**Quartet Check In and Official Inspection**

**Quartets are required to check in and present needed paperwork on Thursday March 21 between 6 and 7 PM Eastern.**

**We request that all quartet members participate in the Official Inspection to serve as the large, midsize and small choruses. We will begin with the large chorus at 7 and then move to mid-size and then small chorus under the direction of the panel chair.**

**When is the quartet briefing?**
The quartet briefing will begin immediately following the Official Inspection by the judging Panel Chair on Thursday, March 21st (anticipated to be about 8 PM).  More information on the briefing can be found [here.](https://sai-region4.org/check_In_2024)

**Will there be a walk-through of the quartet pattern?**
Quartets will be encouraged to walk through the pattern on their own time. There will be no formal walk through.

**Where does quartet pattern start?**
The pattern will start on the 2nd floor of the Northern Kentucky Convention Center Outside the designated warm up rooms. Warm up rooms will be rooms 1&2 and 4&5

**Is there a lobby sing?**
Quartets are invited to sing in the lobby of either hotel prior to starting the pattern on the 2nd floor of the Convention Center. ​

**Are there restrooms available in the quartet pattern?**
Restrooms are located in the hallway outside of the photo room, outside of the chorus warm-up rooms, and adjacent to the pre-stage area.

**When will quartet photos be taken?**
​Official photos will be taken in pattern, not on stage.  Candid photos will be taken during the performance and will be available through the photographer website 30 days after competition.

**What is the pre-stage area?**
The pre-stage area is a section of the Event Center II exhibition hall that is adjacent to the contest hall, separated by an air wall.  Restrooms are in the adjacent hallway.  Water, mirrors, hair spray, tissues, etc. will be available in the pre-stage area.  Please talk softly here; you will be able to hear the competitor on stage, and vice versa.

**What to do with personal items while on stage?**
Each competitor is responsible for bringing a gallon size ziploc style bag for the pattern.  All personal belongings must fit into one ziploc style bag.  Bags should have your name and quartet listed on the outside, with your AET easily visible inside. Personal Items will be taken with each competitor to the backstage area where they will be left on a designated table during performance.

**How does a quartet enter and exit the stage?**
From the pre-stage area, the competitor will be directed down a hallway to the door to the stage.  Someone from the stage crew will open the door for the quartet at the appropriate time. The Stage Crew escort quartets to center stage.  The Stage Crew will open the curtains at center stage for the quartet as the quartet name is announced by the emcee.  Quartets will exit the stage on Stage Left, walking towards the podium.  Each quartet will gather their personal belongings and the Stage Crew will escort the quartet to the exit.

**What does a quartet do after competing?**. The quartets will be directed by the backstage crew to the section of the curtains that will open to the contest venue so they can go straight to the webcast.

**What happens at the end of the Quartet Contest?**
The emcee will announce the Judging Panel Chair, who will announce the international awards.  Award winners will be invited to the stage area on Stage Right (from the audience's perspective, go to the left of the stage).  After receiving an award, the quartet should turn around and exit Stage Right​.  The champion quartet will stay on stage and be invited to sing a song.   Then, the Judging Panel Chair will direct the entire audience in singing an International/Regional song of her choosing.  An official photo of the Champion Quartet with the trophies will be taken on stage