



# HARMONY HOMECOMING

FALL MUSIC SCHOOL: AUGUST 26TH & 27TH, 2022

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## Region 14 Harmony Homecoming Event FAQ

**What is Region 14's Harmony Homecoming?** Region 14's Harmony Homecoming is a Fall Music School, Reunion, & Singing Celebration like no other! It's finally time to be together again in person, and we can't wait to celebrate and sing with you!

**When & Where is Region 14's Harmony Homecoming?** August 26th - 27th, 2022 at The Sheraton Charlotte Airport Hotel in Charlotte, NC - 3315 SCOTT FUTRELL DRIVE, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, USA, 28208

**What will Region 14's Harmony Homecoming include?**

- Region 14 Pep Rally
- Harmony Brigade
- Region 14 All-Sing Chorus Performance
- Leadership Workshops led by Jan Carly
- Coaching Opportunities for Quartets by Ryan Heller
- Classes taught by Region 14 Faculty
- Private Vocal Instruction (PVI) Opportunities
- The Harmony Homecoming Send Off Show & Harmony Brigade Festival Finals
- Homecoming Dance Party

**How do I register?** You can register online at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sai-region-14-harmony-homecoming-tickets-367498115757>. You will need to complete the registration form and select either the Harmony Brigade Track or the General Education Track in order to register. Once registered, you will receive access to the schedule and class information for the weekend, sheet music and tracks for the Region 14 All-Sing Chorus, and sheet music and tracks for the Harmony Brigade track if you registered for that track.

**How much is registration?**

Registration Fees are as follows:

- \$85 - Region 14 Member - Early Bird (purchased by 7/29)
- \$110 - Non-Region 14 Member - Early Bird (purchased by 7/29)
- \$110 - Region 14 Member (purchased 7/30 or later)
- \$125 - Non-Region 14 Member (purchased 7/30 or later)

**How do I reserve hotel accommodations?** The Sheraton Charlotte Hotel is offering a special group rate of \$129 USD per night. The last day to book at this rate is August 4th, 2022. Please click the link here to book your reservation with the group rate: [Book your group rate for Sweet Adelines Fall Education Workshop](#)



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**What The Heck Is A Harmony Brigade?** A Harmony Brigade is a fun-filled weekend of non-stop quartet singing and quartet partner switching. Participants learn a common repertoire of fun songs arranged in the barbershop style and arrive fully prepared and ready to sing with whoever asks all weekend long. Each participant receives a "dance card" upon arrival and will, over the course of the weekend, attempt to sing with EVERY participant in quartet formation. **There are only 80 spots available for this track and only 20 spots for each voice part (for a total of 20 quartets), so make sure you sign up as soon as possible to reserve your spot in this track!**

This event track includes 2 rounds of a fun, low-stakes Festival Contest where participants are assigned to a quartet by random draw and sing songs assigned from the Region 14 Repertoire (also assigned by random draw). It also includes the Region 14 All-Sing Chorus, under the direction of Ryan Heller, which will perform two of the regional songs for the Saturday night show! The Harmony Brigade Finals will kick-off the Harmony Homecoming Send-off Show, and then the Region 14 All-Sing Chorus will perform along with our Region 14 International representative Quartets and choruses, and with a special guest appearance from our Celebrity Quartet!

**Do I need to sing in a quartet currently in order to sign up for the Harmony Brigade Track?** Nope! This is actually a great way to try quartetting in a supportive and fun environment! It's also a really fun way to meet members who you may be interested in singing with in the future!

### **How prepared do I need to be to participate in the Harmony Brigade Track?**

You should be committed to learning the 6 Regional Songs on the voice part you register for and be prepared to sing your part fully memorized in multiple quartet settings!

### **What are the 5 songs I should prepare for the Harmony Brigade and where do I find the sheet music and tracks?**

The 6 Harmony Brigade songs are:

- "It's The Music That Brings Us Together" by Clay Hine
- "Let's Start Tomorrow Tonight" arr. by Larry Wright
- "I Believe" arr. by Tom Gentry
- "The Power of The Dream" arr. by Tedda Lippencott
- "We Are Family" arr. by Anna-Maria Nystrom

All sheet music and tracks will be shared in the registration confirmation for the Harmony Brigade Track. You must purchase your registration in order to gain access to the sheet music and tracks.

### **What will the weekend look like if I sign up for the Harmony Brigade Track?**

Friday: After first checking into the hotel, the next point of business is to check in to pick up your event registration. The registration check-in table will be open from 4:00PM - 6:45PM. You will receive your name badge with your voice part labeled, your dance card, and a shortlist of each song with the key signature for pitch blowing purposes. After registration, feel free to start filling up that dance card! Try singing in as many quartet combinations as possible. The dance card provides a way to record the names of singers with whom a participant sings in various quartet combinations. We will award a prize to the



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singer who sings with the most people during the weekend. The dance card can also be used to network by helping participants locate and contact other participants after the weekend.

Harmony Homecoming begins with a Pep Rally at 7:00PM! It is then that everyone learns which three singers will complete their quartet for the first round(semi-finals) of the Harmony Brigade Festival. This is also when the song selection will be revealed for each random quartet. Quartets then have 1 hour to choose a quartet name and to hone their skills on the assigned song. All quartets will cross the stage beginning at 9:00PM, each singing their assigned song for a panel of Sweet Adelines celebrity judges. The Harmony Brigade Quartet Finalists will be announced following the semi-final round. These finalists will advance to the Saturday Evening Harmony Brigade Finals, where they will be expected to sing another randomly selected song, often determined only in time to blow pitch and sing!

Saturday: Following the General Morning Warm-Up Session on Saturday, Brigade Participants will have the opportunity to rehearse with their quartets if they have advanced to the final round, or have the opportunity to continue filling their dance card! This will take place from 10:15AM - 12:00PM, when lunch begins. Following lunch, Brigade participants may choose whether they'd like to attend some of the General Fall Music School classes, or are welcome to continue singing! At 3:30PM, the All-Sing Chorus Rehearsal begins, and Ryan Heller will rehearse all Brigade Participants in a mass-sing chorus. Each song is rehearsed in preparation for the Saturday evening show! While the chorus is not the focus of the Brigade, there is no escaping the thrill of this large, wonderfully prepared gathering that many singers don't otherwise get to experience. Dinner is on your own beginning at 5:00 p.m. after which everyone returns for the Harmony Brigade Finals and the Homecoming Send-off Show. During the show, the top three Brigade Quartets will be announced and awarded. Additional awards, such as the singer who sang in the most pick-up quartets and the singer who was voted "most fun to sing with" will also be given at the end of the show! We will wrap up the entire weekend with a Homecoming Dance Party, and likely singing into the wee hours of the morning!

Sunday morning, it's time for good-byes and a safe trip home! Don't forget to connect with those you sang with over the weekend so you can make plans to potentially start a brand new quartet!

**What will the weekend look like if I sign up for the General Education Track?** It will be a Fall Music School with exciting leadership workshop sessions led by Jan Carly, classes and PVIs taught by our fabulous Regional Faculty, and an opportunity to perform with the Region 14 All-Sing Chorus directed by Ryan Heller! The schedule for the General Education Track is as follows:

Friday:

- 7:00PM - 8:00PM - Region 14 Pep Rally!
- 8:00PM - 10:00PM - Leadership Workshop #1 with Jan Carly

Saturday:

- 9:00AM - 10:00AM - Morning Warm-Up Session



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- 10:15AM - 12:00PM - Leadership Workshop #2 with Jan Carly
- 12:00PM - 1:15PM - Lunch on your own OR Luncheons for Director's, Team Coordinators, and Membership Coordinators
- 1:15PM - 2:15PM - Leadership Session #3
- 2:15PM - 3:15PM - Breakout Classes led by Regional Faculty
- 3:30PM - 5:00PM - Region 14 All-Sing Chorus Rehearsal with Ryan Heller OR Leadership Session #4 with Jan Carly
- 5:00PM - 6:45PM - Dinner on your own
- 7:00PM - 9:00PM - Harmony Homecoming Send Off Show & Harmony Brigade Festival Finals
- 9:00PM - 11:00PM - Homecoming Dance Party

**If I don't participate in the Harmony Brigade, can I still sing with the Region 14 All-Sing Chorus?** ABSOLUTELY! Everyone is welcome to sing in the Region 14 All-Sing Chorus! We will be recording this performance and will be singing "It's The Music That Brings Us Together" arranged by Clay Hine and "We Are Family" arranged by Anna-Maria Nystrom. We encourage ALL attendees to perform!

**What is the Harmony Homecoming Send Off Show & Harmony Brigade Festival Finals?** The Harmony Homecoming Show is a send off performance showcasing our Region 14 representatives for the 2022 International Convention, our Harmony Brigade Festival Finalists, and our Region 14 All-Sing Chorus! We will also celebrate our Region 14 Award Recipients during this show!

**What is the Homecoming Dance Party?** It's a Homecoming Dance complete with a D.J., Dance Floor, and a cash bar! Dress to impress to dance the night away!

**Will there be any festivities late on Friday and Saturday?** That is completely up to you! We know we will be partying and singing in the lobby until the wee hours of the morning and hope you'll join us for the fun!

**I'd like to buy a T-shirt - where can I get one of those?** You can order your Region 14 Harmony Homecoming T-shirt here:

<https://www.gritandgracequartet.com/store/region-14-harmony-homecoming-unisex-t-shirt>

\*We recommend ordering no later than August 12th because it can sometimes take 2 weeks to arrive.

**Who do I contact if I have any questions?** Please contact Sarah Lindvall for education related questions at [education@sairegion14.org](mailto:education@sairegion14.org) or contact Mary Margaret Prange for hotel/event related questions at [events@sairegion14.org](mailto:events@sairegion14.org).