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PC Admin	Dan Bodtke (CSD)
Admin	Ryan Collins (FWD)
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Musicality	Maggie McAlexander Mendez (MAD)
Performance	Tracey Beatty (HI)
Performance	Mark Kettner (SHD)
Singing	Adrian Leontovich (FWD)
Singing	Andrew Lujan (NED)



PIONEER DISTRICT 2026 FALL CONVENTION

October 15 – 18

Battle Creek, MI | Hosted by Kalamazoo and Battle Creek Chapters
Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton Battle Creek (50 Capital Ave SW)
Show Venue: Kellogg Arena (1 McCamly Square)

Schedule of Events

Thursday, Oct. 15

SingFest 6pm – 9
New Holland BrewPub
64 W. Michigan Ave.

Friday, Oct. 16

Registration 10am
DoubleTree Conference Room
Moves to Kellogg Arena at 5:45pm

Marketplace/History Display 10am
DoubleTree Conference Room – 4pm

District Board Meeting 10am
DoubleTree Meeting Room 1

PAC Meeting 10am
DoubleTree Meeting Room 2

House of Delegates Meeting 1pm
DoubleTree Meeting Rooms 3&4

Educational Sessions 3pm
See below for more details & 4pm

QCA Meeting 4pm
DoubleTree Meeting Room 4

Quartet Semifinals 7pm
Kellogg Arena

Saturday, Oct. 17

Registration 9am
Kellogg Arena

Family Mic Tester Chorus 9am
Rehearsal
DoubleTree Meeting Room 3&4

Chorus Contest 9:30am
Kellogg Arena

Quartet Finals 1:30pm
Kellogg Arena

Chorus/Quartet Feedback 4pm –
Listen to announcements for your group's time slot 8:15pm

Marketplace/History Display 4pm
DoubleTree Conference Room – 6pm

QCA Show of Champions 8pm
Kellogg Arena

Chorditorium 10pm
Stratus Ballroom

Sunday, Oct. 18

Worship Service 9am –
DoubleTree Meeting Room 3&4 9:45

3pm
New Barbershopper Orientation, Mike Hansen & Tom Ennis
Boardroom

Grant Writing for Your Chorus, Jay Bylsma
Meeting Room 1

Pioneer Round Table, Jamie Carey & Kendra LaPointe
Meeting Room 2

How to Teach a Tag, William Stutts Jr.
Meeting Room 3

AWSOW Woodshedding Room, Pete Stephens-Brown
Meeting Room 4

4pm
BHS Townhall, Luke Miller
Meeting Room 1
Harmony Mercenaries, Jason Hall
Meeting Room 2
Tag Room, William Stutts Jr.
Meeting Room 3

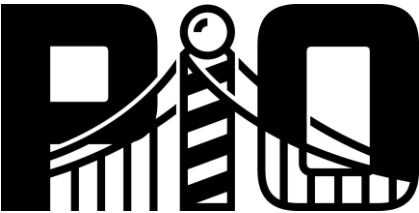


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DISTRICT QUARTET SEMIFINALS
Friday, October 16 | 7pm
Kellogg Arena

Presenter
Aaron Pollard
Director of City Lights Chorus

Mic Tester
Tenor: Dave Ebersole
Bari: George Jackson Jr.
Detroit Sound Machine
Lead: Dylan Broome
Bass: Jason Hall



1. Katnip**
Grand Rapids, Lansing, Frank Thorne
Tenor: Kathryn Summers
Bari: Mike Hansen
Lead: Paul Jones
Bass: Timothy Gerard

2. Family Tradition*
Hillsdale, Southeast Michigan, Motor City Metro
Tenor: Staci Slamka
Bari: Don Slamka
Lead: Holli Houtz
Bass: Jonah Houtz

3. Old Thyme Harmony Quartet*
Lansing, Marquette County, Pontiac-Waterford
Tenor: Pat Hefner
Bari: Tim Oliver
Lead: Jacob Welty
Bass: James McKay

4. Vocal Adventure*/**
Grand Rapids, Huron Valley, Monroe North, Motor City Metro
Tenor: David Kemp
Bari: Rob Pettigrew
Lead: Dan Vogt
Bass: Chris Berry

5. The Hideout*
Greater Detroit, Motor City Metro
Tenor: Sarah Bradley
Bari: Paul Keiser
Lead: Anna Danielson
Bass: John Paul

6. Great Woolf Quartet*
Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Southeast Michigan, Motor City Metro
Tenor: Sonnet Rumora
Bari: Jonathan Woolf
Lead: Charlie Gross
Bass: David Woolf

Intermission

**District Championship*
***Senior Int'l Prelim*
^SScore Only
^{OOD}Out of District

7. First Draft^S
Southeast Michigan, Huron Valley
Tenor: Teresa Wen
Bari: Julie Depowski
Lead: Sandy House
Bass: Isreah Ryan

8. Yes, And^{S/OOD}
Nashville, TN
Tenor: Antonio Lombardi
Bari: Matthew Powell
Lead: Rich Smith
Bass: Sam Cummins

9. Cruise Control^S
Grand Rapids, Lansing, Saginaw Bay
Tenor: Shoshana Sprecher
Bari: Kayla Reed
Lead: Catie Carey
Bass: Cole Carey

10. Solstice*
Southeast Michigan, Frank Thorne
Tenor: Sonnet Rumora
Bari: Kathryn Summers
Lead: Emily Ogg
Bass: Nanette Peters

11. Vintage Blend**
Grand Rapids, Gratiot County
Tenor: Mark Wilson
Bari: Kirk Wood
Lead: Jamie Carey
Bass: James Masalskis

12. Four People*
Southeast Michigan, Motor City Metro
Tenor: Steven Bogaerts
Bari: Jonathan Woolf
Lead: Aiden LaPointe
Bass: Joe Perrotti

13. Rived*
Lansing, Motor City Metro
Tenor: Gabe LaPointe
Bari: Matt Bidigare
Lead: Jacob Kershaw
Bass: Kaleb Lenneman

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INTERNATIONAL CHORUS QUALIFIER
Saturday, October 17 | 9:30am
Kellogg Arena

Welcome
Doug Weaver
Director of Events

Presenter
Kendra LaPointe
PIO District Executive Vice President

Mic Tester
Family Mic Tester Chorus
Directed by Mark Kettner

1. Floral City Harmonizers**¹
Chris Berry
Monroe North

2. Cherry Capital Men's Chorus**¹
Chad Hall
Traverse City

3. MI-X**¹
Holli Houtz
Southeast Michigan

4. Lighthouse Chorus**¹
Brother Giles Hanover
Michiana Metro

5. Capitol City Chordsmen
Cole Carey
Lansing

6. City Lights Chorus*
Aaron Pollard, Brandon Smith
Motor City Metro

7. Harmony United**¹
Paul Keiser
Greater Detroit

8. Livingston Lamplighters**¹
Josie Doefer
Livingston County

9. Pioneer Afterglow Chorus*
Cole Carey
Grand Rapids

**International Chorus Prelims*
***International Chorus Prelims & Small Chorus Contest*
¹Most Improved Chorus eligible

Small Chorus Championship Award
Most Improved Chorus Award
Announcement of Chorus Int'l Representative(s)

DISTRICT QUARTET FINALS
Saturday, October 17 | 1:30pm
Kellogg Arena

Welcome
Doug Weaver
Director of Events

Presenter
Jamie Carey
PIO District President

Please join in singing
O Canada and The Star-Spangled Banner
Mic Tester Quartet

Finalist Quartets

Int'l Senior Quartet Representative(s)
District Quartet Champion

See you tonight at 8pm for the QCA Show of Champions!

The Quartet Champions Association of the Pioneer District presents

SHOW OF CHAMPIONS

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