



JUDY OLSON MASTER DIRECTOR TWIN CITIES CHORUS

Sweet Adelines International



"Sweet Adelines International is committed to advancing of the musical art form of barbershop harmony through education and performance.

We are the largest independent, non-profit music association for women singers in the world. Geographically, there are Sweet Adeline chorus in all 50 United States as well as in Australia, Canada, England, Finland, Germany, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Scotland and Sweden.

Sweet Adelines promotes harmony, friendship, self-esteem and the sense of belonging among women of all ages, races, ethnic backgrounds and levels of performance readiness. The women develop interpersonal and organizational skills that enable them to achieve at home and on the job. They are also exposed to show business, travel, lifelong friendships and a commitment to the common goal of musical excellence."

Judy Olson

Besides coming from a "theatre family" with a genuine love for anything to do with stage-craft, Judy holds a B.A. in Music Education from North Dakota State University and has taught junior high vocal music in both Osseo and Duluth, Minnesota.

Judy joined the City of Lakes Chorus in 1965, moved north and was part of the Duluth Harbor Chords Chorus for several years, then back to City of Lakes and on to her current position in 1993 where she earned her Sweet Adelines Master Director designation in 1998.

As an accomplished choreographer and a member of our International Faculty, she travels around the world, coaching choruses and quartets in staging, choreography and performance techniques.

Judy has sung in several top-ranking Regional quartets (*Sunshine Special, Skylark*). She has also served as *Director of Musical Activities* for Sweet Adelines Can-Am Region 6. More recently, she spends several nights a week performing as the alto singer with a mixed quartet, *Nostalgics*, an integral part of the local Twin Cities *Classic Big Band* under the direction of Dan Odegaard.



Directly Speaking ...

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