



Greater Nassau Chorus

of Sweet Adelines International

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Champion Choreographer Coaches Greater Nassau Chorus



Greater Nassau Chorus of Baldwin was recently trained by the internationally recognized teacher and coach, Renée Porzel, known for her expertise in showmanship. These 2008 Greater New York Region 15 champions are currently preparing for their ninth appearance at the Sweet Adelines International chorus contest in Nashville, Tennessee, where they will be competing with other championship choruses from around the globe.

Porzel, a Certified Showmanship Judge and International Faculty member, has created award-winning choreography that has helped the Melodeers Chorus of Northbrook, Illinois win five Sweet Adelines International championships (1995, 1998, 2001, 2004 and 2008).

While visiting Greater Nassau Chorus, Porzel provided members with tools to fine-tune the songs they plan to sing during their competition in Nashville this October. She suggested, for example, that to enhance the emotional delivery of their music, chorus members should write out the song lyrics in poem form and contemplate the meaning of each line. She urged them to “think of someone that makes you *feel* love and sing it to

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them,” because when a chorus can passionately tell the story, it creates a magical, emotional, and memorable experience for the audience.

Porzel stressed that Greater Nassau’s ability to perform skillfully and artistically as an ensemble rests largely on the effort, rehearsal, and commitment put forth by each chorus member: “The singers who set personal goals throughout the year and then work to reach them make an enormous difference to the musical product the ensemble produces. Performing at ‘A-level’ takes trust in each other, trust in the music, and trust in themselves as members of the group. When it all comes together on stage it’s like flying without an airplane... there’s nothing like it!”

Harriette Walters, Greater Nassau Chorus’ Master Director, acknowledges the benefits that initiative and self-efficacy can have in the chorus and beyond: “Not only is this going to make Greater Nassau the A-level singers that we strive to be, it can help us in everything we do. The personal responsibility approach makes us realize the power of what people can accomplish when they’re of like minds and they are determined to reach a goal.”

As with other chapters of Sweet Adelines International, Greater Nassau Chorus places a strong emphasis on education. In addition to providing coaching sessions with skilled experts such as Renée Porzel, they offer members individual and small group instruction in singing and performance. Greater Nassau also awards a \$500 annual scholarship to a female high school senior who has excelled in vocal music.

Women are invited to discover the joy of singing chord-ringing, fun-filled music a cappella-style with Greater Nassau Chorus. For more information about membership, educational, and performance opportunities, visit www.greaternassauchorus.org.