

# The Great Lakes Chorus

of Sweet Adelines International has performed a variety of new and old tunes in a cappella, four-part harmony, barbershop style since it was founded in 1959. We are semi-professional performers enhanced by lovely costumes, makeup and choreography. Our Master Director is Sylvia Karpinsky of Sterling Heights. We have about 68 active members from our early 20s on up. We love to perform and share our art form. We sing for conventions, clubs, private parties, businesses, retirement facilities, for students and veterans, festivals and parades. Our members come from about 33 different communities in five different counties.



**Border Lakes Region 2 First-Place Champions 2011**  
*Sweet Adelines International competitors in*  
**Denver, Colorado Fall 2012**

**Rehearsals - 7 p.m. Tuesday**  
**St. Thomas Lutheran Church**  
**8771 15 Mile Road near Van Dyke**  
**Sterling Heights**

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**MASTER DIRECTOR**

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**Some recent performances:**  
Entertainment at the Chrysler Museum in Rochester Hills, as nonpartisan entertainers at a rally for former President George W. Bush, the Selfridge Air National Guard Base Air Show Hangar Party, The Fox Theatre before The Rockettes Christmas Show, for other cultural organizations' events, American Cancer Society Relay, Oxford Concert in the Park, Detroit Princess Dinner Cruise, SIDS Walk, charity event in Caseville, Mich., the City of Utica Christmas Tree Lighting, the Bath City Festival, Mount Clemens; Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Clinton Township; Temple Israel, West Bloomfield; A Sterling Christmas, Sterling Heights; funeral home candlelight service, Loyalty Day for the Macomb County Veterans of Foreign Wars, Sterling Heights; Warren Cultural Commission, Warren; Senior Expo, Sterling Heights; schools, churches, nursing homes; Sterling Heights Memorial Day parade; food bank fund-raisers Freedom Hill County Park; for Red Hat Societies; for Kiwanis and Rotary clubs; American Houses, hospitals, restaurants, summer concerts, etc.

**Places we've been; Things we've done:**  
Hostesses of 37<sup>th</sup> Sweet Adelines International competition and convention in Detroit; a 19-day ambassador tour with 50 members visiting the Purlbrook and Coastline Harmony Choruses in England, the Aberdeen Chorus in Scotland and Ysselstein Chorus in Holland, giving classes and shows; a performance in Carnegie Hall, New York City; performance in Washington D.C. for Independence Day Festivities representing Michigan as the "Gerald R. Ford Chorus"; aboard a cruise ship to Bermuda, performing on the ship and at the Goombay Festival. We had a Fourth of July concert tour of Washington, D.C. and we have done well in the Buckeye Invitationals. We won first place in our 24-chorus region in the spring of 2011 and will compete in Sweet Adelines International contests in Denver, Colorado in the fall of 2012.

**GREAT LAKES REPERTOIRE:** Songs from Broadway musicals like "Phantom of the Opera" and "Hello Dolly," Pop, ballads, Jazz and Swing, upbeat contemporary and hits from all the decades. Also, patriotic, Halloween, Christmas, Valentines, and other tunes for special occasions.

**AWARDS and COMPETITION:** Great Lakes Chorus won first-place medals in Michigan/Ontario regional competition more than a dozen times. We've competed in great convention cities like London (England), St. Louis, Phoenix, Las Vegas, Nashville, Honolulu and Seattle and scored in the top ten twice in international competition, in Salt Lake City and Indianapolis.