*Cabaret Schedule and Script*

*Sunday, April 21, 2024*

*9:00 am – 4:00 pm*

*Pipers: Michelle and Becky*

*Emcees: Nancy, AC, Becky, Janet, Linda, Marian*

*9:00 - 10:30 am :*

* *Begin setting up the hall. Once your job is completed, please see me for further direction.*
* *The chapel will not be available to us until 11:30, so bring your personal items into the hall and place them against the wall and out of the way.*

*10:30 - 11:30 am:*

* *MVA on the risers for rehearsal.*

*11:30 – 1:30 pm: (In the chapel)*

* *Chapel set up.*
* *MVA eats lunch (please respect the Temple’s dietary guidelines and DO NOT BRING ANY MEAT INSIDE. Dairy is fine).*
* *MVA prepares for the cabaret with costume and makeup. The first costume will be the purple contest tops, black pants and black shoes, and after our set we will change into our teal tops, black slacks, and black shoes.*
* *Quartets will arrive during this time, get settled and mic test.*

1. *12:00 - Phoenix Rising*
2. *12:10 – Carried Away*
3. *12:20 – Maine Squeeze*
4. *12:30 – Synchrony*

* ***Please organize your costumes so that you will be ready to change into your teal tops during the break.***
* ***Please keep your personal belongings together (try not to spread out too much) so we can avoid items being left at the end of the day.***

*1:15 – 1:50 pm*

* *Ticket, refreshment, and raffle salespeople should be ready at their stations because doors open at 1:30 pm. These people will be relieved at 1:45 pm by Don Ravenelle -Tickets, Pete Mague – Raffles, and Tracy Wakeman, Randi Glickman - Refreshments.*

*1:30 pm:*

* *Doors Open. Ticket, Raffle and Refreshment sales begin.*

1:50 pm:

* *MVA is ready and lined up in the lobby / hallway.*
* *Pete Mague will take over selling raffles, Don Ravenelle will take over selling tickets, and Tracy Wakeman and Randi Glickman will take over selling refreshments.*

*2:00 pm:*

* *Cabaret begins*
* *Nancy Clark will welcome our guests.*

***EMCEE: NANCY***

***Good afternoon everyone, and welcome to Merrimack Valley A Cappella’s Spring Into Harmony Cabaret! We have a wonderful afternoon of barbershop music for you to enjoy. In addition to Merrimack Valley A Cappella Chorus, we have some of our delightful quartets from Sweet Adelines International Northeast Region 1: Phoenix Rising, Synchrony, Maine Squeeze, and Carried Away.***

***Before we begin, let’s take care of some housekeeping rules:***

1. ***In the event of an emergency, please proceed to the nearest exit (point out exit locations).***
2. ***PLEASE take this time to silence your cell phones.***
3. ***PLEASE NO flash photography.***
4. ***Restrooms are located at the end of the main hallway and to the right.***

***Let’s begin our afternoon of music by welcoming our host, Merrimack Valley A Cappella!***

***MVA enters with energy, smiling, and greeting our guests as we take our place on the risers.***

***CHORUS SINGS: GOOD OLD A CAPPELLA***

***(KEY OF B)***

***EMCEE: LINDA***

***Thank you very much! Before we continue, we’d like to point out our new members some of whom will be joining us on contest stage for the first time. Will those members please raise your hands. Let’s have a round of applause for them (Randi will be at the refreshment table, so be sure to recognize her). This is how we welcome and sing our new members into the chorus.***

***Chorus sings: Consider Yourself (key of F)***

***EMCEE: NANCY***

***This IS our favorite time of year! All Sweet Adeline International choruses and quartets are buzzing with excitement! It’s an entire season of competition! Every weekend there is another regional contest and with the technology we have today, we can view these contests taking place all over the country.***

***Our Region 1 competition is just three weeks away and we are ready to take the stage at Symphony Hall in Springfield. If you’re seated in the audience at Symphony Hall, this is what you would hear:***

***“May we have the doors closed please. We are ready for our next contestant. Contestant number 5, from Andover Massachusetts, under the direction of Sally Jeffery and Carol Smolenski, the Merrimack Valley A Cappella Chorus!”***

***Chorus sings contest set:***

***Never Meant (key of G)***

***No Strings (key of A)***

***EMCEE: JANET***

***Thank you very much. How many of you are having a great day today? What a coincidence, so are we! But I would guess that we have all had bad days as well. Our next song sends the message that we should always look to the brighter days ahead because it’s those bright days that will get us through the tough times.***

***Chorus sings: Don’t Stop (key of F)***

***EMCEE: AC***

***Thank you very much! At this time we will be taking a short break. Please feel free to purchase raffle tickets and refreshments.***

* *Chorus will step off the risers and head for the chapel to change into your teal tops. Those people who have intermission jobs at the refreshments or raffles will go directly to those stations and will change when the break is over.*
* *Please take this time, and the time during the quartets performing, to organize and pack up your personal items. It will make for an easy breaking down of the chapel (and putting the room back together) at the end of the day.*

*Break will be 10-15 minutes*

*When the break is over, it should be about 2:30 – 2:40 pm*

***EMCEE: DIANE***

***Diane will begin introducing the quartets in the order they will appear on contest stage.***

***Phoenix Rising #4***

***Synchrony #6***

***Maine Squeeze #7***

***Carried Away #10***

***ENCORE: When the quartets have finished performing their contest set, they will be asked to return (in the same order) to perform one or two additional songs.***

***During the ENCORE, the winners of the raffles will be chosen by Darlene, Barbara, and Cora.***

***When the ENCORE is finished, it should be about 2:10 ish .***

***Darlene, Barbara, and Cora will announce the basket winners.***

***EMCEE: BECKY:***

***We want to thank you for being a wonderful audience and for your continued support. We want to thank our Region 1 quartets, Phoenix Rising, Synchrony, Maine Squeeze and Carried Away for sharing their musical talent with us.***

***As we have done in the past, we invite all the Sweet Adelines in the audience to join us on the risers to sing How We Sang Today.***

***We would like to ask \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to direct it.***

* ***The cabaret will most likely end around 3:15ish.***
* ***We will need to begin breakdown immediately. People have been assigned break down tasks, but if you have any questions as to where you can help, please ask me.***
* ***We have rented the hall until 4:00 pm which means that we need to be cleaned up and out of there at 4, no later.***