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## **Diverse Canadian Chorus Takes Gold at International Competition Sweet Adelines International Names North Metro the 2013 Chorus Champion**

**Tulsa, Okla., Nov. 7, 2012** – North Metro Chorus from Toronto, ON, Canada took gold at the 2012 Sweet Adelines International Convention and Competition held on Nov.3, 2012, in Denver, Colo. One hundred thirty-five of the 141-member chorus performed onstage. Second and third places went to Rich-Tone and Harborlites Choruses, respectfully. The Harmony Classic Division A gold medal went to Carolina Harmony and the Harmony Classic Division AA gold medal went to Westcoast Harmony.

June Dale has directed North Metro Chorus for 40 years and to four gold medals. North Metro Chorus was chartered in 1967 and has placed consistently in the top 10 at International Competitions since 1994. North Metro Chorus first took gold in 1996, followed by 1999 and 2002.

The chorus has a diverse membership of women ranging in age from 27 to 83 years old — and the 83 year old, Sadie, was onstage and helped them win gold this year. The chorus also has four mother/daughter combinations singing within the chorus.

The Rich-Tone Chorus of Richardson, Texas won second place and the Celebrity Award with 118 members onstage, directed by Dale Syverson. The Harborlites of Anaheim, Calif. took third place with 110 members onstage, directed by Pam Pieson.

Carolina Harmony Chorus of Raleigh/Durham, N.C. captured first place among small choruses at the Harmony Classic Division A competition on October 30, 2012. Leading Carolina Harmony to victory was director Susie Smith from Raleigh. Smith has directed Carolina Harmony Chorus since 1997.

Westcoast Harmony Chorus from Vancouver, BC, Canada won first place among mid-sized choruses during the Harmony Classic Division AA competition on October 30, 2012. Westcoast Harmony Chorus has been directed by Anne Marteniuk for six years. She is the youngest person ever to attain the status of Master Director, a title created by Sweet Adelines International to honor its musical directors whose choruses score 600 points or more in Regional Competitions, shared by only an elite group of directors.

Sweet Adelines International is a musical force in the United States and around the world. The organization is headquartered in Tulsa, Okla., where it was founded in 1945. This nonprofit music education organization is one of the world's largest singing organizations for women encompassing nearly 24,000 members, 1,200 registered quartets and 600 choruses in most of the fifty United States, Africa, Australia, Canada, England, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Japan, New Zealand, Scotland, Sweden, The Netherlands and Wales. For more information on the Sweet Adelines International Convention call 800.992.7464, 918.622.1444 or visit <http://www.sweetadelineintl.org> .

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