

# REGION 4 CONVENTION AND COMPETITION 2024

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## #1 – SCHEDULE

### Thursday, March 21, 2024

6:00pm – 10:00pm	HUB Open	Convention Center, Hall II
6:00pm – 10:00pm	Single Event Ticket Sales	Registration Booth in HUB
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Quartet & Chorus Check In	Convention Center Lobby
7:00pm – 8:00pm	Official Inspection	Convention Center, Hall I
8:00pm – 8:45pm	Briefing	Convention Center Hall I&II
8:45pm – until done	Quartet Walk on	Convention Center Hall I

### Friday, March 22, 2024

9:00am – 9:00pm	HUB Open	Convention Center, Hall II
9:00am – 7:00pm	Single Event Ticket Sales	Registration Booth in HUB
12:00pm – 7:00pm	Concession Stand open	Convention Center, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
1:00pm – 1:45pm	Mass Sing	Convention Center Lobby
3:00pm – 8:30pm	Quartet Contest	Convention Center, Hall I
7:30pm – 10:00pm	Chorus Rehearsals	Embassy and Marriott Hotels
8:45pm – until done	Chorus Walk on	Convention Center Hall I

### Saturday, March 23, 2024

8:15am – 12:30pm	Chorus Rehearsals	Embassy and Marriott Hotels
9:00am – ~3:00pm	HUB Open	Convention Center, Hall II
9:00am – 2:00pm	Single Event Ticket Sales	Registration Booth in HUB
9:00am – 10:30pm	Metro Nashville Rehearsal	Risers in Convention Hall I
11:00am – 4:30pm	Concession Stand Open	Convention Center, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
12:00pm – 5:30pm	Chorus Contest	Convention Center Hall I

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## #2 –HOTELS

The Embassy and Marriott Hotels both have valet parking as well as self-parking. All self-parking guests must park in the garage located under the Embassy Hotel.

Guests may unload at valet entrance and then move their vehicle to the garage. The Marriott will provide a “chaser ticket” when you check in for exiting the garage when you leave. The Embassy guests will need to take their entry ticket to the hotel front desk to get your ticket validated.

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## #3 –RESTAURANTS

The Embassy and Marriott Hotels both have restaurants for your enjoyment. The Local Bean Concession Stand located in the NKYCC will be open on Friday and Saturday during the contest.

There are numerous restaurants within walking distance of the hotels and the convention center. Visit <https://www.meetnky.com/eat/> for more information.

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## **#4 –CONVENTION CENTER**

Contest Doors will open half hour prior to contest beginning.

Quartet Contest begins at 3pm, Friday, March 22

Chorus Contest begins at 12pm, Saturday, March 23

No outside food or drink is allowed in the Contest hall except for water in a closable container.

The Concession Stand is located on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor lobby in the Southeast corner. This will be open both Friday and Saturday prior to/during the Contests. Concession stand is CASHLESS -you must pay with credit or debit cards.

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## **#5 –NO SMOKING POLICY**

The Embassy Hotel, Marriott Hotel, and the Convention Center are smoke-free facilities. A cleaning fee will be assessed if you smoke in your hotel room. Smoking is allowed outside in designated areas only.

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## **#6 –BADGES & TICKETS**

Name badges are your All Events Tickets (AET). These must be visible to enter the Contest Hall at all times.

Chorus AET group orders will be picked up by the directors at the Check in or Official Briefing on Thursday evening. Chorus members will get their badge from their chorus contact.

CAL and Individual AET orders can be picked up Thursday evening in the Convention Center Lobby or the Region Booth in the HUB on Friday or Saturday.

Single Event wristbands can be purchased at the Registration booth in the HUB. These must be worn/visible to enter the Contest Hall at all times.

\$100 – Adult AET

\$25 – Adult Single Event Ticket

\$15 – Youth Single Event Ticket (guests 18 or under)

The region accepts cash or credit card transactions via PayPal - a QR code will be located at the registration booth for PayPal transactions.

Please refer to the convention schedule for times.

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## **#7 –LANYARD/NAME TAG HOLDER**

Pack your lanyards, badge holders, or whatever you like to use to display your name badge.

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## **#8 –REGION 4 HUB**

Be sure to stop in and shop at the HUB. Please refer to the convention schedule for times.

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## **#9 –FOUR SCORE/PROGRAM**

The Four Score and Contest program will be accessible via the contest website. A downloadable version will be available to print.

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## **#10 –MASS SING**

Kick off your convention weekend with a song. We will have a Mass Sing this year at 1pm in the Lobby of the Convention Center. Come sing a few songs with your Sweet Adeline family before the quartet competition begins. We will sing the following 5 songs that will be directed by 5 of our Chorus Directors.

- One Song at a Time – Kathy Larkins, Certified Director, Columbus Chorus
- It's My Song – Jack Johnson, Master Director, Cincinnati Sound Chorus
- It's the Music that Brings Us Together – Debbie Hite, Master 700 Director, Pride of Kentucky Chorus
- Come on and Sing – Deb Bringman, Harmony 500 Director, Gem City Chorus
- How We Sang Today – Michael Giddens, Director Candidate, Harmony Hills Chorus

Visit the member's only section of the website for music and learning tracks if needed.

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## **#11 –THE ART OF CONNECTING WITH OUR AUDIENCE**

We love to support our members so please plan to be in the audience before and after your time in the pattern/performing on stage.

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## **#12 –CONTEST PATTERN**

The contest pattern is posted on the website. Pattern times begin for each competitor at the Warm-up rooms. It is your responsibility to be there on time.

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## **#13 –CONTESTANT REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

All Chorus Leadership and Quartets please make sure to check the website for all required documents that must be turned in Thursday evening at the Quartet & Chorus Check In. The website lists all documents and quantities that you need to bring.

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## **#14 –SATURDAY NIGHT HOSPITALITY ROOMS**

After all of the competition, it's time to let loose and have some fun! The following three choruses will be opening their rooms for friends to visit and celebrate with them.

Cincinnati Sound – Marriott, Covington II Room, 9pm- 12 midnight

Columbus Chorus – Embassy Suites, City View Ballroom, 8pm – 12 midnight

White River Sound – Marriott, Kentucky Room, 8:30pm - ??

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## #15 –WELCOME JUDGES

We are honored to host this year's International Accepted Candidate Judge (ACJ) Workshop during our contest weekend. The judging panel and 3 workshop participants will be judging both Quartet and Chorus contests.

Our judging panel:

Paula Davis, Region 13 - Panel Chair and ACJ Workshop Coordinator  
Beth Smith, Region 13 – Sound Judge  
Jana Gutenson, Region 21 – Music Judge  
Vickie Maybury, Region 8 – Expression Judge  
Diane Porsch, Region 17 – Visual Communications Judge  
Pattee Bender, Region 17 – Panel Secretary

ACJ Workshop Participants/Trail Scorers:

Gina Baker – Sound  
Lynda Kupson – Expression  
Susan Krisnik – Visual Communications

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## #16 –YOUR CONVENTION TEAM

It is our pleasure to assist all of you. Hope you have a wonderful convention and competition experience.

Events Coordinator (EVC)

Natalie Allen, Metro Nashville Chorus

Chair of Regional Convention (CRC)

Lura Nightlinger, Columbus Chorus

Competition Coordinator (CC)

Donna Ebelhar, Pride of Kentucky Chorus

Official Panel Liaison (OPL)

Carolyn Kolarik, Metro Nashville Chorus

Finance Coordinator (FC)

Beverly Miller, River Magic Chorus

Communications Coordinator (COMM)

Liz Sabo Johnson, Cincinnati Sound Chorus, Pride of Kentucky Chorus

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**SAFE TRAVELS - SEE YOU SOON!**

**For more information, visit our website:**

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Region 4 \(sai-region4.org\)](https://www.sai-region4.org)