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Chorus kicks off season with 'Harmonizing the Holidays!' Community Report

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The show will feature "Ricochet" (men's quartet) and "5 O'clock Somewhere" (women's quartet), Region 10's current 2013 first-place medalists. TWSC also has invited several quartets from their membership to join them. The show will include the chorus' very popular repertoire of show tunes and "fun" stuff and then transition into the holidays with more seasonal tunes.

"Ricochet," a newly formed men's barbershop quartet, are all members of the Houston Tidelanders Chorus, a local men's barbershop chorus. Zach McLaren (lead), Jeff Reifsnyder (Bass), Dave Arce (Baritone) and Randy Fly (tenor) are all seasoned and accomplished singers who have performed and competed in district and international arenas in various quartets.

"5 O'clock Somewhere" has performed and competed together for many years and are all members of The Woodlands Show Chorus. Sheri Strawther (lead), Carolyn Hudler (tenor), Pam Parish (baritone), and Kerri Mauney (base) are excited that their regional win in April has qualified them to compete in the Honolulu 2013 Sweet Adelines International Quartet Competition in early November just prior to the TWSC holiday show!

Based on attaining high scores at their very first regional competition, The Woodlands Show Chorus ranks ninth among the 500-plus Sweet Adelines International chapters in the world.

"We love being a part of The Woodlands and would like to provide women singers in all areas the opportunity to perform on stage with us at the Sweet Adelines International Competition in Baltimore," Betty Clipman, master director, said. "It has been such a joy to direct this chorus dedicated to excellent singing. Our prospects are so bright for competing well internationally as we did regionally."

Since chartering less than two years ago, TWSC's 70-plus members have enjoyed performing in and around The Woodlands area for several occasions, such as preconcert activities for The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, side show performances at The Woodlands Waterway Art Festival and monthly meetings of the 105 Veterans and Lone Star Honor Flight. The entire chorus, the day chorus (Daybreak) and several chorus quartets have planned additional performances in 2013 and 2014.

A silent auction and bake sale will precede the holiday show at 6 p.m. with show time at 7:30 p.m. There is special ticket pricing for seniors, children and patrons. Tickets can be purchased online at www.thewoodlandsshowchorus.org, by emailing tickets@thewoodlandsshowchorus.org or by phone to Carole at 713-688-6509.

To learn more about The Woodlands Show Chorus, attend a rehearsal or to inquire about a performance, visit www.thewoodlandsshowchorus.org. Rehearsals are from 7-10 p.m. Mondays at The Royal Hall, 15258 Interstate 45 N. (La Tienda Center at the corner of FM 1488 and the southbound side of I-45 North). Membership information can be found on the website. For membership questions, email Mary Smith at members@thewoodlandsshowchorus.org or call 936-271-9366