (includes all taxes)**

The deadline for housing forms is **July 1, 2019** along with payment in full.

For choruses wishing to reserve larger rooms, the number of suites (Family Suites, Studio Suites, or Parlor Suites) the hotel has is limited. This information is not a guarantee that the hotel will be able to accommodate all requests.

The webpage for the Housing form is: <http://www.sairegion11.org/event/-11-summer-sizzler/>

- Event Coordinator: save a copy of the form to your computer and complete.
- Once the form is completed, the total amount due will show at the top of the form.
- Mail a copy of the form along with your payment in full (credit card forms) to the Seminars Housing Chair as indicated on the form.
- Email any questions to [Region11Housing@yahoo.com](mailto:Region11Housing@yahoo.com)

**Check In/Check Out Times:** Check-in time is 3:00 p.m. Check-out time is 12:00 noon. All guests arriving before 3:00 p.m. will be accommodated as rooms are available. Guest Services Department can arrange to check baggage for those arriving early when rooms are unavailable and for guests attending functions on departure day.

## **NOVICE QUARTET CONTEST**

**Deadline: Monday, July 1, 2019**

The deadline for entering the Novice Quartet Contest is Monday, July 1, 2019. The Draw for Order of Appearance is Monday, July 8, 2019. The Novice Quartet Contest is Friday, August 16, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

The webpage for the Novice Quartet form is: <http://www.sairegion11.org/event/-11-summer-sizzler/>

Entries will be limited to twenty (20) so get your form in early! For this contest you will sing two (2) songs. Late entries are no longer being accepted.

**NOTE:** Anyone competing in the Novice Quartet Contest must be registered for the seminar to be eligible to compete. We also encourage you to book a room on Thursday night, so you'll have a room during the day on Friday to warm up, change, and prepare for the contest.

## **WINNERS' CIRCLE DINNER/SHOW**

**Deadline: Monday, July 1, 2019**

The Winners' Circle will be holding a dinner/show on Saturday night in Hodel's Restaurant – followed by an Afterglow in the Ballroom at the DoubleTree. The price for the dinner/show is - \$43 (\$48 if purchased onsite). You will pay for dinner when you register for Summer Sizzler.

Enjoy good food and a great showing featuring our Winners' Circle Chorus, International quartet competitors **Swing Time, Rising Star Champs Hot Pursuit**. This is one show you won't want to miss! Then stop by the afterglow and a chance to sing with **Swing Time!**

***You can sign-up/pay for the Winners' Circle dinner and show on-line when you register for Summer Sizzler!***

## **NEWSLETTER / SCRAPBOOK CONTESTS**

Newsletter/E-Newsletter Contest and History Scrapbook Contest will be held during this event. Display tables will be set up against the wall near the registration tables, near the registration tables. Please leave the books on the display tables no later than Friday evening before the Novice Quartet Contest. Judging will take place Saturday afternoon. Please pick up your books on Sunday at noon. No Entry form is required.

The Newsletter/E-Newsletter will be judged on grammar, style, and content. Awards will be given for Best Overall, Most Informative, and Most Creative. The History Scrapbooks will be judged on content, creativity, and layout. Awards will be given for Best Overall, Most Informative, Most Memorabilia, and Most Interesting-Entertaining.