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### **Local chorus prepares for international competition**

Elmhurst— Community members are invited to attend the Choral-Aires Chorus Preview Show at 3 p.m., Saturday, September 26, at the Bolingbrook High School Auditorium (365 Raider Way, Bolingbrook, Ill.). This event showcases the music the Chorus will present at the annual Sweet Adelines International Convention in Nashville, Tenn., October 20-24, as the 2008 Sweet Adelines Lake Michigan Region 3 champion. The Choral-Aires Chorus has represented the region at international competition regularly throughout the past decade, each time medaling in the top ten of more than 600 barbershop choruses.

Tickets cost \$12 per person, or \$8 for students and seniors (62+), children under five are free. For more information about the show, contact Connie Harr at [conniesing@aol.com](mailto:conniesing@aol.com) or Pat Smith at [psmithdabass@att.net](mailto:psmithdabass@att.net).

Chorus President Peggy Arnold says of the show, “The ladies of the chorus work tirelessly for this competition, learning new choreography and intricate harmonies. They do this well, with unmatched energy and enthusiasm. We have such a good time together, and we look forward to performing the show package to an audience prior to the International Convention.”

At the convention, all competing choruses will be judged in four categories: music, sound, expression and showmanship. All music is performed barbershop-style (or a capella). For more information about the Choral-Aires Chorus’ journey at the Sweet Adelines International Convention, watch their website, [www.choral-aires.org](http://www.choral-aires.org).

More than 100 women from Illinois and Wisconsin sing with the Choral-Aires Chorus, a top-ten medalist chorus 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, [www.choral-aires.org](http://www.choral-aires.org).

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**Attention Media:** This event offers great visual appeal for readers and watchers alike. Please contact Tiffany Self at 630.484.1554 for complimentary press tickets.