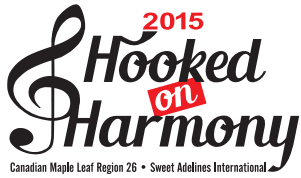


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Las Vegas International SUCCESS!

This is the first of 3 international contests in Las Vegas and it appears that Region 26 LOVES it! Frenzy (Anne, Judy, Nikki and Melissa), Glow (Sandy, Nicole, Emma and Kelly) and No Strings (Jennifer, Stephanie, Laura and Karri) competed in the Quartet Semi-Finals. Frenzy and Glow made it to the TOP 10! A thrilling Finals saw Frenzy come out with 2nd Place Medals and Glow with 9th Place!!!



Lions Gate (Master 700 Director Sandy Marron) and Rhythm of the Rockies (Master Director Mary Hager) impressed everyone in the Chorus Semi-Finals and Lions Gate came away with 5th Place Medals in the top 10 Finals. The performances were awe inspiring.... Region 26 truly rocks!!!!



Link to official results and PDF files: <http://www.sweetadelineintl.org/index.cfm?id=28>

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Experiences not staying in Las Vegas!

Members from Lions Gate and Rhythm of the Rockies were asked to tell us about their experiences in Las Vegas. Thank you Natalie Cotton and Michelle Vickers!

What Happens In Vegas...

Internationals in Las Vegas was the best week of my life! Although I've been a member of Lions Gate Chorus for

a year and a half, I was born into barbershop. However, no stories, photos or videos could have prepared me for experiencing the euphoric atmosphere of Internationals in real life. With tags be-



Natalie, Elvera and Zoie

ing sung in every corner of the MGM Grand, crowns glistening amongst the swarm of barbershoppers and breathtaking performances, I couldn't help but walk around with a smile on my face. Performing on the International stage for the first time was also something I will never forget. I was incredibly nervous backstage, but as soon as it was over, I wanted to turn around and do it all again! The thing that impacted me the most was realizing how amazing the Sweet Adelines organization really is. As a 17-year-old at her first International competition ever, I was surrounded, completely awe-struck, by people who've been Sweet Adelines for over 50 years and who've accomplished so many great things within, and outside the organization. It didn't matter if you were a first-timer or had three crowns, we were all there because of our shared passion for singing.

I am Natalie Cotton... and I am Sweet Adelines!

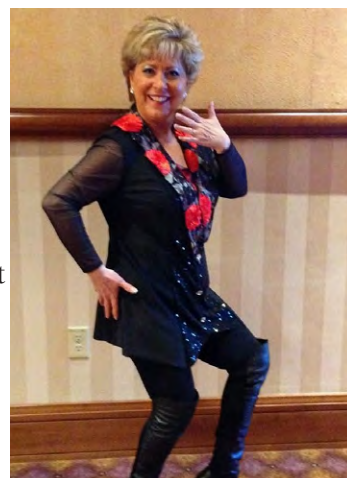
How long have You been singing with ROTR?

I joined ROTR in Oct 2002. (member since 1983) What a fabulous journey that has been!

The MGM Conference Centre rooms were great and the Grand Arena was a fabulous stage and venue for the competition. Singing on that stage was an Awesome experience for myself and our chorus!

What had the Biggest Impact?

It was very inspiring and motivating walking down the halls toward the Grand Arena Stage seeing all the posters of famous singers who have performed on that stage before us! So Cool! Also, seeing all the Red and White in the audience and hearing/feeling all the love and support from our fellow Canadians when our chorus name was announced, made the whole event worthwhile! A Big shout-out of Thanks to Region 26 for their heart -warming Rah Rah as well!



Michelle in Vegas

What would you say to those going to Vegas next year?

I would suggest bringing /buying portable humidifiers, coffee pots, and collapsible soft sided coolers for your hotel rooms for storing food and beverages. Also, anyone with lung issues should be prepared as much as possible by bringing the necessary medications that may be helpful and needed.

Also, take time to find peace and quiet away from all the 'stimulation' so you can rejuvenate! ~Michelle

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CHORUS POSTINGS

The Vernon Kalamalka Chorus - a.k.a. The Mighty Dozen - is embarking on a Director Search. Joey Minshall took us under her wing this past year, and it's been a phenomenal journey for all of us! Singing in Surrey this spring was incredible in several ways: we hadn't been to competition in three years, so it was exciting to see old friends; fun to watch our first-timers take it all in; and absolutely thrilling to see our results...much better than we dreamed!



We have a renewed excitement about singing barbershop and being involved in the Sweet Adeline world, and would love to find someone to continue that journey with us! :-) If you know of anyone in (or moving to) the Vernon, BC area who might be searching for such an opportunity, please let us know, or have them contact Margaret: mamasangbass@hotmail.com

In harmony, The Vernon Kalamalka Chorus (The Little Chorus That Could Did)



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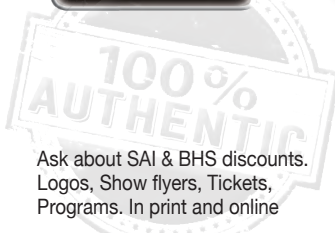
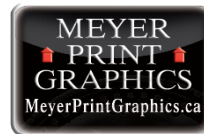
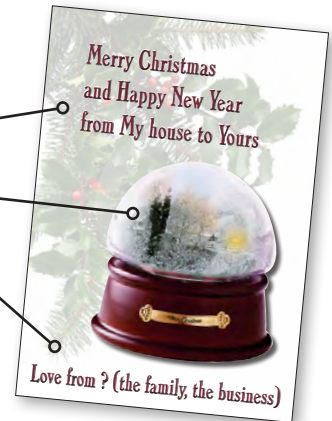
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Joey Minshall has been diligently working for over a year to include Canadians in the NAFME awards presented each year at International. The award was, in the past, not available to SAI music educators outside of the US.

Joey emailed the RMT this morning (11/25) with the good news! "Just saw this in the International newsletter for IMAP, Intl Faculty and Judges. The final result of my repeated jingling on that chain...!!!"

"The International Board of Directors learned that the Canadian Music Educators' Association (CMEA) has accepted Sweet Adelines International's proposal to partner together to present an annual Sweet Adelines/CMEA Educator Award beginning in 2016. The CMEA Award will be in addition to the annual National Association for Music Education (NAfME) Award presented to a Sweet Adelines member who is a music educator and member of NAFME who has made outstanding contributions to the furtherance of music education in schools".



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Dear Region #26 Sweet Adelines

Thank you for your generous gift to Sing Canada Harmony to support vocal music, particularly Barbershop Harmony, in Canadian communities and schools.

Every gift we receive ensures that more voices will reach out in song across Region #26 and the rest of Canada. You are helping Sing Canada Harmony make it possible for youth to receive training, coaching and leadership in singing the music that you and other Barbershoppers enjoy. Thank you.

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For more information, please visit our web site: <http://www.SingCanadaHarmony.ca/> and please tell your families, friends, local music educators and audiences about us and that we are accepting applications for scholarships to help children, youth, men and women in any course, program, etc. that focus on singing or singing/vocal music support. Also, please read and share our newsletter and our monthly bulletins.

Best regards to you for health, success and the enjoyment of Barbershop Harmony in the years ahead and thanks again for thinking of helping Sing Canada to "Keep the whole world singing".

James Thexton
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On November 21st the Bell Performing Arts Centre opened the doors to welcome 800 guests to experience Westcoast's 50 year history with love, music and friendship. January Jazz, Frenzy, Brava and Martini all played a part in the celebration. Each quartet has a member that was a director! Honoured guests in the audience included Barb Godman, Carol Klassen & Abie. Show Producers Lisa Hills and Jackie Baron worked tirelessly for a year to present a great show. Congratulations!

Let us all hear about your events! Send photos and stories to Yvonne.

To avoid conflict of dates all choruses are reminded that upcoming events should be coordinated with **Lynda Elliott**, and report to TL of each local chorus.
Region 26 Team Coordinator; Email: lyndajelliott@gmail.com



**R26
CALENDAR**

2015

Dec 8 Magic City Chorus Christmas Show
Dec 16 Vocal Motion, Friends & Family Christmas Show

2016

Jan 8 - 9 RMT Meeting - Abbotsford, BC
Feb 20 Alberta Gold Show
April 14 - 17 Regional Convention – TCU Place, Saskatoon, SK
Oct 17-22 International Convention in Las Vegas NV
Nov 11/12 Area School, Calgary, AB
Nov 18/19 Area School, Regina, SK
Nov 25/26 Area School, Lower Mainland, BC

2017

Apr 27-30 Regional Convention —Surrey, BC
Oct 9-14 International Convention in Las Vegas NV

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