



# 2010 PNW Harmony Sweepstakes A Cappella Festival

## Information

### General Instructions

- **Completed application packets must be received by February 5, 2010.** *Note: If you competed in the 2008 or 2009 PNW Regionals, you do not need to resubmit a bio or photo as long as you still have the same group. If this applies to you, just complete the application and mail it to us with the application fee.*
- Mail your packet to Masterworks, Attn: Harmony Sweepstakes, PO Box 1091, Olympia, WA 98507
- Include an entry fee of ten dollars per person with your application. Please make checks out to MCE.
- Groups will be selected and notified soon after February 5, 2010.
- If your group is not selected, all materials will be returned.

Sorry, but we can only consider applications that are complete in every detail. Please make sure you supply all needed information.

*Special note: Groups that have "signed up" via the National Harmony Sweepstakes website have in actuality only notified them that you are interested in applying. They then notify us and we contact you. The best and fastest way to apply is complete this application. This information is also available on our website at: <http://www.mce.org/pages/Harmony.htm>*

### General Information

- The PNW Regional Harmony A Cappella Sweepstakes competition will be held Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 7:30pm at the Washington Center for the Performing Arts in Olympia, Washington.
- Local radio personality, Smilin' Jay (Mixx 96.1 FM), returns our emcee.
- [Masterworks Choral Ensemble](#) and [Primarily A Cappella](#) sponsor this event.
- The competition is open to groups of three to eight members.
- All styles of a cappella are welcome, with an emphasis on innovative and original material.
- Groups will be judged on musicality, originality and overall performance.
- The Rulebook and judges guidelines are available upon request.
- The National competition will be held on May 15, 2010 in San Rafael, California.
- Regional winners receive round trip airfare, two night's accommodations and ground transportation to the national finals (arranged and provided by Masterworks). Additional regional and national prizes may be supplied by Primarily A Cappella).

**Regional winners, upon accepting 1<sup>st</sup> prize, agree to attend the National Finals in May 2010 and host the following year's PNW regional contest on Saturday, March 12, 2011.**



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# Application

1. Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please do not use aliases. Use the group name you intend to use at Harmony Sweepstakes.*

2. Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*If your group has a web site, please give us the web address:* \_\_\_\_\_

3. List the first and last name of each member of your group.

1.	2.	3.	4.
5.	6.	7.	8.

4. Write a short biography of your group (not individual bios) that is approximately 125 words long. Please send it in one of these formats (listed in our order of preference): (1) via e-mail to: [gwitley@visionseed.com](mailto:gwitley@visionseed.com), or (2) On CD in WORD or as a straight text file, or (3) send a hard copy via snail-mail.

5. Enclose an **8 x 10 COLOR photo** of your group. Ideally this would be a professional photo. Please do not send us scanned images on disk. Please do not send us a photo you have printed yourself using your computer. Please do not “Photoshop” your photo. We need an actual professional photo. This could also be a **high resolution** digital image, but again, the emphasis should be on getting the most professional photo possible. Please do not “Photoshop” your digital image. Let our professional graphic designer edit it as necessary. Remember: anything less than a professional photo may result in your group looking amateurish in the program compared to the other group’s professional photos. We want all groups to look equally great!

6. You will need to submit an audio sample of your group. This could be a CD and audio cassette or an MP3 file. We cannot accept recordings in any other format. The better the quality of the recording, the better chance your group has of being selected to compete. recording of your group. Please send a minimum of 2 songs (maximum 3) to demonstrate the versatility of your group. If you send a full-length CD, be sure to indicate the cuts you want used for the audition process.

7. Enclose a check for the nonrefundable application fee for \$10 per person in your group. Make checks out to MCE and write Harmony Sweeps on the check memo line. Unfortunately, we cannot accept any other method of payment at this time.

8. Please read, sign and return this entire agreement, keeping a copy for your files:

- A. By signing this form, we, the group applying, hereby grant permission to the 2010 PNW Regional Harmony Sweepstake A Cappella Festival (PNW RHSACF) to record our performance on audio and/or videotape, and to use these, the group's name and the likeness of any member, as well as the photos provided, for promotional purposes. Such recordings and video are the property of the PNW RHSACF, and the PNW RHSACF is expressly granted the right to manufacture, sell and publicly perform or broadcast a commemorative recording of the event including our contribution. Performing groups will receive a promotional copy of any recording.
- B. If selected as the regional winner, our group agrees to attend the National Finals in San Rafael, California, on a Saturday in May 16, 2010 and host the following year's PNW festival. The 2011 PNW Regional Harmony Sweepstakes A Cappella Festival is Saturday, March 12, 2011, at the Washington Center for the Performing Arts in Olympia. We understand that our group must provide our own transportation as hosts for the 2011 PNW event in Olympia. As the host group for 2011, lodging accommodations and dinner the evening of the event will be provided by Masterworks.
- C. If selected as the regional winner and we are unable to return to host the 2011 PNW Regional Harmony Sweepstakes A Cappella Festival, we agree to provide a replacement group, suitable to PNW RHSACF, at no additional expense to PNW RHSACF or Masterworks.
- D. If selected as the PNW regional winner and we are unable to compete in the National Finals, we agree to help provide a replacement group, suitable to PNW RHSACF, at no additional expense to PNW RHSACF or Masterworks.

We, \_\_\_\_\_ (group name) agree to conditions A, B, C and D of the above agreement.

Signature of authorized representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Print name \_\_\_\_\_

Please feel free to copy this application for groups you know that might be interested. You can also direct friends to download a PDF version of this application form from our web site at [www.MCE.org](http://www.MCE.org). Follow the links to the Harmony page. We look forward to another exciting sold-out event! Thank you for your interest in the PNW Regional Harmony Sweepstakes A Cappella Festival!

**Return your completed packet to:**

Masterworks Choral Ensemble  
Gary Witley, PNW Harmony Sweepstakes Regional Director  
PO Box 1091  
Olympia, WA 98507-1091

**Direct any questions to:**

Gary Witley  
Masterworks Choral Ensemble  
[gwitley@visionseed.com](mailto:gwitley@visionseed.com) (best way to reach me)  
360-491-3305 (Masterworks message line)  
360-264-8301 (Witley's home business line)

Remember applications that are complete in every detail receive higher consideration when selecting groups. Please make sure you supply all needed information as outlined above. Good luck!

Sincerely,

Gary Witley  
Regional Director  
PNW Harmony Sweepstakes