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## Chorus counts down to international competition

Elmhurst, Ill.—The Choral-Aires Chorus, a Sweet Adelines International medaling chorus, invites community members to enjoy pure barbershop music in a show titled “Blast off to Houston.” The show features the Chorus and three Regional qualifying quartets performing the show packages to be presented at the Sweet Adelines International Competition in Houston, October 17 - 22. “Blast off to Houston” is at 4 p.m., Sunday, October 9, at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church (149 West Brush Hill Road, Elmhurst).

Tickets cost \$12 per person, or \$8 for students and seniors (62+), children under five are free. They may be purchased on the Chorus website at <http://choral-aires.com>, or by contacting Sherry Podgorsky at 847-648-3333 or [sparker52@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sparker52@sbcglobal.net).

The Chorus was invited to participate in the international competition after earning the highest score in the Chorus’ 50-year history at its regional competition. The score, 680 out of 800, landed the chorus in second place at regional competition, behind the five-time International chorus champions, but well above many first place choruses in other regions nationwide.

Chorus President Martha Anderson says of the show, “We were all motivated by our high score at regional competition, and want to represent the region well at international. The ladies of the chorus have put their hearts and souls into this show package. They have learned new choreography and intricate harmonies, and have spent incredible amounts of time refining each piece. They do this with unmatched energy and enthusiasm. We all look forward to performing the show package for a local audience before the International Convention.”

At the convention, all competing choruses will be judged in four categories: music, sound, expression and showmanship. All music is performed barbershop-style (or a cappella). For more information about the Choral-Aires Chorus’ journey at the Sweet Adelines International Convention in Houston, watch their website, [www.choral-aires.com](http://www.choral-aires.com).

More than 100 women from Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin sing tight harmonies *a cappella* (without instrumentation) with the Choral-Aires Chorus, the 2008 Lake Michigan Region 3 Champion with the Sweet Adelines International. This program is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency. More information about the Chorus can be found at their website, <http://choral-aires.com>.

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**Attention Media:** This event offers great visual appeal for readers and watchers alike. Please contact Tiffany Self at 630.484.1554 for complimentary press tickets.