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Barbershop A Cappella World Champions Announced at Sweet Adelines International's 70th Annual Convention and Competition

TULSA, Okla. – After five exhilarating days of fierce competition and extensive educational events, Sweet Adelines International has announced the new four-part barbershop a cappella harmony world champions.

More than 40 quartets and 40 choruses competed on the MGM Grand Garden Arena stage October 18-22. Six countries were represented in the international competition: Australia, Canada, England, New Zealand, Sweden and the United States. In addition to thousands of viewers watching the competition live via webcast, nearly 6,000 watched eagerly in the arena as one-by-one the choruses and quartets delivered performances of a lifetime.

The competition began on Tuesday with Harmony Classic, featuring the top small and mid-sized choruses. From Goleta, Calif., the Carpe Diem Chorus claimed the Division A champion title. The Pearls of the Sound Chorus, from Helsingborg, Sweden, secured the champion title in Division AA.

Under the direction of Britt-Heléne Bonnedahl and Anna Alvring, the Rönninge Show Chorus took home the gold in the International Chorus Competition on Friday, October 21. From Rönninge, Sweden, this is the second world title for the renowned International Champion Chorus. With an overall score of 3,098 out of 3,200 possible points, the 143-member chorus secured the title with "Zing Went the Strings of my Heart," "I Hope I Get It," "Music and the Mirror," "Who am I Anyway?" "What I Did for Love," "Dance Ten Looks Three" and "One Singular Sensation."

In the International Quartet Competition, Frenzy, was crowned with the 2017 champion title on Saturday, October 22. With an overall score of 2,799, the quartet achieved the title with "Help!" "I Never Knew I Could Love Anybody (Like I'm Loving You)," "Can't Take My Eyes Off of You," "I'm a Middle-Aged Woman," "I am the Very Model of a Modern Major General," "Baritone Blues," "Hero" and "Holding Out for a Hero." Frenzy competed in their first international competition in October of 2011 and have been working toward their international title ever since. The members of the quartet – Melissa Pope, Nikki Blackmer, Anne Downton and Judy Pozsgay – reside in the southwest corner of Washington state and Langley, British Columbia, Canada.

"Sweet Adelines International just returned from Las Vegas where we shared an exciting week of education, performances and incredible competitions. The International Convention and Competition is the highlight of the year for Sweet Adelines everywhere. Witnessing our members from the U.S.A. and all over the world sharing their incredible performances and then being cheered and embraced by every other competitor encourages us all and exemplifies who we are – a large and diverse family dedicated to harmonizing the world! We are Sweet Adelines!" – International President, Paula Davis

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