

SEQUOIA PACIFICA REGION 11 & GOLDEN WEST REGION 21  
of Sweet Adelines International, Inc.

**SouthWest Arranger Development Program**  
**ANNUAL RETREAT**

June 9-10, 2017

*The Church of the Epiphany / 5450 Churchwood Drive / Oak Park, CA 91377*

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

**Contacts (please leave message)**

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**REGISTRATION FEE - \$85**

Only \$85 for two days of inspiring classes with:

- 5 top MMA/CMA staff members from the International Music Arrangers Program
- 2 lunches included with your registration fee
- one-on-one arranging mentoring or Finale mentoring with one of the staff members
- laughter getting to know others who have a commonality in arranging for BBS!

**What to Bring**

- Any new arrangement or partial arrangement you've put on paper
- Keyboard (if you're driving); we'll have a few available if you fly
- Laptop computer with your transcription software (*Finale*, or other software)
- Headphones and batteries for keyboard
- Manuscript paper and note-taking supplies
- Enthusiasm!

**Schedule One-on-One Mentoring Sessions for Personal Attention!**

***Mentoring for Arranging with CMA or MMA:*** Beginning Friday afternoon, June 9th, and continuing thru Saturday afternoon, June 10th, you will have the opportunity to schedule a one-on-one arranging mentoring session with a Certified or Master Arranger on staff. You may contact one of our arrangers on staff in advance via email to schedule an appointment, or choose a mutually convenient time to work with them once you arrive. It is best to set up appointments in advance of the Retreat.

## ...Personal Attention (*continued*)

***Mentoring for Transcription Software:*** We will have a room available beginning Friday morning thru Saturday afternoon to work with Anita Barzilla on transcription software, manuscripting and meeting your personal computer notation needs. Schedule an appointment with Anita by email or phone (leave message) in advance to identify your chosen time and computer information. Please review the schedule to decide which time is best for you. Bring your laptop with appropriate software in order to participate in this 50-minute, one-on-one mentoring session. *Come prepared with questions and example files.* If you don't have software or a laptop, bring your latest work for a personalized session. There is always something to talk about!

### **Faculty contact info: (*please leave message if no answer by phone*)**

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## **Preliminary Class Schedule**

(FINAL AGENDA will be distributed at Retreat)

### **Friday, June 9, 2017**

12:00-1:00 — Arrival; Lunch provided  
1:00-1:45 — Participant Introductions, etc.  
2:00-2:45 — Eleven BBS Chords (**Choice A**)  
2:00-2:45 — Basic Copyright Issues (**Choice B**)  
3:00-3:45 — Arranging a Nursery Rhyme  
4:00-5:00 — If It Reads Well, It Will Sing Better!  
5:00-7:00 — Dinner on your own at nearby restaurants  
7:00-7:45 — Choosing a Contestable Song to Arrange

### **Saturday, June 10, 2017**

9:00-9:45 — Chord Recognition  
10:00-10:45 — Using Chord Substitution Charts  
11:00-11:45 — Typical BBS Chord Progressions  
12:00-1:15 — Lunch provided  
1:30-4:30 — Creative Arranging

- Setting the Scene
- Harmonization for Expression
- Voicing Matters
- Tag – You're Out
- Irresistible, Delicious Arrangements

4:45-5:00 — Session Wrap-Up  
5:30-7:30 — Dinner together at local restaurant; each pays for own meal  
7:30-9:00 — FINAL WRAP-UP and Suggestions (at Joan's home)

### **Sunday, June 11, 2017**

9:30-12:00 — Staff Meeting; Planning for 2018 Retreat (at Joanie's home)

## Housing

There are a variety of motels in the Thousand Oaks area (within 10 miles from **The Church of the Epiphany** in Oak Park) that you are welcome to use, depending on your budget.

We have reserved a block of rooms for Friday and Saturday nights at an older, more affordable motel less than a mile from Joan's home (where the Saturday night final Wrap-Up meeting will be held). For one night's accommodation you pay **\$99.68/night (tax included)** for a room with two queen beds, a full continental breakfast (includes HB eggs, bagels, yogurt, waffles). The rooms have a microwave, refrigerator, coffeepot, and free WiFi. There is a fitness room, pool and Jacuzzi in the Inn. The La Quinta has three floors and an elevator.

To reserve a room at the above rate, call La Quinta Inn and Suites at (805) 499-5910 and ask for a room under:

### **Group Reservation #529, (Folio # 206977) SouthWest Arranger Annual Retreat.**

To reserve your room and rate, you must make your reservation with them **no later than May 19, 2017** (3 weeks before the Retreat). After that date, the rooms may no longer be available to us.

Address: La Quinta Inn & Suites, 1320 Newbury Rd., Newbury Park, CA 91320

## Transportation Options

The Retreat is located in the communities of Oak Park and Thousand Oaks (which includes Newbury Park) and is most conveniently reached by car from the US 101. For those arriving by plane, our closest airports are Burbank (BUR), 45 miles away (*via* the CA 118) and Los Angeles (LAX), also 45 miles away (*via* the I-405 & US 101). There are rental cars and other ground transportation options available in getting you from either of them to here. Let us know if you need help or additional information.

## Saturday Night WRAP-UP

This year we will have our final wrap-up at Joan's home after dinner. This is where we discuss the pros and cons of what happened Friday and Saturday and get ideas for next year's SWADP Retreat. (Map will be provided.)

# SouthWest Arranger Development Program Annual Retreat June 9-10, 2017 / Oak Park, California

## REGISTRATION FORM



(Please complete and return no later than **May 12, 2017**)

I am coming to the retreat and going on-line to authorize an \$85 payment to be made thru  
**Sequoia Pacifica Region 11 secure link below:**

<http://www.sairegion11.org/event/2017-arranger-retreat/>

**Then use PAYPAL -- or your Credit Card or Debit Card thru PayPal -- to pay\***

**\*We prefer that you NOT use checks or cash to pay for your registration. PayPal allows use of your credit cards on their site!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Your Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

In what chorus do you sing? \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_ Voice Part \_\_\_\_\_

I would assess my level as an arranger as:  beginner  intermediate  advanced

The computer notation software I use is \_\_\_\_\_.

I don't use any software for arranging.

I will be / I will not be bringing my own keyboard with me. (circle one)

I would prefer to room alone.

I am looking for a roommate to share lodging expenses. Can you help me find one?

I will be driving to Oak Park, CA and have my own local transportation.

I plan to rent a car at the airport.

I will be arriving at \_\_\_\_\_ Airport.

My incoming flight is (date, airline, flight number, arrival time):  
\_\_\_\_\_

My outgoing flight is (date, airline, flight number, departure time):  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Return completed form to:**

**Joan D'Agostino, 194 Charro Ave., Newbury Park, CA 91320**

**Or, scan this page only and attach to Joan's email at chemspan2@verizon.net**