

## **A Cappella Community Chorus Seeking Musical Director**

### **WHO ARE WE?**

Potomac Harmony Chorus, Sweet Adelines International, chartered in 1976. We are a financially-stable chorus of friendly, focused, and devoted members who are eager to improve, grow, and perform four-part harmony a cappella music, barbershop style. Having received numerous medals during our history, we also look forward to the exciting challenge of competing within our five-state region.

We are ready to grow into a stronger, skills-based chorus, while retaining the loving spirit that is integral to Potomac Harmony. We look forward to regional competitions as opportunities to assess our skills. We are welcoming, warm, and love to have fun!

### **WHAT DO WE WANT?**

We are seeking a new musical director for the first time in our 46-year history (due to well-deserved retirement of our first and only director). We want a director who will provide strong rehearsals and mentorship to allow us to improve our barbershop skills as we continue to entertain our audiences. Through musical expression, we want to promote the barbershop art form. And we will support our new director in obtaining appropriate education through the many outlets afforded front-line directors within the Sweet Adelines community.

### **WHAT WILL THE RIGHT PERSON LOOK LIKE?**

The ideal candidate will be a director who has the vision and dynamism to lead us to the next best version of ourselves. The applicant should have experience directing singing groups. Experience in the barbershop style is preferred but not required. The applicant should be enthusiastic and motivated to move forward with us!

### **WHAT WILL YOU BE DOING?**

You will have the opportunity to build on the well-respected reputation this ensemble has earned over five decades of making music and supporting our community.

As a front-line director, you will develop new approaches to teaching music, enrich the skills of our chorus, and help craft our new ensemble identity. As the face of our chorus, you will be key in attracting new and vibrant members and introducing them to the joys of singing our music.

## **WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR IN A DIRECTOR?**

### Knowledge:

Experienced director, experience with barbershop is a plus! The Sweet Adelines community, however, provides a rich environment for excellent education in our art form, and we would support this training for our new director.

### Skills:

Organized (solid rehearsal schedule, strong program repertoire identified).  
Forward-thinking visionary with strong focus.

### Abilities:

Ability to communicate clearly, both verbally and in writing, singers' responsibilities and director's expectations.  
Ability to teach singers with different learning styles and skill levels.

### Availability:

Weekly rehearsals, performances, coaching sessions/retreats (weekend commitment), accessibility to members outside of rehearsal via phone/email.

## **WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO AND WHEN?**

Fill out the application at [www.potomacharmony.org](http://www.potomacharmony.org) and submit it to Jackie Bottash, [backrowlead@aol.com](mailto:backrowlead@aol.com), no later than September 15, 2022.