



## BULLETIN # 3

# REGION 21 GOLDEN WEST REGIONAL CONVENTION AND COMPETITION April 11-14, 2024

<https://www.region21.org/2024-spring-convention>

### **Convention Hotel - Torrance Marriott Redondo Beach**

3635 Fashion Way Torrance, CA 90503

(310) 316-3636

<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/laxtr-torrance-marriott-redondo-beach/overview/>

### **Competition Venue - The Marsee Auditorium**

At El Camino Community College

16007 Crenshaw Boulevard Torrance, CA 90506

<https://www.elcamino.edu/campus-life/arts/visitors/marsee-auditorium.aspx>

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## THIS IS YOUR FINAL BULLETIN!

There is an old saying about April showers, but we have it on good authority that it only rains one day in the Torrance area in April. Your Regional Convention Steering Committee ([RCSC](#)) is looking forward to seeing everyone in beautiful, sunny California very soon!

All bulletin content is available on the [Region 21 Convention website](#), and links are available throughout the document. Quick Links:

[Event Schedule](#)   [Digital Convention Program](#)   [Live Broadcast Purchase](#)   [Single Event Ticket Purchase](#)

## YOUTUBE LIVESTREAM

We will be hosting a livestream broadcast of the contest via YouTube! Let your family and friends who can't be there in person know they can still watch you.

- Cost is \$25. Payment and instructions are available on the main [Region 21 website](#).
- An email with the livestream password and instructions will be emailed prior to the competition.

## 2024 DIGITAL PROGRAM

Check out the [Digital Convention Program](#) to find:

- The official lineup of quartet and chorus competitors and the official judging panel.
- The latest general contest information, including parking and transportation.
- A full list of Boutique vendors!

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### HOTEL

- Each person will check in at the hotel and give their credit card so room fees can be split appropriately.
- Self Parking is available for \$15.00 per day. Valet parking is available for \$38.00 per day.

### REGISTRATION/AETs

- Your AET/Name badge is your ticket to all events and **MUST** be worn throughout the weekend.
  - If you are a competitor and IN COSTUME you do not need to have your badge at the Marsee.
  - The Marsee Auditorium staff will check for badges (and SET wristbands) before allowing entry to those in street clothes.
- Badges (AETs) may be picked up at the Registration table by each individual member.
- You will not be allowed to pick up someone else's AET.
- **Bring Your Own Badge Holder!** Help us reduce, reuse, and recycle. Bring extra badge holders to share! Badge holders will be available at the registration table if absolutely needed.
- **All registration fees (AETs) are transferable, but not refundable.**

**NOTE:** Registration will be moved from the hotel to the Marsee Auditorium and will re-open at the Auditorium approximately 45 minutes before the contest begins on both days. See the [Event Schedule](#) for Registration location and hours of operation.

## SINGLE EVENT TICKETS (SETs)

SET Costs: **\$70.00** (Adult) and **\$35.00** (Youth-25 years or under) - Purchase online [HERE](#)

- **Tickets can NOT be sold at the Marsee Auditorium so you must buy your ticket online or at the Convention Registration table at the Marriott hotel.**
  - **Encourage your friends and family to get their tickets NOW!**
  - There will be QR codes to the website posted OUTSIDE the auditorium.
  - Last minute ticket buyers can use the QR code prior to entering, and show their receipt at the will-call table.

## CONTEST SEATING

- Except for VIP seating, contest seating is general admission/open seating, and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

## PARKING AT THE MARSEE AUDITORIUM

- Park in the 5 story garage (Lot H) behind the theater next to the tennis courts.
  - Here is a map of the [Marsee Traffic Pattern and Parking info](#).
  - It is about 200 paces from the corner of the parking structure to the Theater.
- Do not park in the lot in front of the theater (Lot J), unless you have a handicapped placard.
  - Handicapped parking is **very limited** in Lot J.
  - Handicapped placards will **only** be honored in designated handicapped spots.
  - If you park in a non-handicapped spot in Lot J, you will be ticketed even if you have a handicapped placard.
- Lot J is a reserved lot for faculty even on Saturdays and **you will be ticketed**.

## MARSEE AUDITORIUM TRANSPORTATION

Our competition venue is the Marsee auditorium at El Camino College, which is about a 20-minute drive from the hotel.

- The Region will be providing transportation from the convention hotel **TO THE Marsee Auditorium for COMPETITORS ONLY**.
- This is critical in order to keep the competitor pattern on schedule, and to stay within our budget.
- **Return transportation to the hotel is GUARANTEED ONLY FOR THE TOP 5 QUARTETS ON FRIDAY AND THE WINNING CHORUS ON SATURDAY.**

Vans or buses will be available on a limited basis after they are no longer needed to transport the competitors per the schedule below:

### Quartet Contest Friday 4/12:

- **Return transportation to the hotel is GUARANTEED ONLY FOR THE TOP 5 QUARTETS**
- **Return transportation is NOT GUARANTEED for all other competitors and guests**, and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. **SEE UPDATE BELOW**
- Return transportation officially begins after the last competitor is dropped at the Marsee (approximately 5:00 pm) and will run until 6:40 pm.
- Transportation is limited to 15-passenger vans and one 56-passenger bus.
- The vans/bus will have a sign that says RETURN TO MARRIOTT in the window.
- Carpooling is encouraged and parking is FREE at the Marsee Parking Garage H.
- Rideshare (Uber and Lyft) are also readily available in the area and inexpensive when shared with several people.

**UPDATE:** We will allow return transportation to the hotel on the vans/buses during competition as we can. This will be on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED basis for those queued up and ready. We CANNOT disrupt the flow of getting the vans/buses back to the hotel, but if you are ready and waiting for a ride back after a group is dropped off the drivers will do a quick pick-up. Please respect that transportation is primarily for the competitors and the drivers will not wait, nor will they overload a vehicle.

#### **Chorus Contest Saturday 4/13:**

- **Return transportation to the hotel is GUARANTEED ONLY FOR THE WINNING CHORUS**
- **Return transportation is NOT GUARANTEED for all other competitors and guests**, and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. **SEE UPDATE BELOW**
- Return transportation will officially begin after the last competitor is dropped at the Marsee (approximately 3:15 pm) until 5:25 pm.
- Transportation will be on 56-passenger buses on a rotating basis. The buses will have a sign that says RETURN TO MARRIOTT in the window.
- Carpooling is encouraged and parking is FREE at the Marsee Parking Garage H.
- Rideshare (Uber and Lyft) are also readily available in the area and inexpensive when shared with several people.

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## **COMPETITION DETAILS & LOGISTICS**

All details and logistics have been sent to the choruses and quartets by Lou Gordon, your Competition Coordinator. A few reminders:

**Purses:** We encourage EVERYONE to minimize this as much as possible. A small make-up type bag with your lipstick, room key, car keys, cell phone if you must and a small amount of cash (the auditorium has a snack bar but they only take cash and no alcohol is sold). If roommates can share a small bag that would be great. Each quartet will get a purse bag as you finish your warmup at the auditorium and it will be returned to you in the lobby after you get off stage. Choruses will have several bags based on chorus size.

**Parking:** if you want to leave a car in the auditorium parking lot when you come over for the Judges' Inspection on Friday morning (carpooling is your new best friend!) please be sure that you park in the garage BEHIND the auditorium. It is labeled Lot H and the entrance is on Stadium Way which you turn onto from W Redondo Beach Blvd. It's FREE. If you would like to drop passengers off in front of the auditorium that's okay but only those with a Handicapped Placard or license plate may actually park in Lot J. NO ONE MAY PARK IN LOT K at any time during the weekend. Please pass this information on to anyone who is coming to see you sing!

**WITHDRAWALS:** Please note: If a chorus or quartet has to withdraw, a written withdrawal notice must be received by International Headquarters. This notification may come by email, but a phone call is not sufficient. Should you need to withdraw on competition weekend, please notify the Competition Coordinator, Lou Gordon, at 480-375-8362.

## OTHER WEEKEND EVENTS

Check the [Event Schedule](#) for updates on room locations for all events. In addition to our contests, you won't want to miss these:

- Shopping at the Boutique - check out the Vendor Flyer at the end of the bulletin!
- Thursday night Club 21 Quartet Jamboree! Tickets only \$10! Get them online [here](#) or cash at the door. *Come support our Region 21 Quartets as they get ready for the competition! Money raised at this event is split between Region 21 quartets representing us at international.*
- Friday morning get-together for new Region 21 members
- Friday morning get-together for Chapter-At-Large members
- Friday morning Education Class: The Singing Actor with Theresa Weatherbee  
*Imagine your performance at its highest level of entertainment. Some think making barbershop music is magic but the skills to bring the music to life are not. You can learn these skills along with the understanding of your role on stage through The Singing Actor class, as we take a new look at barbershop in relation to the real world of performance.*
- Saturday night Harmony Showcase  
*This fun event has performances, presentations, and awards—do not miss! The guest emcee is Krista Moller, former Region 21 member and current assistant director in Region 31. Some awards are given at the Harmony Showcase: Audience Choice (chorus and quartet), Novice (quartet), Most Improved (chorus and quartet), and Platinum (quartet).*
- Saturday night Afterglows! Let's party on the 2nd floor!  
*One of the great traditions of barbershoppers is singing tags and making new friends and memories! After the Harmony Showcase, people will be free to mingle in the Grand Ballroom, Grand Ballroom Lobby, and 2nd floor Hospitality Rooms.*
- Sunday morning Coffee with the Judges  
*This fun bring-your-own coffee event is a lovely way to wrap up the weekend. Judges will be available to discuss the criteria in their categories, how they judge a contestant, specifics of the levels, and any possible trends they are seeing. Please note: This is not a discussion of personal scoresheets or evaluations.*

## HOTEL DINING AND LOCAL EATERIES, SNACKS AT THE MARSEE

There are lots of dining options in the Torrance area. Please see the Dining Information document on the website for more detailed information. Top things to note are:

- The Marriott provides a QR code in each hotel room that can be used for ordering food to pick up or be delivered to your room.
- Here is a link to the hotel website with their dining options and some nearby restaurant recommendations:  
<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/laxtr-torrance-marriott-redondo-beach/dining/>
- The Torrance Marriott is across the street from the Del Amo Fashion Center. There are several restaurants and a food court at the mall. <https://www.simon.com/mall/del-amo-fashion-center/dining>
- There will be a CASH ONLY snack bar at the Marsee Auditorium during the contest. Light snacks, water and soda are available for \$1.00 each. Snacks must be eaten in the lobby, only water is allowed in the auditorium itself.
- The Auditorium is on a dry campus. No alcohol or smoking please.
- The Saturday night no-host bar during the Harmony Showcase will take cash and credit cards, but no room charges.

## PHOTOS & DIGITAL RECORDINGS

### PHOTOS:

- Official competition photos will be taken by Freeze-Frame Photography.
- The forms and instructions are available [HERE](#).
- Order forms and payments should be brought to the competition briefing on Thursday.
- Quartet photos will be taken in a photo room prior to competing, chorus photos will be taken on the stage immediately after competing.

**A reminder that NO photographs or videos are allowed from any audience member during the competition, unless authorized by Sweet Adelines International. There is also a very strict “no photography” policy in the quartet photo room - no photos are to be taken by anyone other than Freeze Frame Photography.**

### COMPETITION DIGITAL RECORDING:

- Following the contest, competing quartets and choruses will be emailed a login to download their competition recording.
- Emails will be sent to the competitor contact person.

*We look forward to seeing everyone soon!*

*- Your [RCSC](#) (Regional Convention Steering Committee)*