

Illinois District Chorus and International Pre-Lim Chorus Contests To be held in Bloomington/Normal on September 19th thru the 21st New Contest Format - First Annual Fall Only Convention

This September, we, the Illinois District, will be conducting all of our annual chorus and quartet contests during a single convention. This will be our first convention that falls under our new, one convention per year format. The only exception will be our ILL District High School Quartet Contest. That contest will still be held in the spring. It will be held at a Spring Event to be announced later. That means we will be conducting all of our quartet and chorus International Pre-Lims and all of our District Contests during this once a year super convention (note the one exception above).

The CJ-20 system is up and running and I encourage all Illinois District choruses to enter. The quartet contests will start on Friday evening, September 19, 2014. The 2nd quartet round will start on Saturday, September 20th around noon. The chorus contest will be held on Saturday evening. The headquarters hotel is the Marriott in Normal, IL. The venue is the Bloomington Center For The Performing Arts in Bloomington (about 10 minutes from the hotel).

We will have chorus practice rooms at the BCPA Saturday morning and perhaps in the afternoon also. I don't know yet if we will have any practice rooms at the Marriott. That info to follow.

Here is the list of chorus contests that will be part of our Fall, 2014 "Annual Convention". All Chorus contests will be held at the BCPA venue on Saturday evening starting at about 6:00 or 6:30 PM. All choruses will sing 2 numbers just as they have in the past:

1. **International Chorus Pre-Lim** (all choruses eligible to enter)
2. **Illinois District Chorus Championship** (all choruses except for our last two District Champions [Northbrook and Bloomington] are eligible to enter)
3. **Plateau 1-A Championship** (Arlington Heights, Bureau County, Carbondale, Champaign-Urbana, Chicago #1, Chicago Metro, Collinsville, Danville, Decatur, Harrisburg, Kankakee, Greater Rockford, Macomb, Kishwaukee Valley, Quincy, Peoria, Sandoval (Okaw Valley), Rock Island, Will-Cook, Waterloo)
4. **Plateau 2-A Championship** (Aurora, DuPage Valley, Elgin, Springfield)
5. **Plateau 3-A Championship** (Chicagoland West Suburban, Rockford Metro, Sterling-Rock Falls)
6. **Plateau 4-A Championship** (Bellville, Coles County, Lake County)
7. **Plateau 5-A Championship** (Bloomington, Northbrook)
8. **Most Improved Chorus Award** – This award is being contested for the first time in several years and will go to the chorus with the highest percentage gain in their score when compared to their last competition score. A chorus's "Base Score" is their most recent contest score from the past three years (6 conventions). If a chorus has not competed in the past three years, then that chorus is not eligible to win the award this year, but their score earned this year will become their base score for next year.

Some of our members belong to more than one chapter. According to both International Contest Rules and District completion policy, they may sing in more than one chorus. Members are allowed to sing in completion with all choruses where they are a paid up member. If you have this situation with-in your chorus, please let me know and I will attempt to set the order of appearance to handle these situations.

If you have any questions on any of this, email or call me. Some of the above is still evolving and I will let you know of additional changes as they occur.

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