



Region 31 Convention - 7th-9th May 2010 The Sage, Gateshead

Hello to all Region 31 Choruses and Quartets,

For those of you who don't know me, I'm Emma Duguid and I will be your 2010 Competition Coordinator. As you know, we will be back in the Sage Gateshead and it's going to be the best yet! It may seem a little early to start talking about Convention, however we would like to tell you about a few things.



Message for Quartets

The proposed start time for the quartet contest is 15:00 on Friday 7th May, however this is subject to change depending on the number of competitors. As you'll have seen from the memo I sent last month, all competing quartets will sing a song together while waiting for results and will then stay on stage to form a scratch chorus for the chorus mic test.

We will be re-introducing the Young Women in Harmony quartet award, so calling all our young singers! This award will be presented to the highest scoring competing YWIH quartet!

Message for Choruses

The proposed start time for the chorus contest is 12noon on Saturday 8th May, however again, this is subject to change depending on the number of competitors. Due to tight scheduling, we will not be conducting chorus walk-ons this year - this will hopefully make for a more leisurely start to your Saturday morning!

Mass Sing

In May, we all enjoyed the impromptu sing while waiting for the chorus results to be announced, so it has been decided that instead of the outdoor Mass Sing, we will have the Mass Sing indoors while waiting for chorus results. I'm sure it will sound spectacular in our fabulous venue! The Mass Sing will replace the Family Chorus performance, which will not take place this year.

Let's sing to our Champions!

Master Director of Surrey Harmony, Jenny Lawson, has kindly written and donated a new song to the region for us to sing to our regional champions. Music and learning tracks are available on the regional website under "Regional Songs". Be sure to learn this so we can join together in celebrating the success of our champion quartet and chorus. Thank you Jenny!

The Show of Champions



The Show of Champions will be a little shorter than usual, starting at 20:30 with no interval, leaving plenty of time for a fabulous afterglow! It will feature our 2010 gold medal A chorus, gold medal AA chorus and overall chorus champions, as well as our 2010 gold medal quartet and 2009 Chorus Champions Forth Valley Chorus! We will be also be dazzled by the IVY League as well as our special Swedish guests....all in all, it will be a fantastic show!

To ensure we have maximum room for our ever growing membership, the Sage Gateshead box office will not be selling tickets for the Show to the public.

Housekeeping

For this year only, there will be no Harmony Bazaar due to lack of suitable space in the Sage.

I know many of you worked hard creating shout outs last year, however this year we will be having a large regional display board to replace the shout outs. This will be created by our Marketing Coordinator, Helen Gauld, and will include photographs of quartets and choruses performing at previous regional conventions.

Välkommen the Ringmasters!

We are absolutely delighted that the Ringmasters from Stockholm, Sweden are going to be our guests at Convention. They will be mic coolers at the Quartet competition and will also appear in the Show of Champions. The Ringmasters are an outstanding young male quartet who recently placed 4th at the men's International Convention. We know you will love them! More information about the Ringmasters will follow in the first mailshot but in the meantime, check out their website! <http://www.ringmasters.se/?en>



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What's next?

I will be sending out the first bulletin at the beginning of March, and that will contain **lots** more information covering various aspects of the weekend, including information about registration. Everything will also be uploaded onto the Convention page of the Quartet of Nations website, http://www.sweetadelines.org.uk/convention_2010.htm.

And finally, please see below the registration deadlines for quartets and choruses:

Quartet Entry - 8th March 2010

Quartet Late Entry (with additional fee) - 23rd March 2010

Chorus Entry - 9th March 2010

Chorus Late Entry (with additional fee) - 24th March 2010

I encourage you to get in touch with me if you have any questions or queries at all - please see my full contact details below.

Yours in harmony,

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