

CHORUS CONTEST BRIEFING LETTER

To: All competing Choruses

Land O'Lakes District Contest

Rochester, MN - Saturday - Oct 28, 2017 - 10:00 am

This letter will provide you with information regarding the District Chorus Contest.

1. The Contest Administrator is Mike Ott, Ft Worth, TX
Associate Contest Administrator is George Joslyn, Atlanta, GA

2. The Category Judges are:

MUSIC

John Brockman
Baker City, OR

Kevin Keller
St Charles, MO

Jeremiah Pope
Bothell, WA

PERFORMANCE

Mike Cating
Oakland, CA

Marty Lovick
New Westminster, BC

Brian O'Dell
Columbus, OH

SINGING

Dale Comer
Easley, SC

Alan Gordon
Fullerton, CA

Chad St John
Liberty Township, OH

3. **Contest start times are:**

5:30 pm - Friday - Quartet Preliminary contest

10:00 am - Saturday - District Chorus contest

7:30 pm - Saturday - Quartet Finals contest

4. **Order of appearance** is published on the LOL Web site.

5. **Convention Registration Desk** will be in Mayo Civic Auditorium. Registration badges can be picked up and/or purchased there. Registration Desk hours are: Friday 10:00 am to 9:00 pm, and on Saturday 9:00 am to 8:00 pm.

6. Per District Policy 15.04 C, **everyone competing on stage must have an All Events Registration.** (also Society rule)

7. There will **NOT** be a scheduled stage try-out. The stage will be ready and **open for inspection** by the Music Team following the ADC Show on Friday night, and on Saturday morning from 8:00-10:00 am.

8. **Chorus practice rooms** Saturday morning. Note these are "public rooms" and are **NOT** dressing rooms and will be used by other Choruses so **NO** personal items can be left in these rooms.

9. A “**Competitors Information Desk**” will be at the auditorium. **Chorus Managers are requested to check in** on Friday to get the latest information or changes.
10. **NOTE:** Per Society contest rules... Choruses are required to remove/clean the stage of any materials left as part of their performance package.
11. We are using Auditorium Ushers so **Chorus members will need their badge to get into the Auditorium afterwards.**
12. **Riser configuration** for the contest will be 5 or 7 sections.
NOTE: It is approx seven (7) feet from the riser end tips to the lip of the stage
13. **Curtain** - There is a horizontal closing curtain about two (2) feet from the stage lip.
14. **Chorus pictures** will be taken **on stage AFTER your contest set.**
After your 2nd song instead of closing the curtain we will dim the stage lights to signal the Judges to stop judging. Then the lights will come back up for the picture. After the contest have a member of your Chorus view the pictures at the table in the front located in the Judges area and select the picture you want. .
15. **Evaluation sessions** will be held in the Auditorium starting approx 30 minutes after the end of the contest. Assignments will be announced by the Contest Administrator.
16. **Contestant DVD** of your contest set will be available following the contest at the video stand in the back of the auditorium for \$25.00.
17. **Competitor Shuttle Bus** will be provided for Choruses to the Contest. **We will pick up your Chorus at your Hotel according to the schedule.**
 - Choruses in the Holiday Inn will be picked up in front on Broadway.
 - Choruses in the Doubletree will be picked up on **SOUTH entrance** of the hotel.
 - Choruses in the Kahler will be picked up from the **NORTH** door of the hotel.
 - Choruses in the Hilton will be picked up from the Lobby on Broadway.

If you have any questions, feel free to SING OUT.

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cc: Mike Ott, Contest Administrator
Steve Johnson, District VP C&J