



#### A MESSAGE TO REGION 16 MEMBERS REGARDING UPCOMING 72<sup>ND</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

On behalf of the Regional Executive Committee, we would like to inform all our Regional attendees to the International Competition in St. Louis that we will be holding a Pep Rally on Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm in the Dome Convention Center, Room 276. This Rally will take place just prior to the start of the Harmony Classic which begins at 6:00 pm.

This is our opportunity to acknowledge, support, and reflect on the accomplishments of our wonderful Region 16 International Chorus and Quartet Representatives to the 72<sup>nd</sup> International Convention as they make their final preparations to the International Competition stage.

With that in mind, we applaud our 2017 Regional Chorus Champions Buffalo Gateway Chorus under the Direction of Master Director Diane Porsch, our 2017 Region 16 2<sup>nd</sup> place Medalists and Wildcard Representative to St. Louis Circle of Harmony Chorus under the Direction of Master Barb Hodge, our 2018 Regional Quartet Champions SoundByte Quartet, and of course, our 2018 International 4<sup>th</sup> place Quartet "Spritzer" on their incredible 9<sup>TH</sup> consecutive trip to the International Stage!! Region 16 is most proud of each and every one of you, and offer you are best wishes, support, and love as you represent us on the International stage in a few short weeks.

Finally, for the past year, and for the 5<sup>th</sup> time in our history, Region 16 has enjoyed the honor of sharing the same region with the current 2018 International Chorus Champions. As the onset of the 72<sup>nd</sup> International Convention quickly approaches, it is with a great sense of pride and gratitude that we take this last opportunity today to once again applaud our North Metro chorus for this outstanding achievement, for their ever incredible representation of our Region, and for the tremendous inspiration they have been to our Regional members. Under the Master Direction of Master Director Erin Howden, the chorus reflects their commitment to excellence and has set a wonderful example their Region 16 sisters...set a goal, work hard to achieve it...and Believe. Although they will be relinquishing their title in a few short weeks, North Metro can never conceal the skills and musical perfection that earned them the 2959 points and 2018 International Championship. The title may be handed on, but the motivation to aspire to greatness that this performance inspired in all of us will long remain a legacy to their accomplishment.

For those members of our Region who will not be attending this convention, remember that you can follow our Region 16 performances and all competitors, by watching the International Webcast.....please watch for updated info on this as we get closer to the event.

Thank you!

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