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

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### **OK City Chorus Named Harmony Classic Division AA Champion** *Sweet Adelines International 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and Competition*

TULSA, Okla. (Sept. 28, 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 Tuesday, Sept. 13, small and mid-sized choruses competing in the Harmony Classic Chorus Competition.

OK City Chorus of Oklahoma City, Okla. under the direction of Mary Rhea was named Harmony Classic Division AA Champion. The chorus took home the gold with big chords and a lively show set in an attic full of memories. Surrounded by quilts, cardboard boxes and a variety of holiday décor, the chorus performed Dolly Parton's "9 to 5" and "Brave" by Jack Antonoff and Sara Bareilles. Harmony Classic Division AA includes choruses with 31–60 singers. OK City Chorus competed with 58 singers.

Watch their winning performance: <https://youtu.be/dCyQ5xdS0J4>

Carolina Harmony Chorus of Raleigh, N.C. under the direction of Susie Smith was named Harmony Classic Division A Champion Chorus. They presented "STREET ADELINES," and rocked the stage dressed like bikers in leather and chains. The audience was singing and clapping along to, "Street Adelines...vroom, vroom, vroom" to the tune of "Sweet Caroline." Harmony Classic Division A includes choruses with 12–30 singers. Carolina Harmony Chorus competed with 18 singers.

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](http://www.youtube.com/SweetAdelineIntl)

View competition scores: [www.sweetadelines.com/Phoenix](http://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](http://www.sweetadelines.com) or follow on social media via @sweetadelinesintl.

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