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### **Award winning chorus receives Illinois Arts Council grant**

Elmhurst—The Choral-Aires Chorus, an award-winning Sweet Adelines chorus, is a 2009 recipient of an Illinois Arts Council grant. The grant of nearly \$2,200 is for general operating expenses including music education and community vocal workshops.

A four-part barbershop chorus, the Choral-Aires Chorus has captivated audiences with perfect pitch and entertaining choreography for nearly 50 years in such noted venues as Carnegie Hall, Wrigley Field, Paramount Theater, Rialto Theater, and more. In October, the Choral-Aires represented the Sweet Adelines International Region 3 at the international competition, earning 13<sup>th</sup> place, above more than 550 choruses worldwide. This was the Chorus' 11<sup>th</sup> appearance at the international competition, adding to a long-standing tradition of the Choral-Aires appearing at the competition.

Chorus President Peggy Arnold says of the grant, "We are thankful to have been chosen once again for this grant from the Illinois Arts Council. As a competitive chorus, we are always looking for ways to develop as both individuals and as a group. With these funds, we are able to invest in both."

The Choral-Aires invites interested women to visit a practice to see what sets the Chorus apart from all others. Receive vocal instruction from a master director, build deep, lasting relationships, and perform with other women in vibrant settings. Practices are held each Monday from 7-10 p.m., at Elmhurst Presbyterian Church (367 Spring Road, Elmhurst). For more information, contact Jane Toftey at 630.665.8387, or visit the Chorus website at [www.choral-aires.org](http://www.choral-aires.org).

More than 100 women from Illinois and Wisconsin sing tight harmonies *a capella* (without instrumentation) with the Choral-Aires Chorus, the 2008 Lake Michigan Region 3 Champion with the Sweet Adelines International. This program is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency. More information about the Chorus can be found at their website, <http://choral-aires.org>

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