

Sigma Alpha Iota



A Guide to Convention

51st National Convention “United in Music”

Thursday, July 17 - Monday, July 21, 2025

Hyatt Regency Minneapolis
1300 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis, MN 55403



Convention Honoree Ruth Sieber Johnson

A celebration of her 32 years
as Executive Director of Sigma Alpha Iota





Register Online: www.sai-national.org

Registration package is now \$445

Package includes: 5-day admission to Concerts, Workshops, General Events, Welcome Luncheon, Dinner of Honors, Philanthropies Benefit Concert, and much more!

Support SAI Philanthropies, Inc. by upgrading your benefit concert ticket to a Patron VIP Ticket for \$150. Includes reserved seating at the concert and a private reception.



Travel

Airport: Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport (MSP) (20 minutes to/from hotel)

Transportation to/from hotel: Light rail, shuttle, taxi, rideshare (currently around \$60 for Uber)

Train: Amtrak (Drops off 20 minutes to/from the hotel)

Hotel Parking: Valet (\$49/day) and self-parking (\$25/day or \$30/day for in-and-out privileges) - always confirm on hotel website

Note: Anyone flying should have a Real ID or passport



Collegiate Chapters - Convention Fund

If all three years of convention fund payments have been made to NH:

- Collegiate chapter delegate should register online (no payment needed).
- After the delegate has registered **AND** the signed delegate agreement form has been received at NH, funds leftover after the registration payment of \$445 will be returned to the chapter to assist in covering other expenses of the chapter's delegate and/or general attendees (if early-bird registration and no patron concert ticket upgrade selected).

Collegiate chapters installed or re-activated during the triennium will slightly vary, depending on the amount paid into the Convention Fund. These chapters will be contacted by the NVP Finance with financial specifics.

Hotel

Hyatt Regency Minneapolis
1300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55403

Convention rate

Rate: approximately \$215/night including tax

--2 SAs per room: \$107.50 per person, per night

--3 SAs per room: \$71.67 per person, per night

--4 SAs per room: \$53.75 per person, per night

***Amenities include digital check-in, internet, mini fridge, coffee maker, safe, sleeper sofa available in certain rooms, bathtub available in certain rooms, StayFit gym*

How to make a reservation

Link on the SAI Convention website!

***Special room rate good until July 1 or until sold out*

On-site food options

MPLS Market and Prairie Kitchen and Bar

Food options within a 15-minute walk *(Plenty of options for Province or Regional gatherings!)*

Lotus Restaurant, Mother Clucker's Pizza, The News Room (big outdoor space), Barrio, Lumi Restaurant, Hibachi Daruma, Brit's Pub, Hell's Kitchen, Hen House Eatery, Eggy's Diner, Sonora Mexican Kitchen. There is also a Target store north of the hotel within this distance.



Prairie Kitchen and Bar



Breakfast buffet



MPLS Market



What time do I need to get there/leave?

Arrival

If you are a Chapter delegate:

Arrive on Thursday, July 17 prior to: 12 PM (Minneapolis is in Central Time, so you may need to coordinate with your time zone)

If you are a non-delegate: Arrive before 3 PM Central Time.

Running for an Office?

If elected to a Regional or Province Officer position, you will attend a meeting on Monday morning.

Those elected to the NEB will stay through 12 p.m. CT on Tuesday, July 22.

Departure

Don't plan to leave until Mon., July 21 after 3 PM CT.

What do I need to pack?

- SAI Badge (pack in carry-on luggage)
- 2 Travel outfits
- 5 Formal business meeting outfits/shoes (no flip flops)
- 2 Casual outfits/SAI gear/shoes
- 2 Fancy outfits/shoes
- Sweater or jacket for cold meeting rooms
- SAI Songbook
- Pajamas
- Swimsuit
- Umbrella

THURSDAY

Travel attire

Formal meeting attire for evening events

SATURDAY

Fun SAI attire for Phlea-Phlam

Formal meeting attire for other events

Fancy outfit for Benefit Concert



MONDAY

Formal meeting attire for session

Travel attire

FRIDAY

Formal meeting attire for general session

SUNDAY

Formal meeting attire for session

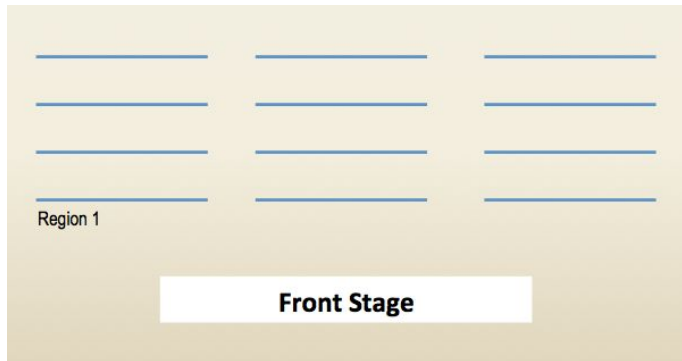
Free-time attire

Fancy outfit for Dinner of Honors

- Hat and sunscreen
- Snacks/breakfast items
- Real ID or passport
- Cash and/or credit card for food and Phlea-Phlam
- Phone/electronics chargers
- Hotel/travel info
- Emergency contact info
- Toiletries/first aid items
- Medication (pack in carry-on)
- Cash tips (\$5s and \$1s) for baggage handlers, bellhops, and hotel housekeeping
- Music and instrument, if playing for a musicale

Seating for General Sessions

Seating is by region, then province in order of the Greek alphabet. The NEB sits on stage in the front of the room.



Things to See and Do



SAI Mall

Herff Jones (official jeweler), Letter Market's SAI Convention Shop (official boutique vendor), and others



Meet new sisters

Commemorate your trip to convention by meeting and posting photos with your new friends and sisters! Don't forget the hashtag #SAICon25!



Displays

Fraternity committees and SAI Philanthropies, Inc. projects, grants, and scholarships



Explore the hotel

Pool, great scenery, good food.

Meet the NEB

Look out for Christine, Jaielle, Jennifer, Jessica, Keri, Mary Francis, Rebecca, Ruth, and Tracey!

Thursday, July 17

- Registration and Credentials
- Delegate Orientation
- Visit the SAI Mall
- Ritual Ceremony of Initiation
- History of strolling with featured performances

ATTIRE: Travel attire and change into formal meeting attire for the ritual.



Friday, July 18

- Opening Session
- Welcome Luncheon
- SAI Wind Ensemble
- Mini-musicales
- IAMA Premiere Concert

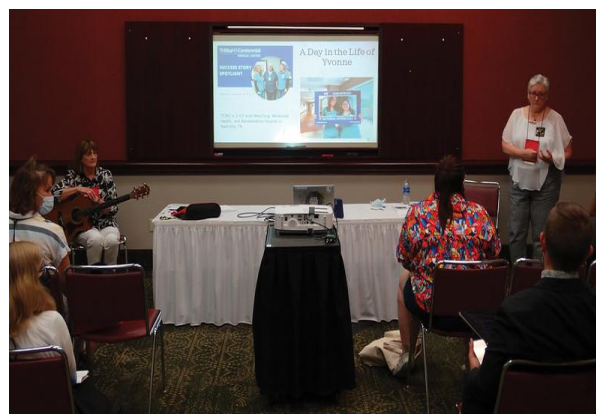
ATTIRE: Formal meeting attire



Saturday, July 19

- Phlea-Phlam
- Special Philanthropies fundraiser
- SAI Philanthropies Benefit Concert featuring Honorary Member Rachel Barton Pine, violinist

ATTIRE: Your most fun SAI attire for Phlea-Phlam and formal meeting attire for other events.



Rachel Barton Pine, photo courtesy of Rachel Barton Pine



Sunday, July 20

- Province, Regional, and National Officer Elections
- Free time
- Dinner of Honors & Fraternity Sing

ATTIRE: Formal meeting attire for session, summer clothes for free time, and a formal dress/gown for Dinner of Honor.



Monday, July 21

- Educational Workshops
- Memorial Ceremony
- Installation of Officers
- Closing Ritual & Adjournment

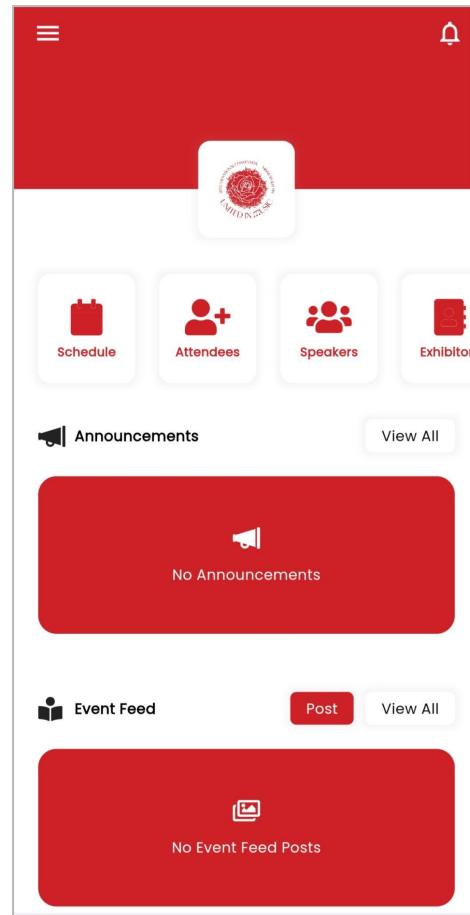
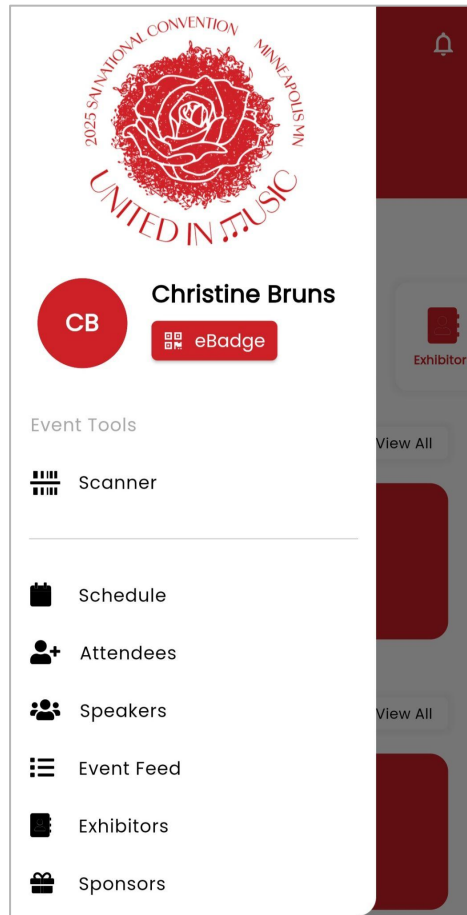
ATTIRE: Formal meeting attire for the morning session. After adjournment, change into clothes for travel.



Convention App - Pheedloop

- Full schedule and locations
- Workshop titles and descriptions
- Musical programs
- Ability to connect with other attendees
- Announcements

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Other Convention Webinars

- Recordings Available on SAI website
 - A Guide to Convention - Fall
 - PO and RO
 - Convention Delegates
 - Selling at Phlea-Phlam
- Election Process (June 29)

QUESTIONS?

