

# Come on and Sing!



Quartet Retreat - January 24-25

#SAI25Sing

It's time to register for Region 25's not-to-be-missed event - Quartet Retreat!

Our guest faculty this year will be the amazing Anne Downton. She has been singing barbershop music since 2000, when she joined Westcoast Harmony Chorus. Currently serving as their Master Director—a title she achieved at the remarkable age of 24—Anne has led the chorus to significant accomplishments, including winning the 2013 Harmony Classic Championship and earning a 6th place finish at International in Kansas City last fall.

Anne is a respected member of the International Faculty and the Education Direction Committee (EDC) and served as co-chair of the 2024 Directors and Visual Leaders Seminar. She has also served Region 26 as Education Coordinator and as a member of the Regional Education Faculty.

In addition to her leadership roles, Anne sings baritone with the 2017 International Quartet Champion, Frenzy. Residing in the Greater Vancouver area, Anne balances her musical endeavors with a successful career as a senior corporate legal assistant at a law firm. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology, which she earned in 2010 from Simon Fraser University.

**When:** January 24-25 2025. Events start at 7:00 Friday evening, and the fun doesn't end until Saturday evening.

**Where:** Edmond Church of Christ, 801 Bryant Avenue, Edmond, OK (Oklahoma City area)

**Who:** Education is targeted toward quartets, but **all** singers benefit from learning more about vocal skills and performance. Novice and experienced quartets, single singers/observers who want to learn about barbershop, and anyone else who may want to be a part of this fun weekend are all welcome. Back by popular demand is Harmony Roulette – an optional opportunity to sing in many quartet combinations all in one day! (see separate document)

<b>How much:</b>	Region 25 quartet	\$250
	Single Singer/Observer	\$60
	Roulette (hurry – limited to 12 of each voice part!)	\$60
	Non-Region 25 quartet	\$350

**What happens:** Top-notch education includes three classes by International Faculty, Anne Downton, and quartet coaching by our own regional faculty (each quartet receives three coaching sessions). Observers are welcome to learn in all coaching sessions. In addition to fabulous education and quartet coaching, we will once again be holding Harmony Roulette.

**Harmony Roulette:** Harmony Roulette is an optional activity at Quartet Retreat – a smaller-scale version of Harmony Brigade, designed for singers to enjoy a day filled with singing in a variety of quartet combinations. Each participant learns and prepares two songs in the weeks/months prior to the event. The day begins with participants forming as many different quartet configurations as possible, with the goal of singing with every other singer. In the afternoon, singers are randomly assigned to quartets through a draw. These newly formed quartets rehearse one of the prepared songs and then perform it for the other participants. Pre-registration is required to ensure that participants have enough time to learn the music and fully enjoy this unique and fun-filled experience.

**Deadlines:** January 10<sup>th</sup> for quartet registration, January 15<sup>th</sup> for hotel reservations. Registration for Harmony Roulette is open on a first come, first served basis; registration will close when all slots have been filled (12 on each voice part.) Harmony Roulette registration is encouraged by December 31 to allow singers enough time to learn the music.

**Registration:**

[Quartet/Single Singer/Harmony Roulette Registration](#)

[Faculty/RMT/Season Pass Holders Registration](#)

**Nearby hotel options (call for rates and to make reservations):**

- **Hilton Garden Inn OKC North** – (faculty hotel) – 405-285-0990  
2833 Conference Dr, Edmond -- distance from venue: 5.9 miles
- **Holiday Day Inn Express & Suites** – 405-844-3700  
3840 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Edmond -- distance from venue: 3.4 miles
- **Home2 Suites by Hiltons Edmond** – 405-285-8380  
321 Meline Drive, Edmond – distance from venue: 3.7 miles
- **LaQuinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Edmond** – 405-513-5353  
200 Meline Drive, Edmond – distance from venue: 3.6 miles
- **Hampton Inn OKC/Edmond** – 405-844-3037  
300 Meline Drive, Edmond -- distance from venue: 3.6 miles
- **Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Edmond** – 405-314-4818  
30 Meline Drive, Edmond -- distance from venue: 3.6 miles

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We hope to see YOU in January!