



Celebrating 75 years of Sweet Adelines

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Sweet Adelines Stories: Totally Awestruck!

River City Sound Company quartet was from the Portland, Oregon/Vancouver, Washington (USA), area and we had been together for four years. We had won the Region #24 Championship in 1984 and had competed in Las Vegas, but getting ready for Philadelphia, we felt we had to step it up a notch. We had the extreme honor to be coached by Renee Craig, probably one of the high points in our singing lives. She had such a talent and such a wit, and we had a great time with her. I think the other thing that stands out about that time is being totally "awestruck" when we heard AMBIANCE. We had never heard anything like them, and we were mesmerized. The incredible talent of Shelly, who seemed to have no vocal ceiling, the craziness and personality of Liz, the amazing range of Sandi and the surprising control of their brand new bass (we found out later), Diane. Their singing, as well as their entertaining "moxie" all added up to a week that was totally unforgettable for us.

Since then we've all kept in touch. Jocie has been in the Bend, Oregon area for many years, singing and directing Bella A Cappella Chorus. Joanna moved to Idaho and then to Arizona, singing and directing wherever she went. Since losing her husband a few years ago, she's back in Oregon and we have lunch or play BINGO a couple times a month. Carol and I sang with the mixed quartet Airwaves from 1988–2001. Carol lost her husband, who was also the bass in Airwaves, on 9/11. In 2012, I was asked to be the lead in a new quartet, Brass Ring. We competed in Boise in 2013 and took third...Pretty good for a bunch of old ladies!

As a side note, in 2022 I will have been a member of Sweet Adelines for 50 years. My plan is to be in Phoenix to receive my 50-year pin.

—Linda Tracy, River City Sound Company

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Tenor: Jocie Lorenz Hagen

Lead: Linda Tracy

Baritone: Carol Peterson Swanson

Bass: Joanna Moyer