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Sweet Adelines International is a worldwide women's singing organization committed to advancing the musical art form of barbershop harmony through opportunities in education, performance and competition.

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Sweet Adelines 2018 Rising Star Winner Hot Pursuit Quartet Selected to Go on Tour with Disney's DCappella

Hot Pursuit quartet, who placed first in the 2018 Sweet Adelines Rising Star Quartet Contest (for women ages 25 and under) will be opening for Disney's DCappella on Friday, February 8, in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The stars have aligned once again for this Rising Star quartet, as Hot Pursuit was chosen for the opening act in response to a call for vocal groups to submit auditions via Instagram for a chance to go on tour as the opening act for DCappella.

Quartet members Michaela Olson (tenor), Tessa Walker (lead), Melody Hine (baritone) and Candra Rice (bass) selected "Colors of the Wind" from Disney's Pocahontas as their audition piece. In traditional Sweet Adelines fashion, Hot Pursuit's Melody Hine arranged the Academy Award-winning song in four-part a cappella harmony, barbershop style. Their complete audition can be found on the [group's Facebook page](#).

Michaela Olson resides in Cleveland, Tennessee, Rice lives in Los Angeles and both Walker and Hine are Georgia natives. This past October, all members of Hot Pursuit competed and placed sixth in the world with Song of Atlanta Chorus during Sweet Adelines International chorus competition in St. Louis. According to Michaela Olson, "Barbershop is life changing and lifesaving. It's full of people I can go to about anything. It doesn't matter how young or old you are, race, politics, religion. It all goes out the window when you're making amazing harmony." Tessa Walker sings the same tune, "When I get together with these talented, beautiful women, I feel unstoppable with them at my side. Just try it out! Sing a tag. You'll be hooked on that smiley laughy feeling you get when a chord rings."

Heralded as "the father of contemporary a cappella," the DCappella co-creator, music director, arranger and producer Deke Sharon will "spread the magic of a cappella and Disney" promising to make "audiences fall in love with these tunes over and over again." The seven dynamic voices that make up DCappella were discovered through Sharon's social media in 2017.

For Hot Pursuit, the sky is the limit! The up-and-coming quartet brings harmony, humor and entertainment to a new level. Watch Hot Pursuit's performances on [Sweet Adelines YouTube Channel](#) and from Sweet Adelines members in three opening acts (quartets Hot Pursuit and LoveNotes and Sirens of Gotham Chorus) as Disney's a cappella sensation sweeps the nation. For DCappella tour information and tickets, visit www.dcappellalive.com.

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