



Illinois District Music & Performance Report Fall 2026

- Harmony College Midwest (HCM) 2026 took place on Saturday, March 21st 2026 at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Bloomington, IL
 - Overall a successful event. Positive feedback received from individual attendees as well as quartets.
- Budget concerns
 - 2026 event was considerably over budget.
 - Cost of travel and goods has increased.
 - Venue/food costs have increased as well.
 - We are aware of the deficit and are making considerations for the 2027 budget accordingly.
 - Adjustment of cost of attendance for individuals and quartets, within reason.
 - Limit number of clinicians traveling extended distance.
 - Improved advertising to try and attract more out of district participants.
- Looking forward to HCM 2027 and beyond
 - Official date will be Saturday, March 20th 2027
 - Locking in contracts for head clinician and featured quartet. Currently Drew Wheaton and Sunday Night Social, respectively.
 - We have received feedback about interest in more personalized vocal coaching for individual attendees
 - Looking into establishing a "Vocal Pedagogy" track at HCM 2027 to offer individuals more one-on-one opportunities to work with coaches/clinicians aside from normal classroom settings. May be pushed into 2028 depending on budget availability.
 - Track size may be limited due to time slot availability.
 - Looking into establishing a directors track for current or prospective chorus directors to work with established, veteran directing clinicians. May be pushed into 2028 depending on budget availability.
- Please send additional ideas or suggestions to mark.servos@gmail.com. We are EXTREMELY interested to hear your feedback and want to try to accommodate as many needs/wants as possible!

Respectfully submitted,
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