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## **Baltimore's Lustre Quartet Wins Sweet Adelines International Award, Harbor City Music Company Ranks 6<sup>th</sup> - Welcomes Women Singers for "Harmony for the Holidays" Program**

*Six-week season open to all women singers, includes performances*

**Baltimore, MD (November 3, 2017)** - Baltimore's own [Lustre Quartet](#) was crowned the **2018 Sweet Adelines International (SAI) Quartet Champions** at the SAI Annual Convention and Competition in Las Vegas October 9-14, while its parent chorus, [Harbor City Music Company](#) became the international 6<sup>th</sup> place winners. Three other quartets in the chorus – GQ Quartet, Famous Janes Quartet, and Neon Lights Quartet – also placed in the Top 20 in the world.

**Harbor City Music Company and Lustre are now inviting women from around the area to sing with them as part of a 6-week "Harmony for the Holidays" program.** The chorus sings four-part harmony in the a cappella barbershop tradition. Holiday chorus singers will join the chorus for weekly rehearsals as well as several community holiday performances in the Baltimore-Washington, DC area. The repertoire includes songs in celebration of Christmas and Hanukkah, with both sacred and popular seasonal songs.

The chorus is led by Michael Gellert, a "Master 700" director who brings out the best in each singer. However, singers do not need to audition or have any previous experience.

Rehearsals begin **November 8**, and are held each Wednesday from 7:20 to 9:00 PM at the Severna Park Elks Lodge, 160 Truck House Road, Severna Park, MD 21146. While there will be multiple performances, attendance is not mandatory – Harmony chorus singers just come when they can. Participation is open to women and girls ages 12 and up (participants under 16 must have an adult present). There is a cost of \$40 to cover music royalties (\$20 for anyone under age 26).

**NOTE to Media:** Media is welcome to attend a Harmony for the Holidays rehearsal or we can tell you when and where we are performing. **Harbor City Music Company and Lustre Quartet are available for interviews, including on-air performances.**

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