



Far Western District SPRING CONVENTION

March 24-26, 2023 • Burbank, California

Hosted by the Greater Los Angeles Chapter • Masters of Harmony

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, March 24, 2023

Event	Start	End	Location	Room
BOD and DMT Meeting	12:00 PM	2:00 PM	Marriott	Vine A & B
HOD Meeting	3:00 PM	4:30 PM	Marriott	Vine A & B
Registration Opens	4:00 PM	9:00 PM	Marriott	Convention Center Lobby
Quartet Warmups	4:55 PM	8:45 PM	Marriott	Sunset A, Sunset B, Vine A, Vine B
Doors Open	5:00 PM			
Quartet Semifinals	5:30 PM	9:15 PM	Marriott	Academy 4, 5, 6
Quartet Evals	10:00 PM	12:00 AM	Marriott	Judges' Rooms

Saturday, March 25, 2023

Event	Start	End	Location	Room
Registration Opens	8:00 AM	11:45 AM	Marriott	Convention Center Lobby
Everyone Welcome Chorus Rehearsal	9:15 AM	9:55 AM	Marriott	Vine B
Chorus Warmups	9:25 AM	11:25 AM	Marriott	Sunset A & B, Vine A, Vine B
Doors Open	9:30 AM			
Chorus Session	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	Marriott	Academy 4, 5, 6
Chorus Evals	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Marriott	Sunset A & B, Vine A, Vine B, Academy 4, Academy 5, Academy 6
Registration Opens	5:30 PM	7:00 PM	Marriott	Convention Center Lobby
Doors Open	5:30 PM			
Quartet Finals	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Marriott	Academy 4, 5, 6
Show of Champs	8:15 PM	9:15 PM	Marriott	Academy 4, 5, 6
Quartet Evals	9:30 PM	11:30 PM	Marriott	Judges' Rooms



Convention Dedicatee

MELANY SCHMIDT CALLAGHER

Melany Schmidt Callagher has always been a singer, in no small part because of her mother's vocal skills. Over 40 years ago she entered Ron Black's life as his eldest step daughter, and that happy circumstance turned her into a remarkably skilled and active barbershopper. She has sung lead in many quartets, competing at all levels including the SAI International contest. As the director of the Santa Rosa Redwood Chordsmen for 9 years you have seen her skills on display at FWD contests many times. Currently she is the Assistant Director for the SAI Pacific Empire Chorus.

Nearly 20 years before the BHS opened the door to female membership Melany began to volunteer for backstage responsibilities at FWD contests and quickly became the Stage Manager at both the Spring and Fall District contests as well as many Division contests. This is a behind-the-scenes effort which entails setting up the stage configuration, helping with the judges equipment, overseeing the quartet and chorus flow, managing the on-stage post-contest presentations, and then helping clear the area at the end of the event.

Any of you who have competed in one of these events has been treated to Melany's calm demeanor and gracious smile as you have come on stage. This was true even during the tragic time when she and her husband Eric were among the hundreds who lost their homes in the devastating fire which decimated much of Santa Rosa a few years ago. Melany has certainly earned her stripes in what was formerly an exclusively male endeavor. Well done, Mel!

2023 Spring Convention Committee

Convention Chairmen.....	Lenny Jensen
FWD President.....	Kenny Rios
FWD Asst. DRCJ.....	Ben Porter
FWD Events Director.....	Bill Rosica
FWD Registrar.....	David Melville
FWD Treasurer.....	Rich Owen
Production Managers.....	Jim & Sharon Ernsberger
Sound Engineer.....	Jim Ernsberger
Stage Manager.....	Sharon Ernsberger
Judges Services.....	Don & Karrie Shively
Judges Transportation.....	Lenny Jensen
Convention Program/Graphics.....	David Melville

Int'l Quartet Preliminaries Semifinals & SoCal Divisions Quartet Contest

Friday, March 24 at 5:30 PM • Emcee: Donny Rose

(P=Prelims, SE=Southeast Division, SW=Southwest Division, SR=Senior, N=Novice, SSR=Super Senior)

Quartet members are listed Tenor, Lead, Baritone, Bass

MT. Cut for Time	Central Arizona, Greater Phoenix, Mesa, Frank Thorne	
	Adam Kaufman, Bryan Thompson, Ken Hammer, Jay Breen	
1. The Seventh Variety (SW)	Greater Los Angeles, Westminster, Frank Thorne	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall
	Jacob Gonzalez, Michael Kelesian, Emil Pichardo, Mitchell James Sampang	
2. Swimming With Sharps (P, SW)	Greater Los Angeles, Rincon Beach	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall
	Michael Van Schoonhoven, Justin McQueen, Spencer Randell, Edward Fuller	
3. All in Accord (SW, SR, N)	San Fernando Valley	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall
	Dave Kirby, Mark Nudelman, Mathew Schreiber, Mark Singer	
4. The Essentials (P, SW)	Brea, Westminster, Frank Thorne	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall
	Graham Pence, Ben Smurthwaite, Jason James, John Saylor	
5. Step Outside (SW)	Greater Los Angeles, Westminster	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall
	Ernie Reyes, David Feiner, Jeremy Loper, Bill Finlan	
6. Balancing Act (P, SE, N)	La Jolla, San Diego	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall
	Shelley Anderson, Alice Burgé, Davin Curtis, Tom Fazekas	
7. Motley Q (P, SE)	Greater Los Angeles, La Jolla, Frank Thorne	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall
	Tracey Sandberg, Linda Schrab, Bryan Sandberg, Charles Carothers	
8. Coastal Classic (P, SE, SR, N, SSR)	Barbary Coast, Greater Los Angeles, La Jolla, San Diego, Walnut Creek	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall
	Nilene Thompson-Finn, Chuck Leavitt, Norm Finn, Craig Hughes	
9. Capitol Ring (P)	California Delta, Las Vegas, Reno, Frank Thorne	
	Dallas Halvorson, Larry Halvorson, Kevin Palmer, Mike Stewart	
10. California Kings (SE, N)	Westminster	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall
	Alex Carlson, Lucas Der Mugrdchian, OJ de la Osa, Mitchell James Sampang	
11. The Summertime Harmony Band (P)	Westminster	
	Lane Aikin, Derrek Wayne, Kedar Shashidhar, Kyle Williamson	
Intermission		
12. See You At Six (P, SW, SR)	Greater Los Angeles, Pasadena	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall
	Phil Wolf, Jim Ernsberger, Maurice Freleaux, Gary Krall	
13. Chord Club (P)	Barbary Coast, California Delta, Greater Los Angeles	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall
	Ty Jones, Miles Brown, Dominic Pedotto, Noah Rulison	
14. The Newfangled Four (P)	Westminster, Frank Thorne	
	Joey Buss, Jackson Niebrugge, Marcus Carline, Jake Tickner	
15. Old Town Rascals (P, SE)	Temecula	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall
	Arthur Sauls, Steve Secules, Mark Lewis, Samuel Irvin	
16. Argonauts (P-EVG)	Arcata, Portland Metro, Portland	
	Iain Haukka, Andrew Forsyth, Drew Osterhout, Mark Heathershaw	
17. Fermata The Blue (P, SW)	Greater Los Angeles, Santa Monica	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall
	Andrew Lehto, David Livingston, Jim Leedom, John White	
18. Bardic Inspiration (SE)	Westminster	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall
	Harrison Patri, Chris Rodrigues, Eddie McNally, Hunter Farrington	
19. Six Feet Off Base (P, SW, SR)	Greater Los Angeles, Pasadena, Westminster	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall
	Michael Van Schoonhoven, Lenny Jensen, Mark Travis, Willie Daw	
20. Gang Busters (P, SW, SR)	Greater Los Angeles, Frank Thorne	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall
	Jim Thompson, Brad Kelso, Dan Jordan, Geoff Wilson	
21. High Stakes (P, SE)	Las Vegas, Frank Thorne	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall
	Kurtis Harrold, Cam Espino, Kevin Brekke, Jason Hill	
22. Show Biz (SE, SR)	Fullerton, Greater Los Angeles, South Bay, Frank Thorne	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall
	Craig Ewing, Tom Moore, Gary Bolles, Jim Kline	

SoCal Divisions Chorus Contest

Saturday, March 25 at 10:00 AM • Emcee: Adam Kaufman

(SE=Southeast Division, SW=Southwest Division, A/AA/AAA=Plateau Level)

MT. Everyone Welcome Chorus	Anyone and Everyone!	Donny Rose	
1. Valley Harmony Singers	San Fernando Valley (SW-A)	Tom Rafferty	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall
2. Pacific Coast Harmony	La Jolla (SE-AAA)	Bonnie McKibben	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall
3. SoCal Mix Chorus	Lake Forest (SE-A)	Yasu Ichikawa	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall
4. The Oceanares	Santa Monica (SW-AA)	Laura Pallas Singer	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall
5. South County Sound	South Orange County (SE-A)	Lucas Purcell	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall
6. Silver Statesmen	Las Vegas (SE-AA)	Gordon Lankenau	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall
7. Sun Harbor	San Diego (SE-AA)	Neal Palmer	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall
8. The Westminster Chorus	Westminster (SE-AAA)	Dan Wessler	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall



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MT.		
1.		<input type="checkbox"/> Int'l
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11.		<input type="checkbox"/> Int'l

PANEL OF JUDGES

Music

Andrew Carolan - Toronto, ON - ONT

J Pope - Bothell, WA - EVG

Performance

Michael Kelly - Port Orchard, WA - EVG

Jon Kready - Overland Park, KS - CSD

Singing

Jay Butterfield - Hollywood, SC - MAD

Alan Gordon - Fullerton, CA - FWD

Administrative

David Bowen (PC) - Green Valley, AZ - FWD

Bob Lawson - Albuquerque, NM - RMD

CANDIDATES

Performance

Blair Brown - Torrance, CA - FWD

Singing

Elizabeth Davies - Seattle, WA - EVG

Phil Grant - North Vancouver, BC - EVG

Administrative

Dan Bodtke - Parkville, MO - CSD

For an explanation of the judging categories visit
[farwesterndistrict.org](https://tinyurl.com/fwd-scores)

Get the scoring summaries at
<https://tinyurl.com/fwd-scores>

