

Dear Chorus Officers:

All choruses are encouraged to take advantage of an exceptional training opportunity by funding their director to attend the 2009 Directors' Seminar in Detroit next July. Those Novice Directors who have directed three years or less may attend an extra day of education, with education, materials, and meals for that day funded by the international organization. International Judging Program Members will also be receiving training during the seminar. The theme of the 2009 Directors' Seminar and Judge Training is *Side by Side*. Directors and Judges work together - *Side by Side* - to make our choruses great!

The seminar will be held at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center. Following is an overview of the schedule:

Wednesday July 22, 2009	Thursday July 23, 2009	Friday July 24, 2009	Saturday July 25, 2009	Sunday July 26, 2009
Novice Directors Arrive	Novice Director Training	Joint Novice Director, Director and Judge training	Joint Novice Director and Director training	Novice Directors Depart
Reception with Judges at 8:30 p.m.	Opening Session for all at 8:00 p.m. Directors Arrive	Joint Director, Novice Director and Judge training	Joint Director and Novice Director training	Directors Depart
Judges Arrive	Judge Training	Joint Judge, Director and Novice Director Training	Judges Depart	
Reception with Novice Directors at 8:30 p.m.	Opening Session for all at 8:00 p.m.			

Plan now for your director's education when creating your chorus' budget for 2009-2010. Registration opens January 5, 2009. Your director's expenses will include transportation, housing, and registration. The registration fee covers all education, educational materials, and seminar meals. For budgeting purposes, following are registration and housing rates:

Early bird registration (received on or before March 16, 2009) \$450

Late Full Registration (received between March 17 & June 22, 2009) \$500

Housing at Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center \$139 + 15% tax per night, per room

On-line registration and housing information will be available in January 2009. In January a printable version of the syllabus and registration form will be available on-line or by contacting the Meetings and Corporate Services Department at meet-corp@sweetadelineintl.org or 1-800-992-7464. Registration for this event closes June 22, 2009.

Plan on sending your director to this exciting educational event!

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