

2012

Southwest/10,000 Lakes

***BARBERSHOP SINGING***

Division Contests

**WHAT:**

Southwest & 10,000 Lakes Division  
Chorus, VLQ, & Quartet Contests

**WHERE:**

Nicollet High School  
1 Pine St.  
Nicollet, Minnesota

**WHEN:**

March 31, 2012

Public is welcome to attend  
Tickets for all events \$15.00 open seating

# *Land O' Lakes Southwest & 10,000 Lakes Division*

## *Contests*

**March 31, 2012**

Hosted By:

**Mankato Riverblenders**

Brothers in Harmony,

Plan now for what promises to be a fun contest hosted by the Mankato "Riverblenders". We are hosting the combined Southwest and 10,000 Lakes Division Chorus, Quarter, and VLQ contests this year. We encourage you to begin making plans to register your chorus or chapter quartets for this opportunity to compete. It's also a great time to learn and spend some time with fellow barbershoppers.

Mankato encourages every chapter chorus and all of your quartets to attend and sing in this contest. Maybe it's not your bag to compete, and if that's so, then tell us that you don't want your scores on the final tally sheet. Just go into the contest, be judged, go to your A&R session, and use it as a learning experience to improve your singing. Use this contest as a stepping stone to become a better performer or do it if only for the brotherhood of singing and the joy of being around others that love to sing.

We're trying something different this year to provide a more enjoyable contest and save on housing and transportation costs for everyone. Both the chorus and quartet contests will be held on one day. We tried this with the SW Division Contest last year and had favorable feedback from nearly everyone. The chorus contest is held in the morning followed by a lunch break. Quartets compete in the afternoon with a much larger audience followed by just one awards ceremony. Evaluations begin immediately following the contest and with a double panel of judges all of the evaluations should be completed by late afternoon. If your chorus or quartet can't attend, please consider singing in a Very Large Quartet.

The Very Large Quartet (VLQ) is a group of 5-11 members singing two songs just for fun and/or a score. Last year the two VLQ s that sang in the SW Division Contest scored well and were very entertaining. However, there is just one caveat. If we have a good turnout of choruses (10 or more) and quartets (12 or more), we will have to determine whether we can host the VLQs. We don't want the contest to run too long during this one day event so time will be the factor. But we encourage you to begin preparing your VLQ performance now. Once all of the choruses, quartets, and VLQs are registered, we will let you know. Finally, there are just a couple more details.

The contest will be held in Nicollet, Minnesota at the Nicollet High School. And remember, you get the whole ball of wax for just \$15.00. Food will be available on site and we are planning an afterglow with food and beverages in Mankato. We want your chorus, quartets and VLQ's to perform at the afterglow so if everyone stays for this event it we will have a bunch of fun!!

The "Riverblenders" promise plenty of fun and fellowship. So look at your calendar and plan on attending. A more formal letter with all of the contest registration details will be coming to you in a few weeks. We look forward to seeing you in Mankato. Your presence will make this a grand event!

Sing-cerely,

Jeffrey Grimmer  
Marketing & Public Relations VP  
Mankato "Riverblenders"

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Contest Chairman  
Mankato "Riverblenders"

# Land O'Lakes 10,000 Lakes and Southwest Division

## Spring Contest Schedule

Nicollet High School – Nicollet, MN

**Saturday, March 31, 2012**

7:30	-	1:00	Ticket and Information desk	Lobby
7:30	-	2:30	Food and Beverages available	Cafeteria
8:00	-	9:30	Stage open for inspection	Theater
9:30	-	10:00	C/A stage check	Theater
<b>10:30</b>	-	<b>12:00</b>	<b>Chorus Contest</b>	<b>Theater</b>
12:00	-	12:45	Intermission and Lunch	
12:00	-	12:40	Presidents' Luncheon	TBD
<b>12:45</b>	-	<b>2:15</b>	<b>Quartet and VLQ Contest</b>	<b>Theater</b>
2:30	-	2:45	Contest Finale - Awards	Theater
3:00	-	5:00	Chorus and Quartet Evaluations	Classrooms
<b>4:00</b>	-	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Afterglow - Mankato</b>	<b>Loose Moose</b>