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At competition, highest score in 50-year history

Elmhurst—The Choral-Aires Chorus, a Sweet Adelines International medaling chorus, was recently invited to the 2011 International Competition for Sweet Adelines International, after earning the highest score in the Chorus' 50-year history. The score, 680 out of 800, landed the chorus in second place at regional competition, behind the five-time International chorus champions, but well above many first place choruses in other regions nationwide.

“Our goal was to reach 670 at this competition, the fact that we surpassed that goal, was so gratifying. I can’t explain how fantastic it feels to know that all of our hard work paid off,” says Chorus Master Director, Joan Boutilier. “We have much more work ahead of us to prepare for International Competition, and these women are committed to putting their best foot forward on the stage. We are looking forward to a great year of preparation.”

The Choral-Aires will be performing at the International Competition for the Sweet Adelines October 18-22, 2011, in Houston, Texas. Women of all ages who desire to be a part of an outstanding chorus are invited to join the Choral-Aires Chorus during weekly rehearsals held each Monday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., at Redeemer Lutheran Church (345 S. Kenilworth Avenue, Elmhurst). For more information, contact Jane Toftey at 630.665.8387.

More than 100 women from Illinois, Indiana 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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