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Elevating women singers worldwide through education, performance, and competition
in barbershop harmony and a cappella music.

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The Ladies Quartet Crowned International Champions *Sweet Adelines International 74th Annual Convention and Competition*

TULSA, Okla. (Sept. 30, 2022) — After three long years of online rehearsals and virtual performances, barbershop a cappella singers from around the world returned to the stage at the 74th Annual Sweet Adelines International Convention & Competition in Phoenix, Arizona (USA). On Friday, Sept. 16, The Ladies Quartet was named International Champion Quartet.

For Sweet Adelines and barbershop fans across the globe, The Ladies are now the 2023 *Queens of Harmony*.

The Ladies is based in Nashville, Tenn. Members are Quincie Shook (tenor), Caroline Beal (lead), Kimberly Newcomb (baritone), and Ashley Rohovit (bass). They ranked first in the quartet semifinals on Wednesday, Sept. 14 and won it all at the finals with their jazzy tempo changes and gorgeous chords that caused a leaping ovation from the audience.

Watch their winning performances: <https://youtu.be/4EghNXcfVp0> (Semifinals) and <https://youtu.be/G6wRPGPIKuk> (Finals)

The Ladies are a dynamic group of women committed to making music with authenticity and joy. They began their journey preparing for Sweet Adelines 2016 Rising Star Quartet Contest in New Zealand — where they brought home the gold. In addition to entertaining audiences with their witty and jazzy a cappella performances, the quartet highly values barbershop education and has taught a cappella and barbershop singing camps across the United States.

Nearly 100 quartets and choruses, totaling 2,000 a cappella singers, competed at The Phoenix Convention Center. Seven countries were represented in the competition: Australia, Canada, Netherlands, New Zealand, Sweden, United Kingdom, and United States.

Watch competition performances: www.youtube.com/SweetAdelineIntl

View competition scores: www.sweetadelines.com/Phoenix

Sweet Adelines International was founded in Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1945. It is one of the world's largest singing organizations for women. With over 16,000 members in 10 countries, Sweet Adelines International's mission is *Elevating women singers worldwide through education, performance, and competition in barbershop harmony and a cappella music*. For more information, visit www.sweetadelines.com or follow on social media via @sweetadelinesintl.

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