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PRIDE OF BALTIMORE CHORUS TO COMPETE FOR MEDAL IN SWEET ADELINES INTERNATIONAL CONTEST

Parkville, MD, October 21, 2013 -- **The Pride of Baltimore Chorus**, a women's *a cappella* chorus, will travel to Honolulu, Hawaii, in November to compete with 32 of the world's best barbershop choruses. The chorus will perform in the **Sweet Adelines International (SAI) semi-final competition at 7:07Pm EST on Thursday, Nov. 7** which can be viewed live on the SAI streaming webcast at <http://www.sweetadelineintl.org/>.

The top ten finalists from Thursday's competition will compete again on Saturday, Nov 9 for final placement. A similar competition will be held for barbershop quartets on Wednesday and Friday.

The chorus will hold a **FREE Friends & Family Night** October 21 at St. Demetrios Church hall in Parkville, MD at 7pm and will perform the contest package in costume. Competing quartets from Region 19 will also perform.

Pride of Baltimore Chorus performs under SAI **Master Director Joe Cerutti, Jr.**, 32, who joined the organization in 2009. Cerutti holds a masters degree in choral conducting from Boston University and is held in high regard in the women's and men's barbershop societies for his musical expertise, humor and achievements.

In the men's Barbershop Harmony Society (BHS) Cerutti directs the Alexandria Harmonizers chorus, the 2013 3rd Place international medalists, and is both a Master Director and a competition Judge. A natural-born educator, Cerutti coaches barbershop choruses and quartets around the world.

Pride of Baltimore Chorus received its SAI charter in December 1993 under director Janet Ashford, who succumbed to pancreatic cancer in 2009. Since 1993 the chorus has grown from 20 to 100 women. Pride has earned multiple international medals including three 2nd Place international medals. The chorus has four currently active members who founded the chorus: Shirley Doss, Pat Holste, Cheri Laumann and Dot Myers.

Pride of Baltimore Chorus will hold a **20th Anniversary Reunion on Monday, December 9** from 7:30-10pm at St. Demetrios Church hall in Parkville, MD. All current and former members are invited to this **FREE** event.

Pride of Baltimore Chorus holds an Annual Tea in May, a show in the fall and can be hired to perform at functions. Quartets can be hired for Singing Valentines and other occasions throughout the year. For more information, visit <http://www.prideofbaltimorechorus.com>.

Pride of Baltimore Chorus members travel from six surrounding states including Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Virginia, and New York to Monday night rehearsals. Guests are always welcome at rehearsal.

MISSION: THE PRIDE OF BALTIMORE CHORUS IS AN AWARD WINNING COMMUNITY OF WOMEN WHO LOVE TO SING A CAPPELLA FOUR-PART HARMONY BARBERSHOP STYLE. WE STRIVE FOR MUSICAL EXCELLENCE THROUGH EDUCATION, COMPETITION AND PERFORMANCE. WE VALUE SUPPORTIVE FRIENDSHIP, INDIVIDUAL MUSICAL AND PERSONAL GROWTH, AND SHARING THE JOY OF MUSIC.

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