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## **Chorus nominates first co-directors, makes history**

*Sisters to take Choral-Aires Chorus to International Competition*

Elmhurst, Ill.—For the first time in its 52-year history, the members of the Choral-Aires Chorus have nominated co-directors to lead them as they prepare for the Sweet Adelines International competition in Hawaii next year. The two directors, Bonnie Fedyski and Amy Brinkman, have more in common than directing the regional championship chorus. Both have been International Quartet Champions.

And they are sisters.

The two have been singing together since childhood, both joining the Choral-Aires Chorus as members in 1986.

“We are thrilled to have Bonnie and Amy leading us together as a team,” states Chorus President Nancy Smith. “They both bring deep musical knowledge to the table, and each has a unique perspective on what will bring our chorus to the next level. The fresh energy and joy they have brought to both our long-time members and those just joining are just what we need to excel in Hawaii next November.”

Both women have been involved with barbershop music for nearly 30 years, and each has held a variety of leadership positions in the Chorus, as well as in the region to which the Chorus belongs. Serving as choreographers, section leaders, on the Chorus’ music team, and handling administrative duties for Lake Michigan Region 3, has prepared the duo to direct the Choral-Aires Chorus with a depth of experience, and a perspective rare for a director. The two are a great asset to the Chorus and are well loved by Chorus members.

More information about the Chorus, and its new co-directors, can be found on the Chorus website at <http://choral-aires.com>.

More than 100 women from Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin sing tight harmonies *a cappella* (without instrumentation) with the Choral-Aires Chorus, a Sweet Adelines International medaling chorus, and the 2012 Lake Michigan Region 3 Champion. This program is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

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