



# Fourcaster Lite

September 2011

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

**SEPTEMBER**

9-10 **Quartet Workshop**  
Faculty: Jean Barford

23-24 **Chorus Coaching**  
Faculty: Jean Barford

**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!**

<b>September 25th</b>	<b>Voice of America Show</b> <b>Sundae at the VOA—3pm</b>
<b>October 1st</b>	<b>Cincinnati Sound Show</b> <b>Cincinnati's Got More Talent</b> <b>7:30pm</b>
<b>October 3rd</b>	<b>Scioto Valley Dress</b> <b>Rehearsal for Houston 7:30pm</b>
<b>October 8th</b>	<b>Gem City Show</b> <b>Haunting of Harmony</b> <b>2pm and 7pm</b>
<b>October 8th</b>	<b>Pride of Kentucky Dress</b> <b>Rehearsal for Houston, Noon</b>
<b>December 4th</b>	<b>Capital City Show</b> <b>Holiday Harmony, 2:30pm</b>

*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*



# CHORUS CHATTER—SCIOTO VALLEY

*“It was a HOT AUGUST!!”*

The whole entire country was under a heat wave and Dublin, Ohio was no exception. The hotter it got, the more determined the Scioto Valley Chorus became. We actually had two coaches in one week and the excitement during those sessions was at an all time high! Each time we thought we could never have the stamina to come back another night to sing and dance for at least three hours, everyone appeared and somehow magic happened! When you get off the risers and you feel like you could do it again and again you know you still love it!!

So what have we been up to during the four long weeks commonly called “the dog days of summer?” Well, lots and lots and still more to come.

Regular rehearsals are always wonderful because we spend our time working on all the fine points and adding those little details that make our craft so exciting. The choreo is always the challenge, whether you are dancing with two left feet or twirling around on the front row, the end results always makes you glad you spent so much time preparing!

SVC was so proud to be a part of Buckeye Harmony Camp 2011. Many of our members worked hard to make this educational opportunity a huge success for so many young barbershoppers! SVC front row member, Dreama Holmes, created and taught an outstanding visual plan for the girl’s chorus this year, working closely with director Tony DeRosa, 3-time men’s champ. We are proud of **Joyful Noise**, the silver medalists of Region 4, who were the teaching quartet for this year! Those ladies really worked hard to bring some great musical tips to campers! If you ask any of those four ladies, they will tell you that they gained so much from the experience! Same with SVC members Dominique Latare, Kim Calland, and Sadie Feick who served as counselors and worked hard to keep the camp running, making sure the kids were where they needed to be. We are always proud of our Harmony Camper, Alexa Ankrom who showed the other girls what Sweet Adelines is all about! SVC was “pumped” to take the stage and entertain on Wednesday night of camp! We loved the applause we received and were excited to be “struttin’” our new denim shirts which will be just perfect for wearing with our cowboy hats in Houston!

Did we say coaches?? You bet we did! Joe Connelly spent a Sunday afternoon with us and once again we were awed by his enthusiasm, his great musical ideas and always his humor! Since he is pretty “easy on the eyes” and he is also entertaining, that afternoon was over before we knew it and we had more building blocks on our road to Houston. Did you say we have to come back tomorrow night too???

Oh no, will my body actually stand on those risers two days in a row?? This is where your inner voice reminds you that blood, sweat and tears must always be a part of something called rehearsal. Were we all there? You bet we were, and we were back again on Thursday night of the same week to work hard for Erin Howden! Did we all feel like “wet noodles?” You bet we did! Was it worth it? Oh yes, it certainly was worth the time and effort! Erin is just a fabulous coach who can make anything choreo make sense to those of us with the two left feet! Thursday night was getting painful, so most of us were thinking about kidnapping a masseuse, or keeping one on retainer. Kudos to our dual members from Cleveland who unfolded out of a car and got right to work after that long drive! We are so pleased to have 8 ladies from Cleveland which includes the Region 17 quartet champs, **TGIF!** How exciting that they will also be competing in the international quartet competition!

What an exciting month it has been. September is going to be just as hot and just as exciting and we are looking forward to it with smiles on our faces and determination to be the very best we can be. Please be sure to mark your calendar for our dress rehearsal on October 3, 2011. More information to come, and plenty more rehearsals.....Yikes.....October is just a mere 50 days away!

## CHORUS CHATTER—MORE SCIOTO VALLEY



Joyful Noise, Region 4's second place medalists, entertain at Harmony College

## YOUNG SINGERS FOUNDATION—FUND DRIVE

Shirley Bendau, our Region 4 YSF liaison, is preparing our Region 4 donations for Houston International's YSF Silent Auction. She is asking each chorus to send her a donation, which she will then use to buy E-readers (Nooks or Kindles) to put in the auction. Last year there was a Kindle in the auction and it went for a great bid.

It depends on the generosity of our region's choruses as to how many readers she can buy. She suggests raising money however each chorus would prefer, and sending her a check by September 9th. This will give her time to get the checks to our region, and buy the readers before she leaves for Houston.

# CHORUS CHATTER—RIVER MAGIC

## Carol Spence

Tascali's of Barboursville was the site of River Magic's installation and awards dinner. It was a lovely evening and a rewarding evening for many of our members. The new management team was officially installed: Debbie Yeager, Team Mgr; Loretta Steele, Finance; Emily Teeuwissen, Communications; Carol Harmon, Membership; Marcia Daoust, Marketing; and Carol Berry, Performance.

Receiving special awards for outstanding service were Pat Quackenbush, for chairing the Singing Valentines for many years; Cathy Brammer, for keeping the chapter scrapbook; Brenda McFarland, for keeping attendance records; Emily Teeuwissen, for serving as secretary for several years; and Linda Hall, for designing and printing the directory, programs, tickets and many other tasks over the years.

Attendance awards went to Marcia Daoust, Cathy Brammer, Loretta Steele, Carol Harmon, and Carol Fredericks.

Receiving longevity awards were Marcia Daoust, and Carol Harmon, 5 yrs.; Ila Lee Drown, 10 yrs.; Carol Spence, 20yrs.; and Pat Quackenbush, 30yrs.

The Director's Award went to Loretta Steele. A 27 year member of River Magic, Loretta has served the chorus in many capacities, most notably in the area of finance. She has been a baritone section leader and sung in quartets and special ensembles. She is best known for her portrayal of Queen Elizabeth, and her witchy(bewitching) cackle.

Carol Berry was crowned Sweet Adeline of the Year. Carol, also a baritone, is known for her quirky sense of humor, her genial demeanor, and her willingness to step in and serve wherever she is needed.

A good time was had by all.



## CHORUS CHATTER—GEM CITY CHORUS

### Gem City's Journey

August has raced by as we get closer to our "monster" Halloween show on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. In addition to learning a dozen new songs, chorus members are excitedly conjuring up spooky costumes for every form of night creature from bats to zombies. "Haunting Harmony" promises to be a thrilling visual treat as well as a musical extravaganza.

Sweet Adelines have heard a lot about the big name attraction of our show – none other than our 2011 Queens of Harmony, MAXX Factor – but our show will also feature *another* contestant from NBC's "The Sing Off" – namely, Eleventh Hour from Season Two. We are lucky to have them right here in the Dayton area. They are a contemporary a cappella group of seven singers complete with a beat box person from Fairmont High School in Kettering, Ohio. Eleventh Hour is in its tenth year of existence, and you may have heard of their director, Brody McDonald. This year was his sixth as director of the young men's chorus at the Greater Cincinnati Harmony Festival, the successful summer barbershop event for teens.



Under the direction of Brody McDonald, Eleventh Hour is a leading force in high school a cappella music. Their studio recordings have earned numerous accolades, including featured tracks on Best of High School A Cappella. Beyond school walls, they have opened for LeAnn Rimes and The Beach Boys, and have sung back-up vocals for Kenny Loggins. 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<sup>th</sup>.



"Haunting Harmony" will be presented at 2 pm and 7 pm, 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 on the 8<sup>th</sup>!

- Submitted by Jo Anne Gunderlock -

# CHRISTMAS CITY SPONSORS 2ND DIVA WORKSHOP!



**Capital Showcase**



**Crystal City**



**Spirit of Evansville**



Christmas City Chorus sponsored the 2<sup>nd</sup> Diva Workshop "Keep Reaching for It!" last month. Four Region 4 Division A choruses - Capitol Showcase, Crystal City, Spirit of Evansville and Christmas City took part in this workshop to help each of us learn more about our craft. The weather was great, the food wonderful, encouragement high and the learning terrific as we all bunked in at the Shiloh Park and Conference Center in Marion, IN for a weekend together. With our own Region 4 Queen, Jean Barford as faculty, we spent Friday evening going "Back to Basics" and then joined in one "BIG" chorus to work on music and techniques of a good performance. After a scrumptious breakfast on Saturday, each chorus had the opportunity for coaching with Jean while the rest of us watched and learned. What fun to hear as the learning went on all day with each chorus!! Christmas City provided themed baskets and a 50/50 to help defray expenses and no one was more surprised than Jean when her name was pulled from the basket as the winner of the 50/50!! A great time was had by all and the desire to do it again was voiced by the participants. Watch for the 2012 Workshop info to come out after the first of the year. Christmas City is pleased to be able to sponsor this workshop and provide a place where small choruses can come together to encourage each other as we learn and grow in our musical performance level!! Region 4 Small Choruses ROCK!!!



## CHORUS CHATTER—VOICE OF AMERICA

With vacations, busy work schedules and family life, fireworks, hot summer nights, and the beginning of school – there comes the fall Sweet Adeline show season. So, in keeping with this fall tradition, the VOICE OF AMERICA CHORUS is polishing-up for its very first show ever! We're busy learning new music and choreography, working on table decorations, creating our costumes, and making arrangements for the ice cream sundae buffet (which is part of your show ticket price) in preparation for:

**Sundae at the VOA**  
**Sunday, September 25, 2011 at 3:00 PM**  
Being held at:  
The Ronald Reagan Lodge  
Voice of America Park, West Chester, OH

You'll find all the information you need to purchase tickets (\$20.00 per person) on our VOA website: [www.voachorus.org](http://www.voachorus.org).

Our variety show features many different types of acts, and we hope to share this exciting first show experience with all our Sweet Adeline friends. So, please look at your schedule and plan on attending our very first show! We want to share our joy of singing harmony with all of East Central Region 4.

*Seating is limited – so go ahead and purchase your tickets now!*

## CHORUS CHATTER—CAPITAL CITY



**Thursday, July 28, 2011:** Amid 100+ degree heat-index temps outside, Capital City Chorus stayed "really cool" inside with coach Renee Porzel. It was an evening of enhanced choreo, new choreo, lots of hard work and fun! A **GREAT** time was had by all!



PRESENTS

**CINCINNATI'S  
GOT MORE  
TALENT**

**An evening of A cappella singing  
...and more**

October 1, 2011

Kings High School

5500 Columbia Rd. Kings Mills OH

FEATURING  
Cincinnati Sound Chorus &  
The Kings High School choruses

7:30 PM

tickets \$15

available at the door or  
order tickets at [www.cincinnati-sound.org](http://www.cincinnati-sound.org) or 513-554-2648



SWEET ADELINES  
INTERNATIONAL



## **“Sundae at the VOA!”**

**With Voice of America Chorus**

**September 25, 2011—Sunday—at 3:00 pm  
Ronald Reagan Lodge, VOA Park, West Chester, OH**



Be a part of the fun as East Central Region 4 Division A Small Chorus champions: *Voice of America Chorus* presents its first ever show! It's a variety show that re-creates a 1950's / '60's diner atmosphere; proceeds benefit the chorus. The show will include a wide array of musical acts, bringing equal parts laughter and song for all ages and lovers of musical entertainment. Don't miss out!

**Tickets are \$20.00, including your sundae.  
For more information or to purchase your  
tickets call: 513-325-5989 or visit**

**[www.voachorus.org](http://www.voachorus.org)**

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

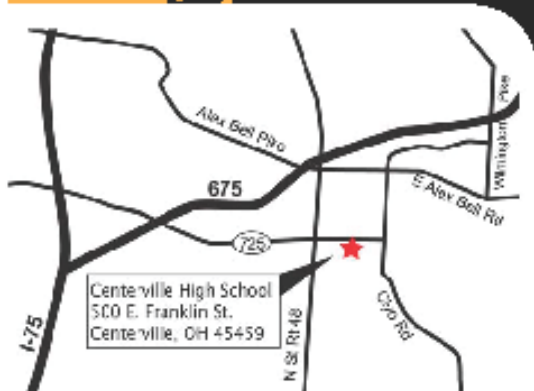
**MAXX Factor**

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



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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  
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## **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!!