



# Fourcaster Lite

October 2011

**Mark your Calendar!**  
**Region 4 Educational**  
**And Competition**  
**Events**

**OCTOBER**

17-23 Houston SAI  
International  
Competition

**NOVEMBER**

4-5 Chorus Coaching  
Faculty: Jean Barford

**JANUARY 2012**

20-22 Winter Warmup  
Faculty: Tori Postma

**APRIL**

19-20 Region 4 Competition

**Hungry for Harmony? There are some wonderful Chorus Shows coming up!**

**October 1st**

**Cincinnati Sound Show  
Cincinnati's Got More Talent  
7:30pm**

**October 3rd**

**Scioto Valley Dress  
Rehearsal for Houston 7:30pm**

**October 8th**

**Gem City Show  
Haunting of Harmony  
2pm and 7pm**

**October 8th**

**Pride of Kentucky Dress  
Rehearsal for Houston, Noon**

**December 4th**

**Capital City Show  
Holiday Harmony, 2:30pm**

*FourCaster Articles can be submitted ANY time during the month for publication in the following month's issue.*

***Article deadlines are the last day of each month!***

*So don't delay...send your article in TODAY to  
FourCaster Editor: Sue Pelley, [suepel@aol.com](mailto:suepel@aol.com)!*

*The more chorus and quartet news I have to publish...the BETTER!*

Turn up the Volume  
in Houston  
with Region 4!



Join us Tuesday night in Houston  
to celebrate and support our  
Region 4 International competitors:

Pride of Kentucky Chorus  
Scioto Valley Chorus  
Lucky Day Quartet  
In Sync Quartet

We'll see you in the  
Hilton Americas Ballroom-D  
immediately following the  
Harmony Classic!

**Pride  
of  
Kentucky**  
*Chorus*



# Region 4's QUARTET WORKSHOP!! FUN! EDUCATION! COACHING!



**Region 4's Quartet September Quartet** workshop was attended by over 50 active quartet members! Each quartet had the opportunity to be coached by none other than the awesome **Jean Barford**. Additional coaching sessions were provided by **Marlene Brauchle**, **Lynn Hartmuth** and **Traci Martin**. Each of these sessions provided attending quartets with outstanding personal tools all designed to help them become all that they can be! Region 4's 2011 Quartet champions, In Sync, also conducted a very well attended session entitled: "Quartet rehearsals that ROCK!" It was a GREAT weekend!

# CHORUS CHATTER-SCIOTO VALLEY CHORUS

## The Air is Cracklin'

October is here and the excitement continues to mount for our trip to Houston. Dresses are being fitted, sparkles are being checked and shoes are being worn for every rehearsal. Will it be hot as a firecracker in Houston or will we be treated to some pleasant fall like weather??? Should we pack for rain or sun and what little special treats do the airlines have in mind to charge us for?? Gosh, so much to think about and so little time to think about it.

Don't forget to join us on October 3, 2011 for our Blast Off Party! The party begins at 7:30PM at the Northwest Presbyterian Church, 6400 Post Road in Dublin. The chorus will present their semi-final and final sets as well as welcome TGIF quartet to our stage who will also be competing in the quartet contest for the first time. Ladies of the TGIF quartet are dual members from Pride of Cleveland chorus and we are honored to have them joining us!

Just a quick reminder that our thoughts are not just on Houston. We are beginning to prepare for our fourth annual Scarlet and Gray Cabaret which will be held on November 11, 2011 at the Bridgewater Banquet Center on Sawmill Road. What a fun night of tailgating will take place with dinner, dancing and performances from the chorus, chapter quartets and a special treat featuring Moxie Ladies!! Chorus members are currently busy preparing some very special items for our silent auction. Last year we had fifty different types of baskets and unique offerings that were auctioned off as a great money maker for the chorus. Be sure to join us as tickets will go on sale soon. Cost of tickets are \$30 ,which includes dinner, a drink ticket as well as snacks and excellent seating in the banquet hall. Please use our website to order your tickets or to reserve a table for this evening of fun. Don't miss this great event, cheer on the Bucks and help SVC restock their coffers for the coming year!

If you are not going to Houston, we hope that you will be with us in spirit by watching and supporting the Webcast every day of competition. SVC is scheduled to start through the pattern at 5:29PM CT and we want to be able to hear you cheer all the way to Houston.

We can feel that air cracklin' and the excitement mounting. Ladies and Gentlemen, all the way from Dublin, Ohio, contestant number 26.....The Scioto Valley Chorus!!!



# CHORUS CHATTER—CAPITAL CITY CHORUS

It's summer's end, sigh! Ah well, there is still plenty of action going on at Capital City! Renee Porzel's spit and polish coaching session in July was put to good use on August 27th when CCC presented our Dinner Show at the Marriott East Hotel... "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend!"

We opened with a cocktail hour (who wouldn't), and our close to 300 guests had time to take a look at the Silent Auction display. Capital City, directed by the smashing team of Molly and Bev, opened with Stardust. After a few more songs, our Team Leader, Wendy Gillette, installed the chorus' Inaugural Advisory Board. This board will be providing insight, advice and assistance as CCC takes a bigger step into the Indy Arts community. We're thrilled to have these professionals working with us, side by side. And since it was a Dinner Show, we had dinner -- yum -- with John Skaggs and his piano providing the dinner music. Following dinner, we had a Live Auction of some incredible items. More songs followed from favorite Indiana composers Hoagy Carmichael, Cole Porter and the Gaithers, and from our chorus quartets, iTones, She's My Alibi, and newly retired, Once In A Lifetime, performing their swan song after many happy years together.

We finished the evening with Back Home Again in Indiana, Indianapolis Indeed, and Let Freedom Ring! It was a great evening and much enjoyed by our family, friends and guests... some of them were you!

Want to see more of Capital City? Our Holiday Harmony show is Sunday, December 4, 2011, 2:30 pm, at Ransburg Auditorium on the campus of University of Indianapolis. Check out [www.capitalcitychorus.net](http://www.capitalcitychorus.net), for more info and tickets. Submitted by Gale, for Capital City Chorus



## CHORUS CHATTER—GEM CITY CHORUS

### **Gem City's Journey – September**

Just a few precious rehearsals left before our “monster” Halloween show on Saturday, October 8. We've been hard at work putting the finishing touches on our “frightfully” riotous script and new music – including several small-group specialty numbers. Our make-up team previewed some sample treatments at a recent rehearsal for our bats, zombies and werewolves. Very impressive! You won't want to miss this show; it's going to be filled with lots of fun and surprises!

Our ranks on the risers have swelled in recent weeks for a couple of reasons... first, we have welcomed four new members to our roster: Heide Kammer, Mary Jo Brooks, Joan Roberts-Swank and Mary Lynn Woebkenberg. In addition, more than 40 members of the Fairmont High School Women's Chorus have been rehearsing with us for the past several weeks. They have learned some of our Halloween show repertoire and will be joining us on stage for two numbers – complete with choreography. Our Director Troy Kaper and his wife Tammye (our choreographer) stopped by the Women's Chorus rehearsals during school for a couple special choreography sessions. We have so enjoyed having these girls with us... and they appear to be enjoying themselves as well. Several have even indicated a desire to join the chorus on a permanent basis in the future.

Randy Daniel, who played the “Ghost of Christmas Past, Present and Future” in last year's holiday show, will join us again for more ghostly fun as our “MC” (Mortician of Ceremonies) for Haunting Harmony. We've had fun working the script with him at rehearsals. And don't forget about our two special guest groups on the show: MAXX Factor (the 2010 Queens of Harmony) and Eleventh Hour, a contemporary a cappella group from Fairmont High School in Kettering, OH. Both of these groups were contestants on NBC's “The Sing Off.” Gem City is proud to have *two* nationally known guest artists on our show! We're looking forward to providing some memorable moments on October 8.

“Haunting Harmony” will be presented at 2pm and 7pm, on Saturday, October 8, at the Centerville High School Performing Arts Center, 500 E. Franklin St. in Centerville, Ohio. Advance sale tickets are \$25/20 reserved, \$15 general seating, and \$10 unreserved youth (K-12). Call 937-433-1014 for show tickets. After the evening show, there will be an afterglow, featuring MAXX Factor and Eleventh Hour. The afterglow will be held at a new facility located just one mile from the performance venue. Afterglow tickets are available for \$15 and may be purchased by calling 937-433-1014. A limited number will be available at the evening show. Hope to see you October 8.

- Submitted by Vicki Auditore -



# REGIONAL MANAGEMENT TEAM NEWS



## Re-Appointment of Competition Coordinator- Sharon Terrell!

I am very pleased to announce that the Judge Specialists and the Education Direction Committee have re-appointed Sharon Terrell to the position of Competition Coordinator for Region #4, for the 2012 regional competition season.

The primary responsibility of the CC is to coordinate those areas of regional convention which are directly related to the quartet and chorus competitions, including the competition facility, the stage,

the backstage movement of the contestants and the recording of the contest. The Competition Coordinator job is an important international appointment and of great value to both our region and the international organization as we strive to provide the best regional competition possible for the competitors.

Sharon did an excellent job in this position this past year, and we are indeed fortunate that she was appointed to serve Region #4 in this capacity once again. I know you join me in congratulating Sharon, and wishing her nothing but the best as she continues to fulfill her duties.

Toula Oberlies

## From RMT Manager, Sharon Terrell—Show Clearance Process

Good news! The show clearance process has been streamlined.

It is no longer necessary to find a Show Clearance Form, find an envelope and use a stamp to submit information about a chorus show. The RMT has approved that a chorus may submit their show information to the Team Coordinator via email – NO form required. The Team Coordinator will send an email reply with the approval. Currently, the Team Coordinator’s email is [CandST@insightbb.com](mailto:CandST@insightbb.com).

Just be sure to include all information about the show:

Chorus name	Show name	Date(s)	Time(s)	Location
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Choruses are welcome to send an email to “hold a date” if complete information is not planned. When the complete information is provided, the show will be posted on the regional website.

Your Region 4 Management Team met September 25th, in Indianapolis, and discussed a wide variety of topics including...

**World Choir Games**—did you know that there are nearly 150 Region 4 singers signed up to participate! WOW!!

Plans and preparations are now under way for our January **2012 Winter Warmup!** Lots of wonderful ideas, educational sessions and singing plans were discussed! Watch for more news on WW-2012!

Did you know that Song of the Bluegrass has officially changed their chorus name to (Drum Roll please!!).....

**Unbridled Harmony!**



# HOUSTON NEWS.....

## Young Singers Foundation Silent Auction in Houston!

Thank you to sixteen Region #4 choruses for their donations toward our regional offering to YSF's Silent Auction in Houston. A total of \$689.00 was received, with which I was able to go to Barnes & Noble Bookstore and purchase four NOOK E-Readers and four \$25 gift cards to go with the readers. I will be taking the Nooks and gift cards to Houston with me, to be put in the Silent Auction at the the YSF Booth in Harmony Bazaar. I am very excited about our opportunity to help the Foundation raise funds in support of its mission. Thank you again for the donations. For those going to Houston for International, please stop by the YSF Booth, and see all the wonderful things being offered in the Silent Auction.

Shirley Bendau  
YSF Liaison, Region #4

## Region 4's Houston Competitors SET to TAKE THE STAGE!!!

If you can't be in Houston, be sure to tune into the SAI Webcast! Or better yet, why not host your own Webcast party and cheer on our Region 4 Choruses and Quartets. Here's their latest ON STAGE TIMES!! And don't forget Houston time is one hour behind us!

### Wednesday, October 19th—Quartet Semi Finals

Lucky Day Quartet—Contestant #39—On Stage at 6:50pm  
In Sync Quartet—Contestant #40—On Stage at 7:30pm

### Thursday, October 20th—Chorus Semi Finals

Pride of Kentucky Chorus—Contestant #1—On Stage at 10:45am  
Scioto Valley Chorus—contestant #26—On Stage at 5:29pm

### Saturday, October 22nd—Rising Star Contest

Contest runs from 9am—1pm. Fourtune Cookies—Contestant #10

Capital City Chorus



Sunday, December 4, 2011  
2:30 p.m.

Ransburg Auditorium  
on the campus of University of Indianapolis  
1400 E. Hanna Ave.  
Indianapolis, IN



*With special guests: Manual High School Choir*

## *The ManualAires*

Tickets:   \$20 General Admission  
              \$18 Seniors (65+)  
              \$15 Students  
              Children 6 and under are FREE

Group pricing is available. For more information  
visit [www.capitalcitychorus.net](http://www.capitalcitychorus.net) or call 317-241-SONG





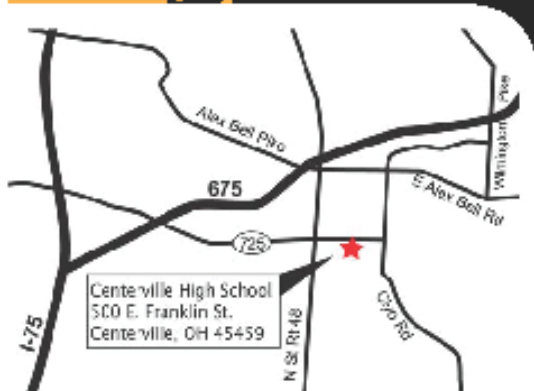
*The Gem City Chorus*  
presents

**MAXX Factor**

2011 Sweet Adelines International Quartet Champion  
Season one contestant on NBC's a cappella show "The Sing Off"  
and  
**Eleventh Hour** from Fairmont High School - Kettering, OH  
Season two contestant on NBC's, "The Sing Off"

in *Haunting  
Harmony*

*Saturday,  
October 8, 2011  
2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.*  
Centerville H.S. - Performing Arts Center



(937) 433-1014  
[www.gemcitychorus.org](http://www.gemcitychorus.org)

TICKETS	Advance	At Door
Reserved Seating	\$20/\$25	\$24/\$30
Wheelchair/Companion	\$15	\$18
General Seating	\$15	\$18
General -Youth (K-12)	\$10	\$12

Group Discount for 20 or more -\$2/ticket  
Secure Parking - Handicapped Accessible



# SAVE THE DATE!

## **WINTER WARMUP**

### **JANUARY 20-22, 2012**

#### **INDIANAPOLIS MARRIOTT EAST HOTEL**

7202 E. 21st St., Indianapolis 46219

### **TORI POSTMA, GUEST FACULTY**



*Tori Postma*, Chorus Director of Mountain Jubilee Chorus, Salt Lake City. She is a dynamic, multi-faceted and energetic woman; a Certified Showmanship Judge; a quartet baritone, and former IBOD member. Our judging panel in April emphasized the need for our regional choruses and competing quartets to get a better handle on

characterization, to further enhance the salesmanship of our musical product. Tori's specialties match our region's educational needs. A quote from Tori says it all: "I want everyone I coach or teach to have increased self-esteem because they have some new tools in their musical performance repertoire".

### **PLUS.....**

- \* Catch A Rising Star Contest
- \* Show of Champions
- \* Open coaching with Capital City Chorus
- \* Education! Fun! Camaraderie!
- \* First rehearsal for Region 4 World Choir Games Chorus, directed by Jean Barford
- \* Breakouts for chapter leaders
- \* Friday evening RMT Regional Leader's Reception
- \* And so much MORE!!