

# **REGION 16 VERY LARGE QUARTET (VLQ) CONTEST**

## **Rules and Information**

The contest will be held on Friday evening November 3, 2017 AT 7 PM in conjunction with The Region 16 Fall Music School held at *Toronto Parkway Sheraton North*, 9005 Leslie St, Richmond Hill, Ontario, Canada.

### **1. Purpose of Competition:**

The VLQ Contest will give Region 16 singers the opportunity to perform for evaluation in a small group and in a setting with fewer restrictions than the Regional contest setting. This contest is *not* affiliated with International and is strictly a Region 16 function. *Creativity and FUN is encouraged!*

### **2. Music:**

- ♪ VLQs should be prepared to perform one (1) song
- ♪ Songs must have a minimum of 4-part harmony. (2 or 3-part harmony is *not* acceptable, but more part lines than 4 *are* acceptable.)
- ♪ Selections may be in the barbershop style or other non-Barbershop a cappella forms.
- ♪ The song selection MAY or MAY NOT be Sweet Adeline contest material.
- ♪ Time limit of 5 minutes per VLQ from the time you take the stage.

### **3. VLQ members:**

- ♪ Must be current members of a Region 16 chorus or CAL Region 16.
- ♪ VLQ members must be registered for Fall Music School.
- ♪ A minimum of 5 members in each VLQ and maximum of 8.
- ♪ The number of people singing each part is up to the VLQ to decide.
- ♪ No more than one (1) Blue Ribbon Club member may be in the VLQ.
- ♪ All four members of a registered quartet may be in a VLQ as long as they did not place in the **Top 5** at the last regional contest.
- ♪ Quartets who placed 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> in the last regional contest may have up to 2 members in the same VLQ.
- ♪ A singer *can* be in more than one VLQ.

**4. Warm-Up Rooms:** Will not be provided - Plan on using your hotel room.

### **5. Judging:**

- ♪ VLQs will be judged in **two** categories: **SOUND and SHOWMANSHIP**
- ♪ There will be two (2) judges in each category for a total of four (4.)
- ♪ Parodies, comedy, props, emceeing and other creativity are welcome!

| <b><u>Sound Category</u></b>    | <b><u>Showmanship Category</u></b> |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Vocal Skills (0-10 points)      | Vocal Skills (0-10 points)         |
| Harmony Accuracy (0-10 points)  | Visual Unity (0-10 points)         |
| Vowel Production (0-10 points)  | Creativity (0-15 points)           |
| Balance and Blend (0-10 points) | Entertainment factor (0-15)        |
| Unit Sound (0-10 points)        |                                    |

### **6. Awards:**

- ♪ The five highest scoring VLQs will receive award placement recognition.
- ♪ In the event of a tie, VLQ with the most **Showmanship** points will win.

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**7. Singing Around:** The winning VLQ will be asked to perform a song on the Saturday night Fall Music School show. Top 5 VLQs may be asked to sing a song to open a class at Fall Music School.

#### **8. Contest Entry:**

- ♪ Email Paula Allen at [paulaallen@cogeco.ca](mailto:paulaallen@cogeco.ca) with the following information:
  - The names of the people in the VLQ
  - The name of the VLQ (If you choose the same name as another VLQ, the VLQ that registers first wins the name! You would then have to submit a different name.)
  - The name and email address for the VLQ contact person.
- ♪ VLQ entry fee is \$10.00 USD or CDN. Entry fees are nonrefundable. Make check or money order payable to: "Region 16 Sweet Adelines"  
Mail to: **Paula Allen, 1420 Cottsmere Ct, Kingston, Ontario K7L 4V4**  
*Please put your VLQ name at the bottom of your check!*
- ♪ **Deadline for receipt of registration email AND check is 9/29/17**  
(the same date Fall Music School registrations are due.)
- ♪ The competition is limited to the first 10 competitors who register.

#### **9. Draw for Order of Appearance:**

- ♪ The drawing for order of appearance will be held on Saturday 10/21/17. The results of the order of the draw will be emailed to your VLQ contact person and posted on the Region 16 Facebook page.
- ♪ VLQs must be present in the ballroom where the contest is being held when they are introduced (or risk being disqualified.)
- ♪ **Checks or entry emails received after the 10/20 will result in your quartet going FIRST in the contest.**

