

Sweet Adelines Terminology – A Foreign Language?

Afterglow – cast party after a show or competition

All-in-One – undergarment worn under costumes

Chorus Position – downstage foot slightly in front of the other foot, facing the director

Coning – the art of adjusting to maintain the proper balance of a barbershop chord

Coronet Club – association of members of all past International Quartet Champions (Queens of Harmony)

Diphthong – two vowel sounds sung on one note within one word

DT (down tiles) – facing directly out to the audience from the risers

Dynamic Contrast – planned volume changes to enhance the musical and lyrical message of the song

Fanny Rails – rails attached to the top row of risers

Hang Ten – standing forward to the front edge of the riser step

Inside Smile – lifting of the soft palate

Off Paper – being able to sing your part without referring to the music

Overtone – unsung tone heard above the highest tone of a properly balanced and matched chord

Pickups – beginnings of phrases sung by one or more voice parts

Physical Warm-Ups – physically moving to warm the body to prepare the singing mechanism to operate at optimum

PVI – Personal Vocal Instruction

PSI – Personal Showmanship Instruction

Quartet Etiquette – displaying courtesy by not singing along with a foursome that is singing unless you are invited

Ringin' Chord – Overtones are produced resulting in an exciting “ringin'” sound

Ripple – choreographed move that starts at one place in the chorus and travels across the chorus

Tag – Section at the end of the song added by the arranger to give a sense of completion

Traffic Pattern – designated and carefully timed path followed by choruses and quartets on competition day

Tuning – ability to sing both “in key” and “on pitch”

Vocal Warm-Ups – getting the voice prepared to sing effectively

Windows – riser placement where each person can see and be seen through the opening between the two people in front of them

Woodshedding – the art of singing barbershop by “ear”, without a written musical score