



Dear Music Educator:

Enclosed you will find information packets regarding a musical opportunity for your female choral students. Packets include a brochure, registration form, flyer and a letter from renowned a cappella arranger, Deke Sharon. **Sweet Expectations** is a daylong choral workshop and afternoon performance that will be held on **October 29, 2016**. It is sponsored by the **Champlain Valley Chorus of Sweet Adelines** (www.champlainvalleychorus.org). The purpose of this event is to encourage young women to develop stronger singing techniques while experiencing the pleasures of singing four-part a cappella harmony in the barbershop style. The culmination of the day's activities will be a performance in the Plattsburgh Presbyterian Church at 4:00 pm.

Guest Clinician this year, is Katie Taylor, a member of Harmony Inc. and K-12 music educator at the Alexandria Bay Central School. Mrs. Taylor comes with a vast background of barbershop singing and experience with leading young women. I urge you to invite your students to take advantage of small sectional work, choreography, vocal development and the performance opportunity at this unique workshop.

Although the event is advertised for young ladies 12 and up, we encourage you to invite those younger students you have who you feel would be able to handle the multiple events of the day. It is very important that they be able to sing their own part as well as have the mental and physical stamina to sustain their efforts. As you might also guess, it is highly important that we have students to cover all voice parts. If you could guide them in terms of selecting their voicing, it would be greatly appreciated.

Students can send their registrations directly to me (see below) or you can collect them and send them to me via BOCES mail, in care of Kathy Kokes, at Mooers Elementary School, NCCS. Please stress that the registration due date is **strict** because of the time that is required to learn the music as well as to order the concert t-shirts. Registration material can also be found on-line at www.champlainvalleychorus.org. Sheet music and learning tracks information will be sent to the girls as soon as registration is received, so the sooner the better.

Thank you in advance for your time and attention to this endeavor. This year is our 4th year sponsoring Sweet Expectations. Your support has been wonderful and greatly appreciated. Feel free to contact me with questions and to make copies as needed.

Thank you,

Diane Sabourin, Chairperson

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PS. If you have students who would qualify as Alto II and could handle the bass-please give them an extra push.