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**TOTR TO PRESENT FREE CONCERT TO CELEBRATE
BARBIE'S 50TH BIRTHDAY**
Show is Competition Package for Upcoming International Contest

LITTLE ROCK—Dressed up in costumes, wigs and high heels, Top of the Rock Chorus will present a musical tribute to Barbie's 50th birthday on Oct. 6. The "Family and Friends" event is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at Woolly Auditorium, School for the Blind, 2600 W. Markham, Little Rock, AR 72205. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. No reservations are required.

The half-hour show serves as the dress-rehearsal for the chorus's participation in the 2009 Sweet Adelines International Competition in Nashville, Tenn., on Oct. 20. For the first time, Top of the Rock will compete with a full-fledged show package in the Harmony Classic, a category for small- and mid-size choruses. Viewers with Internet access will be able to watch the performance live via webcam at <http://www.sweetadelineintl.org/>

"We have designed and rehearsed our tribute to Barbie's 50th birthday for much of the year in anticipation of our participation in the International Competition," said Peggy Gram, who directs Top of the Rock Chorus along with Kelly Causey. "The Harmony Classic is a way for the best small- and mid-size choruses in the world to compete with a complete show package, similar to what the larger choruses do in the finals of the regular competition. This is Top of the Rock's first time ever to participate in such a way, and we are thrilled with our tribute to Barbie."

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Top of the Rock is Arkansas's premier four-part harmony, a cappella chorus for women. Founded in the early 1960's, it is a full-charter member of Sweet Adelines International with more than 60 members. For the last 30 years, it has consistently placed among the top five in its region and qualified for international competition seven times. Under the long-time directorship of Peggy Gram and Kelly Causey, the chorus rehearses every Tuesday evening at the Woolly Auditorium at the School for the Blind in Little Rock. Any interested female singers are encouraged to visit and audition for membership.

Sweet Adelines International is the world's largest and most respected women's singing organizations with almost 26,000 members in the United States, Canada and 12 other countries. Members of the 600 choruses and 1,200 quartets benefit from superb vocal education, opportunities to perform in concerts, the chance to participate in regional and international competitions and—above all—the privilege of continuing the uniquely American art form of barbershop music.

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