

Sweet Adelines International is a worldwide women's singing organization committed to advancing the musical art form of barbershop harmony through opportunities in education, performance and competition.

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Sweet Adelines Champions Sirens of Gotham Chorus, of Manhattan, Selected to Go on Tour with Disney's DCappella

Sirens of Gotham Chorus, who placed first in the 2018 Sweet Adelines Harmony Classic Division A Chorus Competition, will open for Disney's DCappella on Saturday, February 23 at the NYCB Theatre at Westbury in Westbury, New York. The chorus was chosen in response to a call for vocal groups to submit auditions via Instagram for a chance to go on tour as the opening act for DCappella.

"This is Me," the chorus's <u>final song from their 2018 Harmony Classic winning set</u>, was selected as their audition piece. The song, arranged by Kari Francis, was posted to the chorus's Instagram (@sirensofgotham) last November: "It was an absolute honor and joy to represent Sweet Adelines Region 15 on the big stage at Sweet Adelines International – taking home first place was just the icing on the cake. We also hear that our friends @dekesharon and @dcappellamusic are touring the US next year, and we would love to give them an NYC welcome when they're in town!"

The Manhattan-based a cappella chorus will have the opportunity to give their "NYC welcome" to the DCappella Tour at the Theatre at Westbury.

As an active chapter of the barbershop music organization Sweet Adelines International, Sirens of Gotham's mission as a diverse, inclusive group of individuals and performers is to constantly educate, innovate and raise the bar for women's a cappella and across all genres of vocal entertainment.

The chorus has accomplished much since its establishment in November 2011, and their success has soared since they became a chartered chapter of Sweet Adelines International in February 2013. Since then, the group has won three Sweet Adelines Region 15 chorus competitions – 2015, 2017 and 2018. In October 2018, the group won Sweet Adelines Harmony Classic Division A chorus competition (for choruses with 40 members or less) during its debut performance on Sweet Adelines' coveted international competition stage.

Incorporating a variety of genres from barbershop to contemporary pop to classical to vocal jazz, Sirens of Gotham takes pride in performing all kinds of a cappella music with precision and heartfelt artistry. Watch the chorus's Harmony Classic winning performance set on <u>Sweet Adelines YouTube Channel</u> and purchase tickets to see the chorus open for Disney's DCappella at <u>www.dcappellalive.com</u>.

Founded in Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1945, Sweet Adelines International is a worldwide women's singing organization committed to advancing a cappella singing in the barbershop style through opportunities in education, performance and competition. Sweet Adelines is one of the world's largest singing organizations for women, with a membership of 21,000 in 525 choruses and 1,000 quartets across the globe.

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