



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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California-Based Sweet Adelines Quartet, LoveNotes, to Open for Disney's DCappella

California-based Sweet Adelines quartet, LoveNotes, will bring a cappella expertise home to the Bay Area when they open for Disney's DCappella on Sunday, March 17, at Fox Theater in Oakland.

Quartet members Brittany Gilmore (tenor), Mia Dessenberger (lead), Caitlin Castelino (baritone) and Stephanie Lawson (bass) are based in the San José area. The quartet wrote on their Facebook page that they were "over the moon" when they found out their audition video had earned them a spot on Disney's DCappella tour.

DCappella is a seven-member a cappella singing group formed by co-creator, music director arranger and producer, Deke Sharon, to "spread the magic of a cappella and Disney."

LoveNotes is affiliated with Sweet Adelines International, a worldwide women's barbershop singing organization. They began singing with Sweet Adelines' Young Women in Harmony (YWIH) program when the members' ages ranged from 11-14 years, and they won Sweet Adelines' 2005 Rising Star Quartet Contest. In 2009, competing as adults, they became Regional Champions for Pacific Shores Region 12, which encompasses northern California, northern Nevada, southern Oregon and Hawaii. After that, they began to compete on the international stage, eventually becoming the 2014 Sweet Adelines International Champion Quartet. You can see their [winning performance on Sweet Adelines' YouTube channel](#).

LoveNotes continues to earn awards and amass fans with their blend of traditional barbershop, musical theater, jazz, classical and contemporary pop music. (Their 2009 [barbershop arrangement of Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody"](#) is not to be missed!) They have released five CDs, and they continue to perform and teach workshops across the nation and around the world. In addition to performing in LoveNotes, Gilmore and Dessenberger perform with Diablo Vista Chorus, a Sweet Adelines chorus based in Walnut Creek which is directed by Castelino. Lawson and Castelino are also involved with the Bay Area Showcase Chorus of San José.

Founded 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. It 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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