



## *Sweet Expectations*

Dear Music Educators:

Enclosed you will find information packets regarding an opportunity for your female choral students. Packets include a brochure, registration form, flyer and a letter from renowned arranger, Deke Sharon. Sweet Expectations will be held on September 23, 2017 and is sponsored by the Champlain Valley Chorus of Sweet Adelines.

The purpose of this workshop day is to encourage young women to develop mastery in their singing technique, and experience the pleasure of singing four-part a cappella harmony in the barbershop style. In addition, they will be performing at Stafford Middle School in Plattsburgh at our fall show. I would urge you to encourage your students to take advantage of the small sectional work, choreography, vocal development and the performance opportunity that will occur throughout the day.

The 2017 Director of the Sweet Expectations Chorus is Mr. Cody Hampton. Cody is currently the vocal music teacher at Stafford Middle School. During his career as a music educator he has organized and directed several a cappella groups. For a full biography, see our website [www.champlainvalleychorus.org](http://www.champlainvalleychorus.org).

Students can send their registrations directly to me (see below) or you can collect them and send them to Kathy Kokes, NCCS High School. Please stress that the registration due date is STRICT because of the t-shirt order and the turnaround time for the music and listening cds.

Thank you in advance for your encouragement and student involvement. It is hoped that this will become an annual event and your support is crucial. Feel free to contact me with questions and to make copies as needed.

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