



Dear Sweet Adelines Member,

The news we have to share is not unexpected, but that does not make it less heart-breaking.

The 2020 Sweet Adelines International Convention & Competition in Louisville, Kentucky (USA) is cancelled. Along with the cancellation of our International Convention, the Regional Video Contest and the 2020 Rising Star Quartet Contest are also cancelled.

With COVID-19 still affecting people around the world, the International Board of Directors has made this difficult decision out of an abundance of caution for the safety of our members.

We are so very sad that we will not be able to gather in person to celebrate our 75th anniversary as an organization and enjoy the thrill of barbershop performance and competition. We feel for those of you for whom it was to be a first or last international performance and for those of you who were looking forward to visiting with friends you seldom get to see in person.

Throughout our history, Sweet Adelines have worked together to improve as singers and as people. Together, we are always learning, always striving, and always strengthening our bonds as performers and friends. As this pandemic has kept us from gathering in person, we have witnessed Sweet Adelines' creativity in finding ways to keep musical and personal bonds strong. We are working on ways to virtually commemorate our 75th anniversary together and to celebrate the music that we make. We will share plans with you as soon as they are finalized.

Of course, the cancellation of the International Convention involves some practical decisions regarding fees, tickets, travel arrangements, and other concerns. You will find answers to most of your questions in the FAQ at www.SweetAdelines.com/SAInformed or at www.SweetAdelines.com/Louisville.

We appreciate your patience and support throughout the decision-making process, and we look forward to working together for the future of our organization and our art form.

In Song,

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