



2017 International Champion Quartet, Frenzy! ~Stephanie Ball



Frenzy! did it! Region 26 is now home to three International Champion quartets! They are Brava 2004, Martini 2012, and Now Frenzy! 2017.

A source close to the quartet has revealed that Nikki isn't as much a Diva as her personality on stage indicates. Shocking!

Even though two months have passed since Frenzy! was crowned, they say it still seems surreal. We are still Flying High!

To say that Region 26 is proud of Frenzy! is an understatement. We have watched and been a part of their journey since their debut in 2010. Every single performance has been memorable – and hilarious!



Annee, Judy, Nikki & Melissa

The Diva theme has been a long-time theme for Frenzy!, and it never let them down. They just kept reinventing it, and the audience loved it. The theme started in 2012. Remember the iThink package? They all held up signs revealing what they were thinking and the punch-line was that Nikki always thought about herself. "After 2013, we realized that people were actually relating to the Diva," says Anne Downton. "They wanted to see more if it, so who were we to disappoint!?"

Frenzy! credits their 3-year record of Most Entertaining quartet to the fact that they let their personalities shine through in their packages. "All of us are just bigger versions of ourselves on stage."

What's Next? Frenzy! has already started plAnneing their outgoing package for next year and they are not letting up on the creative packages!

They have numerous shows and schools in 2017 & 2018 already booked (including Region 26 RES in August!), plus some trips to Germany, NZ, and Australia in the works. They aren't disappearing anytime soon. "We plan to be around for years to come doing shows, schools, and performing at International!"

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Fun Fact: The Frenzy! crowns are *adjustable* and “*pretty comfortable*”. But even if they weren’t, Anne says, “I still wouldn’t complain!”

Message from Frenzy! to Region 26: How cool that, in 2003, Brava! was our first ever queen quartet, and it was a total rarity. Then Martini won in 2011, and now us, 5 years (to the day!) later. It’s a testament to the level of education and encouragement in this region, and it’s so cool that it’s become somewhat of a regular occurrence to have International champions from Region 26. We are so proud to be a part of this Region! You may have heard that Region 13 and 26 regional conventions are scheduled for the same weekend this year. With some frequent flyer miles, and flexibility from both Regions, we plan to be in Region 13 on Thursday night, and Region 26 on Friday morning/afternoon. We’re very excited to celebrate with you!

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From my heart and my hearth to yours -
whatever and however you celebrate this
time of year, I wish you joy!

And may the New Year bring you
that which you most deeply desire.

joy

Our collective wishes are to each and every
one of you. We couldn't be prouder of
Region 26's accomplishments this past year.

Let's leave "Flying High" and
become "One Voice" that sings about all we
live for; life, love and learning.



you
Vicky Donna Susan
Lisa joy Cathy Bev

To avoid conflict of dates all choruses are reminded that upcoming events should be coordinated with **Vicky Smith**, and report to TL of each local chorus.
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R26 CALENDAR

2017

Apr 27-30

Regional Convention , Surrey, BC

Oct 9-14

International Convention in Las Vegas NV

2018

Regional Convention, Surrey, BC

International Convention in St Louis, MS

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