

62nd Annual Regional Convention & Competition • March 20-22, 2025

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!

Please go to our **Convention Hub** for forms and information.

Updated 3/12/25

REGISTRATION FEES

Late registrations: \$175 (received after February 24, 2025)

HOLIDAY INN TOWN LAKE

- Check in is 3:00 p.m. and check out is 11:00 a.m.
- Free parking. Free Wi-Fi. Free breakfast buffet for two guests in each room for each day. (see additional breakfast buffet details in the BREAKFAST LUNCH DINNER section).

CONVENTION APPAREL

- If you missed the ordering deadline (2/21/25) for your shirt to arrive prior to contest, you may still place an order. However, your shirt(s) may arrive after our convention.
- Visit our Convention Hub.

BOXED LUNCHES (3/3/25 ordering deadline)

- They will be ready for pick-up on Friday, March 21, 2025 at 12:30.
- Sandwich pickup is in the Azalea/Bluebonnet room.

SILENT AUCTION (3/14/25 donor deadline) ** No Harmony Expo with vendors this year.

- 24/7 online bidding this year! For details on the new process for submitting an item, visit our <u>Convention Hub</u>.
- A viewing room (Board Room) in the hotel will be open during the hours of (Thursday, 5-9 p, Friday, 9 a-9 p, Saturday, 9 a-9 p)
- Winnings will be available for pickup on Saturday evening.

CONTEST SCHEDULE

Visit our <u>Convention Hub</u> to see our Schedule of Events.

SPONSORSHIP CAMPAIGN (concludes 3/22/25)

- Unleash the Power of Harmony and invest in the Future of Music! To make a donation, visit our Convention Hub.
- If each member of Region 10 brings in just \$100, we can exceed our goal, twice over!

SINGLE EVENT TICKETS (Quartet, Chorus, Show of Champions)

- \$40.00 (for guests, family members and friends)
- Please purchase online. Visit our **Convention Hub**.
- On-site online purchasing may be possible if not sold out. Theatre seating is limited.
- Will be held at will-call. Your ticket must be presented before entering the theatre.

REGISTRATION/WILL-CALL/LOST & FOUND

- Hotel Lobby (Thursday, 5-9 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m. -1:30 p.m. and 8-9 p.m., Saturday, 9-11:30 a.m.)
- Topfer Lobby Friday, (Friday, 2-6:30 p.m., Saturday, 12-6:30 p.m.)

BREAKFAST • LUNCH • DINNER

- The Holiday Inn Town Lake offers a free breakfast buffet (6:30 11:00 a.m.) to two guests in each room. Additional roommates can purchase a breakfast for \$14.95 plus tax.
- Due to the extensive breakfast buffet, the Holiday Inn restaurant is closed during lunch hours but will re-open at 3:00 p.m. to closing, with a wide-ranging dinner menu.
- The hotel restaurant/bar hours will be extended in the evenings for us.
- Scheduled chorus dinners will be on Saturday night after the Show of Champions, from 8:30 to 10:00 p.m.
- Check out other **Restaurants** near the Topfer at ZACH Theatre.

PANEL INSPECTION/BRIEFING/ MIC TESTING/WALK-ONS (Thursday, March 20, 2025)

- Topfer at ZACH from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Please arrive a little early.
- Suggested attendees are Team Coordinators, Directors, Competing Quartets and Winners Circle members. Other chorus members are welcome to attend.
- Details about stage entrance and exit (including handicap), webcast interviews, and re-entering the stage will be given at this time.
- Chorus leaders will need to bring their Chorus Member Verification/List of Members form.
- The <u>mic-testing chorus</u> will consist of two configurations:
 - 1. Competing quartet members and Winners Circle members. (This serves as the only time for rehearsing your combined performance song.)
 - 2. All other members in attendance.
- Competing quartets will do their walk-ons in order of appearance.
- NOTE: No bussing is available for this event. You will need to drive yourselves there and carpooling is suggested.
- A parking pass is required if you are parking in the Topfer lot. Each pass is \$12 per day. Instructions on reserving your parking pass will be posted on the Convention Hub very soon.
- Public parking may be available. You also have the option to Uber or Lyft.
- Once your part of this briefing is completed, please head back to the hotel for the Quartet Reception & Mixer that begins at 9:00 p.m.

CENTRAL TEXAS FOOD BANK Donations

- Please bring a healthy non-perishable food item. The drop off will be near our rehearsal space.
- For details, visit our <u>Convention Hub</u>.

QUARTET RECEPTION & MIXER (Thursday, March 20, 2025)

- Hotel (Sunflower/Marigold ballrooms) from 9:00 to 10:00 p.m.
- This is immediately following the quartet mic testing.
- Open to all members!
- For details, visit our <u>Convention Hub</u>.

CHORUS REHEARSALS (Friday evening & Saturday morning-afternoon)

A schedule of rehearsal spaces will be provided to chorus competitors soon.

ALL MEMBER KICK-OFF (Friday, March 21, 2025)

- Hotel (Sunflower/Marigold ballrooms) from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
- Open to all members! We will reveal our next Hall of Fame recipient!
- For details, visit our **Convention Hub**.
- Stick around for our FIRST TIMER'S PHOTO and MASS SING following the Kick-Off!

CONTEST BUSSING (Friday and Saturday)

- Each bus is ADA compliant. One bus on Friday and two buses on Saturday.
- To ride the bus, you must show your convention badge or single event ticket (even if you are a competitor in costume).
- Priority seating on the buses during the contest pattern will be for competing ensembles.
 Additional audience members will need to be 'ready to board' when there are available seats. A volunteer will assist with this.
- Pick up at the hotel, just outside the Lantana C room.
- Drop off will be at the theatre complex near the Whisenhunt Building.
- Chorus competitors will go to the Whisenhunt building for their check in and warm up time.
- Audience members will exit at the Whisenhunt building then walk past the courtyard to the theatre entrance.
- The bus(es) will be making round trips during the day. You can ride back and forth as often as you need during the scheduled bus hours.
- Pattern details for contestants are coming soon!
- A bus schedule for all members is coming soon!
- In case of inclement weather, please have an umbrella handy.

THEATRE PARKING (Thursday, Friday, Saturday)

- The Topfer at ZACH has a limited number of reserved parking spaces.
- Daily parking passes are available with in/out access for \$12 per pass.
- Details on purchasing your daily passes are coming soon!
- You also have the option to Uber or Lyft.

THEATRE SEATING

• To enter the theatre auditorium, you must show your convention badge or single event ticket (even if you are a competitor in costume).

- All tickets are **General Admission**.
- Seating is limited. No saving seats or rows will be allowed.
- Show of Champions VIP seating will be available down front and center for the new Quartet
 Champions, Hall of Fame, Steering Committee, Regional Management Team, SAI Queens of
 Harmony, SAI Judges, Photographer, and Competing Chorus Directors. Volunteers will be
 available to direct these people to their seats.
- **Eating inside the theatre is STRICTLY prohibited.** You may only bring water. The theatre lobby is available for eating and drinking beverages other than water.

CONTESTANT PHOTOGRAPHY (In the pattern BEFORE heading to the theatre.)

- We are happy to have John Read Photography servicing us again this year!
- Quartet photos will at the hotel in the usual setup with backdrops and available chairs.
- Chorus photos will also be at the hotel on a flat-floor with no risers. You have an opportunity to get creative with your pose! You are welcome to bring props that are easily movable and stored. After your photo, props can be set to the side; not to disturb the photographer or next chorus coming in. There may be some chairs provided.
- After the chorus performance, props must be collected as soon as possible.
- Please have your pose prepared ahead of time.
- Photos of our awards ceremony will be taken at the theatre.
- Visit our Convention Hub for photo order forms. Disregard the Posed Images: Chorus notation.

WEBCAST

 \$30.00 includes the Quartet Contest, Chorus Contest, Web-host Commentary, Competitor Interviews, and Show of Champions. You have delayed viewing for 2 weeks following our convention. To purchase the webcast, visit www.region10webcast.com

PERSONAL PITCHES (You can do it now!)

- \$10 Donation. To purchase Personal Pitches, visit our <u>Convention Hub</u>.
- Show your love! Show your gratitude! You can send a personal pitch to your Director, Roomie(s), Riser mates, your family, etc.!

SHOW OF CHAMPIONS

Stick around after the chorus contest for a quick break, before re-entering the theatre.

AFTERGLOW (10:00 - Midnight)

- After your scheduled dinners or individual plans, join us in the hotel Sunflower/Marigold rooms.
- We'd love to hear you sing some more! We will provide a sign up.
- We look forward to finishing the weekend on a beautiful high note!