



*International  
Convention Guide  
for*





## Pittsburgh International Competition June 30 – July 4, 2015

### Welcome to Pittsburgh

Included within this booklet:

- Map of downtown Pittsburgh
- Registration details for the convention and the hotel
- Schedule of Events – including our rehearsal times
- Order of appearance
- Dining in the downtown area.

#### **When we rehearse:**

Proudly wear your blue travel shirt, khaki pants, black shoes, black socks and black belt.

#### **When we compete:**

Black tux; gold vest; white wing-tip shirt; black tie and patent leather shoes, cuff links; black socks.  
Makeup

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### **Seeing the Sights**

- 1. Ride the Duquesne or Monongahela Incline** - Also known as funiculars, these “inclined planes” were built in the late 1800’s to transport immigrant workers from work at plants along Pittsburgh’s rivers to their homes atop Mt. Washington. The Duquesne incline, still utilizing the two original 1877 wooden cable cars, is also a working museum.
- 2. Can’t Miss State Park** - At this tiny state park in downtown Pittsburgh, on land once coveted by three empires, the Monongahela and Allegheny meet to form the Ohio.
- 3. Spend an afternoon at one of the Carnegie Museums** - Visit the museum of natural history, with one of the best dinosaur collections anywhere in the world, or enjoy more than 250 exciting, hands-on science and technology exhibits at the Carnegie Science Center.
- 4. Visit the Cathedral of Learning** – A 42 story neo-Gothic structure at the center of the University of Pittsburgh campus, the Cathedral contains 26 Nationality Rooms.
- 5. Have a Screaming Good Time at Kennywood** - One of only two amusement parks in the country to be designated a National Historic Landmark.
- 6. Wander Through Allegheny Cemetery** - One of the most picturesque places in Pittsburgh, Allegheny Cemetery is unexpectedly romantic with 300 acres of rolling hills and monuments encompassing a wide variety of architectural styles.
- 7. Board the Good Ship Lollipop** – Kids of all ages will enjoy Lolli the Clown as the Captain presents a moving portrait of the river city.
- 8. Take Advantage of the Opportunity to “Sing on the Bridges”**– Join other barbershoppers from the convention who are sharing our singing hobby with other holiday vacationers on the bridges near the ballpark.

# DOWNTOWN PITTSBURGH HOTELS

- 1 Cambria Suites at CONSOL Energy Center
- 2 Courtyard by Marriott
- 3 Doubletree by Hilton Hotel & Suites
- 4 Fairmont Pittsburgh
- 5 Hampton Inn & Suites Downtown
- 6 Hyatt Place North Shore
- 7 Marriott Pittsburgh City Center
- 8 Omni William Penn Hotel
- 9 Priory Hotel
- 10 Renaissance Pittsburgh Hotel
- 11 Residence Inn North Shore
- 12 Sheraton Hotel at Station Square
- 13 Springhill Suites by Marriott
- 14 Westin Convention Center Hotel
- 15 Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh Downtown

# FACILITIES

- A David L. Lawrence Convention Center
- B CONSOL Energy Center
- C Heinz Field
- D PNC Park

▼ Subway Stop

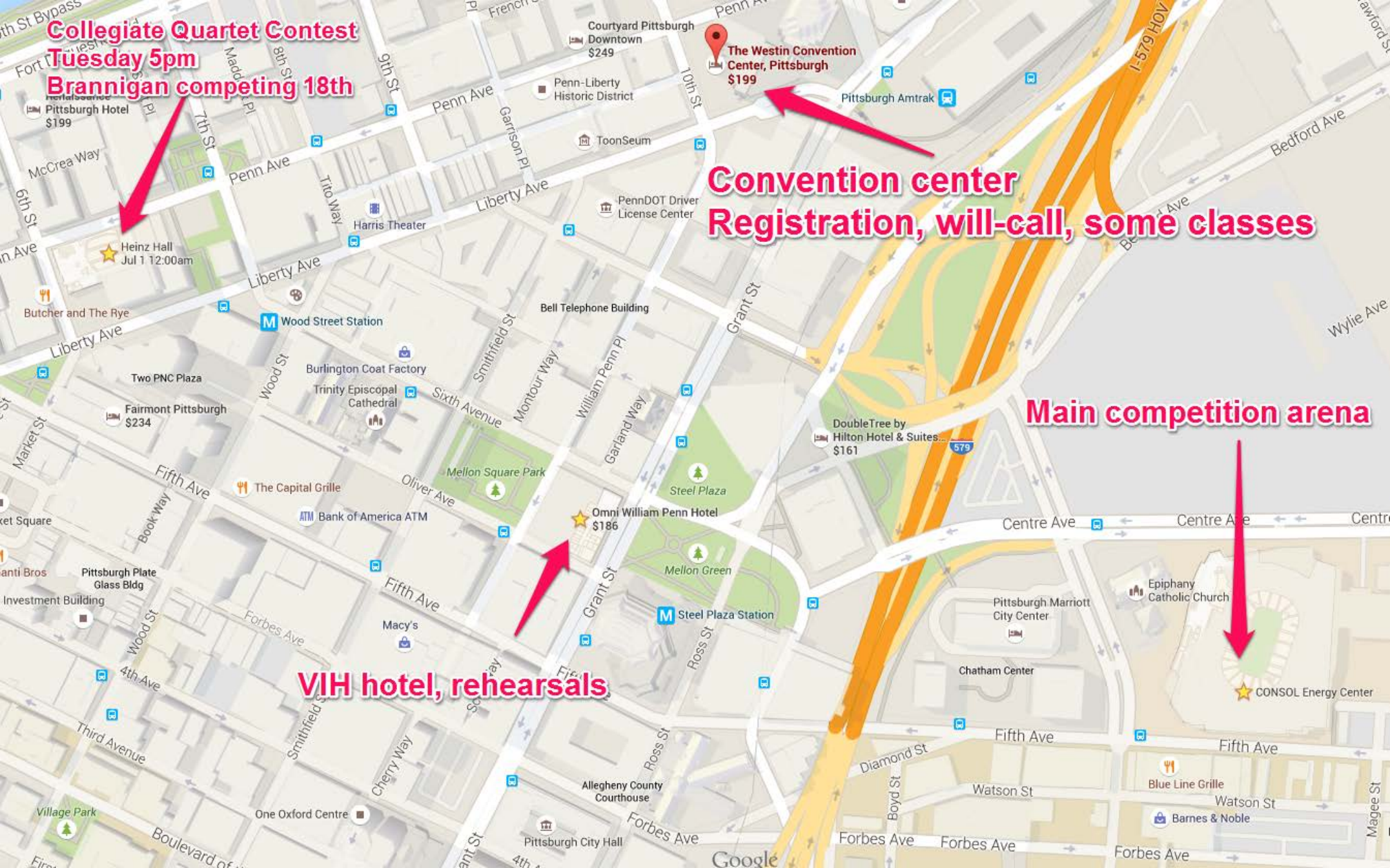
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→ Direction of traffic flow

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**Collegiate Quartet Contest  
Tuesday 5pm  
Brannigan competing 18th**



★ Heinz Hall  
Jul 1 12:00am

📍 The Westin Convention Center, Pittsburgh  
\$199

**Convention center  
Registration, will-call, some classes**



**Main competition arena**



★ CONSOL Energy Center

**VIH hotel, rehearsals**



★ Omni William Penn Hotel  
\$186



## Transportation in Pittsburgh

**By car:** For maps and driving directions to Pittsburgh, please go to: [www.google.com/maps](http://www.google.com/maps).

**By plane:** **Pittsburgh International Airport (PIT)** is about 20 miles west of downtown, and is served by US Airways, Southwest, United, Delta, Northwest, Midwest, Myrtle Beach Direct, AirTran, American, JetBlue, Air Canada and USA 3000.

**Car Rental Companies are located at the airport:** If you are considering renting a car, remember that there is an \$18 per day parking fee at the Omni hotel which is payable upon departure. (Parking is at a premium all over the downtown area.)

**Transportation from Pittsburgh International Airport:** : None of the Downtown hotels have private shuttle service to and from the airport. Other transportation options from the airport are as follows:

**SuperShuttle :** <http://www.supershuttle.com/Locations/PITAirportShuttlePittsburgh.aspx> : One-way fare to/from the airport is \$24 (plus fuel surcharge). Reservations can be made [online](#) or by phone at (800) 258-3826. After claiming luggage, passengers should proceed to the SuperShuttle customer service counter located on the baggage claim level in the rental car area behind the elevators by Door 4. You can save \$4.00 off a round trip using our discount code A6ZGG. Go to [www.supershuttle.com](http://www.supershuttle.com) and enter the discount code.

**Port Authority Bus – the 28X Airport Flyer (Every 15mins):** One-way fare to/from the airport is \$3.75; exact change is required and fares are paid upon boarding. Passengers are responsible for handling their bags both on and off the vehicle. Tipping operators is not permitted. **Upon arriving at the airport, you can board the 28X at Door 6.** Go to: <http://www.portauthority.org/paac/apps/pdfs/28x.pdf> to find the schedule and current cost. Schedules are subject to change, so please check the website right before you depart for Pittsburgh. The ride from the airport to the David L. Lawrence Convention Center takes approximately 35 minutes. The stop for the Westin Convention Center Hotel is Liberty Avenue at Wood Street, and **it is a 4 block walk to the Omni Hotel.** For additional information, please visit Port Authority's Website at [www.portauthority.org](http://www.portauthority.org) or call (412) 442-2000.

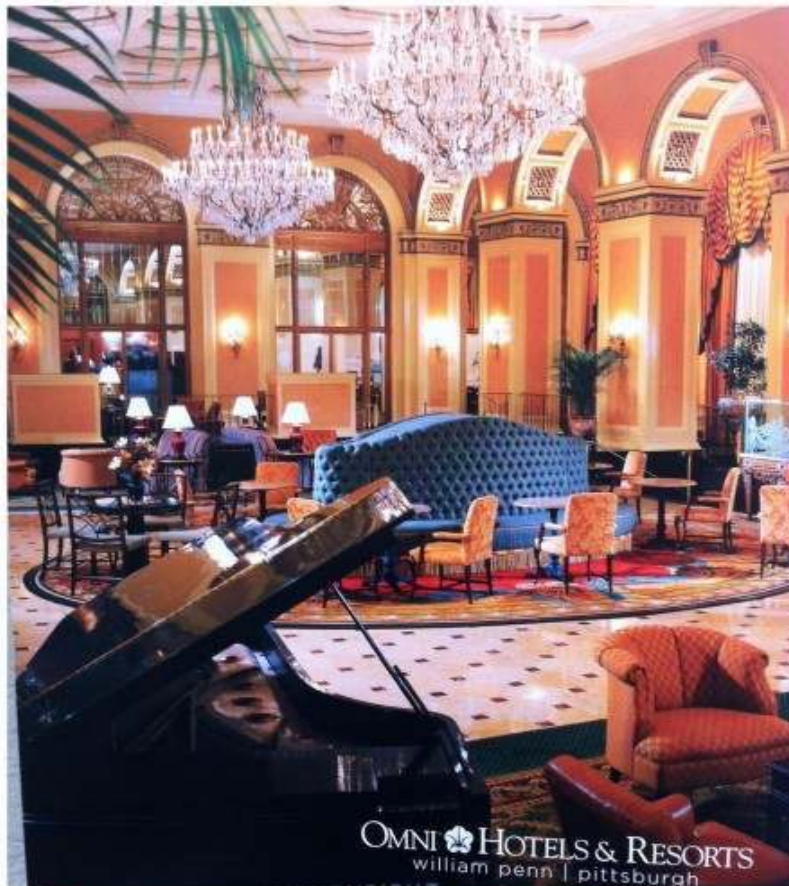
**Taxi Service (from airport):** Average fare from the airport to Downtown is \$40+. Upon arrival at the airport, proceed to the landside terminal, lower level, exit through the "commercial" doors, and proceed to the taxi stand area on the curb where cabs will be waiting.





**Omni William Penn Hotel  
530 William Penn Place**

Palm Court - Lobby  
The Terrace Room – Dining  
Speakeasy – Drinks and Snacks





## Pittsburgh International Schedule of Events

### Tuesday, June 30

Harmony Foundation International-  
Collegiate BBS Quartet Contest 5:-00 pm - 9:30 pm  
\*Larry Ajer – Tuesday Night Party 9:00 pm - Midnight

### Wednesday, July 1

Quartet Quarterfinals Session #1 10:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Quartet Quarterfinals Session #2 4:30 pm – 9:30 pm  
**VIH Rehearsal Omni 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm**  
*17<sup>th</sup> Floor Grand Ballroom*  
Dixieland Band 10:00 pm – 11:00 pm

### Thursday, July 2

Quartet Semifinals 11:00 am - 3:30 pm  
**VIH Rehearsal Omni 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm**  
*17<sup>th</sup> Floor Umber Room*  
\*World Harmony Jamboree 4:15 pm - 6:30 pm  
**VIH Rehearsal Omni 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm**  
*17<sup>th</sup> Floor Grand Ballroom*  
\*Association of Int'l Champions Show 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm

### Friday, July 3 #

Chorus Contest Session #1 10:00 am - 2:30 pm  
**VIH Rehearsal Omni 3:30pm - Bus**  
*17<sup>th</sup> Floor Umber Room*  
Chorus Contest Session #2 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm

### Saturday, July 4

**VIH Chorus Breakfast 8:00 am- 9:00 am**  
*Doubletree - Latrobe Room*  
Sing With the Champs 8:30 am– 11:30 am  
Saturday Night Spectacular 5:45 pm - 6:45 pm  
Quartet Finals 7:00 am - 9:30 pm  
Chorditorium 10:30 pm - 1:00 am

\* Separately ticketed event



May 24, 2015

## Operational Highlights for Pittsburgh

### Rehearsal Facilities

The Omni Hotel has only two rooms large enough and with high enough ceilings to accommodate our tallest 4<sup>th</sup> row singers. They are the Monongahela and Alleghaney. We will be sharing times with seven other choruses three of which have brought risers. Our rehearsal times are listed on the previous page. All rehearsals are at the Omni on the 17th Floor in either the UMBER Room or Grand Ballroom. Please wear your summer travel uniform (see first page of this document) to each rehearsal unless advised otherwise.

### Chorus Contest Session Times:

First Session:	Begins	10:00 am
	Intermission:	11:52 am
	Ends	1:50 pm
Second Session:	Begins	4:00 pm
	Intermission	5:28 pm
	Ends	7:08 pm

### Queue Changes in 2015

This year there will be no queue as in the past. Instead, photos will be taken onstage at the conclusion of our performance. We will be picked up at the hotel by bus and transported directly backstage.

As it stands now:

- We will be picked up at the Omni at 6:04 pm.
- Arrive the Consul Arena at 6:14pm
- Be backstage at 6:20 pm.
- Be On Stage at 6:26 pm.

### Chorus Photographs

This year the official photo will be taken on stage following our performance. The photo will be taken following our second song. Stage lights will dim for approximately 5 seconds to allow the chorus and Chris time to pose for the photo. The lights will be returned to performance level and 5 seconds later there will be a flash indicating that the first photo has been taken. There will be three additional flashes at 5 second intervals. After the four flashes the lights will dim and we will exit the stage. There will be no conversation between the photographer and the chorus. So it will be important to stand still until the four flashes are complete.





## Pittsburgh 2015

### Other Dining in Pittsburgh:

#### Market Square

(From the Omni, take Wm. Penn Place South to 5<sup>th</sup> Ave; then West on 5<sup>th</sup> Ave one block past Wood St.)

All are reasonably priced .....

- Diamond Grill (Burgers, BBQ, Fish & Chips, Chicken)
- Fat Tommy's Pizzeria
- La Gondola Pizzeria
- Las Vilas Mexican (Gourmet Mexican)
- Moe's Southwest Grill (Tacos, Burritos, Enchiladas)
- Nola (New Orleans style, jazz Wed, Fri, Sat)
- Original Oyster House (Clam, Crab, Shrimp, Scallops)
- Primanti Brothers (Sandwiches of all varieties)
- Sienna Sulla Piazza (Gourmet Steak, Salmon, Pasta)
- Wingart's Burgers and Bar
- Noodles & Company (Noodle Bowls)
- Vallozzi's (Upscale Italian) 412-394-3400

And many more .....

Bluebird Kitchen 221 Forbes Ave. (Breakfast) \$

Bigelow Grill (Double Tree) B/L/D 1 Bigelow Square (412-281-5013) \$

TGI Friday's (Consul Center 1027 Fifth Ave) (412-471-1736) \$

Reflect Bistro & Bar 1310 Center \$\$

Hanlon's Café 961 Liberty (American traditional) (412-394-3500) \$\$

McCormick & Schmidt's Seafood and Steaks 31 Fifth Ave (412-201-6992) \$\$

Bravo Franco 613 Penn Ave. (Italian) \$\$\$

Habitat Restaurant (Fairmont Hotel 510 Market Street) (412-773-8848) \$\$\$\$

Capital Grill 301 Fifth Ave (412-338-9100) \$\$\$\$

Morton's Steakhouse 625 Liberty (412-261-7141) \$\$\$\$

# Walkable Dining Options from Pittsburgh's David L. Lawrence Convention Center

## Downtown

- 1 Andys at Fairmont
- 2 August Henry's City Saloon
- 3 Backstage Bar at Theater Square
- 4 Bigelow Grille at Doubletree
- 5 Blue Line Grille
- 6 Braddock's American Brasserie
- 7 Bravo Franco
- 8 Capital Grille of Pittsburgh
- 9 Carlton Restaurant
- 10 Christos Mediterranean Grille
- 11 City Gourmet Group
- 12 Diamond Market Bar & Grill
- 13 Eadies' Market & Catering
- 14 Eleven Contemporary Kitchen
- 15 Fat Tommy's Pizzeria
- 16 Fifth Avenue Place Arcade Shops
- 17 Habitat at Fairmont
- 18 Hanlon's Cafe
- 19 Il Pizziola
- 20 Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches
- 21 Lidia's Pittsburgh
- 22 McCormick & Schmick's Seafood
- 23 Meat & Potatoes

- 24 Moe's Southwest Grill
- 25 Morton's The Steakhouse
- 26 Nicky's Thai Kitchen
- 27 Nine on Nine
- 28 NOLA on the Square
- 29 Olive or Twist
- 30 Original Fish Market at Westin
- 31 Original Oyster House
- 32 Palm Court at Omni
- 33 Penn City Grille at Westin
- 34 Penn Station East Coast Subs
- 35 PPG Place Food Court and Retail
- 36 Primanti Bros. Market Square
- 37 Redbeard's Sports Bar & Grill
- 38 Ruth's Chris Steak House
- 39 Sal's City Deli
- 40 Sammy's Famous Corned Beef
- 41 Sevice

- 42 Sharp Edge Bistro Penn
- 43 Six Penn Kitchen
- 44 Sonoma Grille
- 45 Steelhead Brasserie & Wine Bar
- 46 Subway Restaurant
- 47 T.G.I. Friday's
- 48 Tap/Terrace Room at Omni
- 49 Three Rivers Restaurant
- 50 Tonic Bar & Grill
- 51 Vallozzi's Pittsburgh
- 52 Wingharts

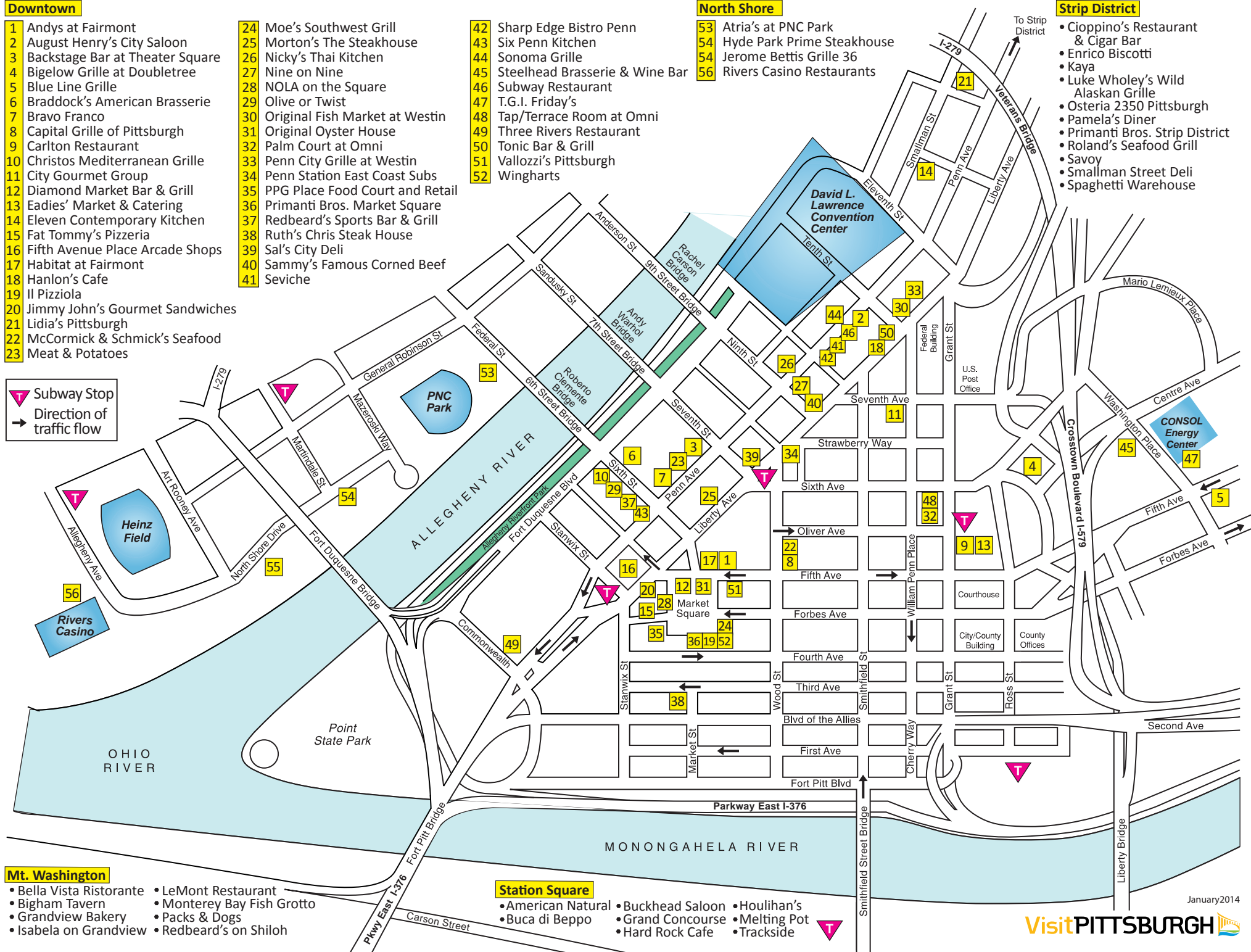
## North Shore

- 53 Atria's at PNC Park
- 54 Hyde Park Prime Steakhouse
- 54 Jerome Bettis Grille 36
- 56 Rivers Casino Restaurants

## Strip District

- Cioppino's Restaurant & Cigar Bar
- Enrico Biscotti
- Kaya
- Luke Wholey's Wild Alaskan Grille
- Osteria 2350 Pittsburgh
- Pamela's Diner
- Primanti Bros. Strip District
- Roland's Seafood Grill
- Savoy
- Smallman Street Deli
- Spaghetti Warehouse

 Subway Stop  
 Direction of traffic flow



## Mt. Washington

- Bella Vista Ristorante
- Bigham Tavern
- Grandview Bakery
- Isabela on Grandview
- LeMont Restaurant
- Monterey Bay Fish Grotto
- Packs & Dogs
- Redbeard's on Shiloh

## Station Square

- American Natural
- Buca di Beppo
- Buckhead Saloon
- Grand Concourse
- Hard Rock Cafe
- Houlihan's
- Melting Pot
- Trackside

**International Chorus Competition**  
**Order of Appearance**  
**Friday, July 3**

First Session :           10:00am – 2:30pm

- Mike Testers: Singing Buckeyes   (JAD)
1.    Great Lakes Chorus           (PIO)
  2.    Downeasters                   (NED)
  3.    Carolina Vocal Express       (NSC)
  4.    Sound of Illinois               (ILL)
  5.    Circle City Sound             (CAR)
  6.    Ambassadors of Harmony      (CSD)
  7.    Westminster                   (FWD)
  8.    Houston Tidelanders          (SWD)
  9.    THX                            (SUN)
  10.  Brothers in Harmony           (MAD)
  11.  Alexandria Harmonizers       (MAD)
  12.  Central Standard             (CSD)
  13.  Southern Gateway             (JAD)
  14.  Heralds of Harmony           (SUN)

INTERMISSION

Second session: 4:00pm to 6:00pm

15.  Northwest Sound               (EVG)
16.  Duke City Sound               (RMD)
17.  Harbortown Sound              (ONT)
18.  Music City Chorus             (DIX)
19.  The Marksmen                  (SWD)
20.  Hallmark of Harmony          (BABS)
21.  Midwest Vocal Express        (LOL)
22.  Voices of Gotham              (MAD)
23.  The Alliance                  (JAD)
24.  Upstate Harmonizers          (SLD)
- 25.  Voices in Harmony           (FWD)**
26.  New Tradition                  (ILL)





## 2015 International Quartet Qualifiers

1	Lemon Squeezy (SNOBS)	90.0	27	Mayhem (MAD)	78.4
2	Forefront (CAR)	89.3	28	American Pastime	78.1
3	Instant Classic (CAR)	88.0	29	Let's Sing (CAR)	78.0
4	Throwback (SUN)	87.3	30	Last Man Standing (MAD)	77.7
5	A Mighty Wind (DIX)	87.2	31	MC4 (DIX)	77.7
6	After Hours (ILL)	86.9	32	Midnight Croon (LOL)	77.6
7	The Crush (FWD)	85.8	33	Lockout (BHA)	77.6
8	Ouorum (JAD)	85.3	34	Zero Hour (NSC)	77.6
9	Stockholm Syndrome (SNOBS)	85.1	35	Absolut (SNOBS)	77.5
10	Artistic License (FWD)	84.7	36	Jam Session (JAD)	77.5
11	' Rond midnight (MAD)	82.6	37	7 <sup>th</sup> Avenue (CAR)	77.5
12	Harmonium (CSD)	81.1	38	Emerald Guard (BABS)	77.5
13	McPhly (FWD)	81.1	39	Gimme Four (MAD)	77.5
14	The Core (JAD)	80.7	40	Red Zone (DIX)	77.5
15	Trocadero (SNOBS)	80.5	41	The Rooftops (CAR)	77.2
16	BSG (MAD)	80.4	42	Boom Town (CSD)	77.2
17	Test Drive (ONT)	80.3	43	The Hanfris Q't (SABS)	77.2
18	The Con Men (JAD)	80.3	44	Revelation (BHNZ)	77.1
19	Reckless (BABS)	80.1	45	Clutch (SWD)	76.8
20	Frank The Dog (MAD)	80.1	46	Majestyz (POI)	76.8
21	Newfangled Four ((FWD)	79.7	47	Flightline (FWD)	76.7
22	Vocality (LOL)	79.1	48	Boardwalk (DIX)	76.5
23	Hot Air Buffoons (JAD)	79.0	49	Supersonic (ONT)	76.5
24	4.0 (EVG)	78.9	50	Blue Steele (RMD)	75.1
25	Signature (SUN)	78.9	51	Timepiece (NED)	74.6
26	Late Shift (CAR)	78.7	52	ColdSnap (SLD)	74.0

