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Piney Hills Harmony brings Christmas to W.M.

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The Ruston-based Piney Hills Harmony chorus of Sweet Adelines is taking its Christmas show on the road and, in the process, is bringing along an international champion quartet from Dallas.

"Christmas on the Bayou," a two-hour holiday production, will be presented at 7 p.m. Dec. 4 at White's Ferry Road Church of Christ in West Monroe. The show includes songs by the chorus, plus segments by four quartets and an ensemble.

Acoustix, an international champion men's barbershop quartet from Dallas, will appear as part of the group's 20th-anniversary tour. They won first place in the 1990 International Quartet Championship of SPEBSQSA (now Barbershop Harmony Society).

Interim director Sheila Stepp Nugent, of Ruston, said, "I'm very excited that Piney Hills Harmony Cho-



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Piney Hills Harmony chorus of Sweet Adelines International is preparing for its annual show, "Christmas on the Bayou," to be held Dec. 4 at West Monroe's White's Ferry Road Church of Christ.

rus is once again entertaining in the Twin Cities. It's always a thrill to step on stage and give a wonderful performance, and we hope to give the performance of a lifetime when we sing at the White's Ferry Road church. And our special guest performers,

Acoustix, are sure to be a crowd-pleaser."

Acoustix will perform approximately 45 minutes during the second half of the show.

Three quartets from within Piney Hills Harmony will also be spotlighted:

with a former quartet.)

■ Sweet Harmony — Donna Fike, Carol Ogle and Judy Sisson, Monroe, and Lea Rutherford, West Monroe.

■ Take Four — Jean Dunham and Ginger Hicks, both of West Monroe, Teresa Howard, Monroe, and Lisa Holmes, Sharon.

Ogle, who serves as Piney Hills Harmony president, said, "Christmas on the Bayou' is holiday harmony — barbershop style. What a great way to start the Christmas season. We know you will enjoy our program of traditional carols mixed in with a few that may become new favorites. This is definitely not 'your grandpa's barbershop music.' Come enjoy an evening of fun, laughter, beautiful harmony and praise as we celebrate the season."

■ Lux — Mary Jo Brister, Quitman, Sheila Stepp, Ruston, Natalie Miller, Shreveport, and Virginia Fitzpatrick, Dallas. (Both Miller and Fitzpatrick are members of the world-champion Rich-Tone Chorus of Dallas; Fitzpatrick also won international gold

Ticket prices are as follows: ages 5 and under, \$5; ages 6-18 and above 60, \$10; all others, \$12. Additionally, anyone who buys a \$100 ad in the show program will get two free tickets. Tickets are available from chorus members and at White's Ferry Road Church; The Avenue Books and Gifts, Ruston; Zeagler's Music, Monroe; The Guardian-Journal, Homer; and the door.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit Angel Ministries of Monroe, a non-profit foundation that helps care for those unable to care for themselves and helps teach people to help themselves. Funding from the show will be directed especially toward the organization's work with hyperbaric chambers.

For more information, call (318) 348-2291. Additional information about the chorus can be found at www.pineyhillsharmony.org or www.pineyhillsharmony.blogspot.com.