# A Cappella **Au**nlimited



### 1st Quarter 2023



## **Dream Big!**

We hope the holidays were good to everyone. Au had a busy holiday season with many chances to sing in the Central Texas area.

October 22 – Au performs for San Marcos PALS *PetFest* 

As a result of our performance at the Mermaid Festival in October, Au was



PetFest gave us a chance to sing with our pets and meet new people.



Promoting the chorus. Kate Hungerford and

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invited to open *PetFest* with the National Anthem. Pet Prevent A Litter (PALS) of Central Texas hosted its 20th Annual Pet Fest on October 22nd 2022 to promote responsible pet ownership, shelter pet adoptions, local rescue groups, and most importantly the continued efforts to have all pets spayed and neutered and zero pets in shelters. Pet Fest is a family-friendly festival that's designed to raise awareness as well as funds to help those in need to care for and fix their pets.

#### November 2 and November 15 Dia de los Muertos and Orchard Park Fall Market respectively

Au was grateful for two opportunities to introduce ourselves to our community. We hosted a marketing table and let folks know more about Au. On November 2 we participated in the *Dia de los Muertos* event sponsored by the Hays County Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and on November 15 we took part in the *Orchard Park Fall Market*.

#### November 5 – Au kicks off the San Marcos Veterans Parade

For the last 7 or 8 years (we've lost count) Au has been privileged to be the opener for the San Marcos Veterans Parade. We began with the Star-Spangled Banner and included several patriotic songs, ending with Let There Be Peace on Earth.

## November 30 – Village at the Park - Onion Creek

Au was invited to perform at this of lovely senior residential living center. It kicked off our holiday season. The residents were truly appreciative of us and our music. We're making plans to go back and perform our contest set for them in March.

December 3 – Wimberley Trail

Michelle Mitchell promoting at the Au table.



Au on the Square in San Marcos, ready to perform the National Anthem at the San Marcos Veterans Parade.



Au singers at the Village on the Park-Onion Creek. Looking forward to going back in March.



Au at Erika's Life Group performance. We looked forward to seeing these folks again.



Au with Ukranians. We couldn't ask for a

#### of Lights

Back again after a couple years of being shut down due to COVID, the Wimberley event is another annual occasion for us to get in front of our audience. We performed on opening night to an enthusiastic crowd in hotchocolate weather.

## December 7 – Erica's Life Group

One of our singers is a member of a Life Group at her local church. This is the second year we've been invited into the home of another member of the Life Group to perform Christmas songs to what we've lovingly come to know as *Erica's Life Group*.

## December 19 – Ukrainian holiday

For the second year in a row, Au was invited by a group of former Ukrainian citizens to provide some **American-style Christmas** entertainment. An interpreter was provided to translate our comments between songs. After a short program of holiday music and as our tribute to the audience following a translation of the words, we performed Irish Blessing. We ended with a good old, non-holiday, barbershop number. They were delighted with our performance. This wrapped up the performances for the last quarter of the year.

more appreciative audience.

Au enjoys being in the community singing and meeting new people. We welcome guests at each rehearsal so don't hesitate to come and see what we're all about. Check out our <u>calendar</u> of upcoming opportunities for our rehearsal schedule and to see and hear us perform.







# Sweet Adelines International Regional Competition

March 24-25 Hilton No. Houston



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LAURA DeANGELO (left shown with Membership Chair, Kathy Wilson) recently joined Au. She is new to Texas, born and raised in Connecticut. Her first exposure to music was her father, a self-taught jazz musician who played piano by ear. Piano lessons as a child and singing in middle school helped to develop her

love for harmonizing and a cappella singing. She sang in a cappella groups and performed in musical theater in high school and college. She was a member of the Dartmouth Woodwinds women's a cappella group where she also arranged a few of their songs. After college Laura and some friends formed an a cappella quartet in Boston that performed for various events. Marriage and kids took her away from music for a while but she's looking to reignite her passion for a cappella singing after 30 years!

Laura is a licensed clinical social worker with a private practice. She jumped right into Au, making most of our holiday performances.

# Au's Calendar

- Jan 9 Back to regular rehearsals at Texas State University
- Jan 19-20 Great Gulf Coast Regional Meeting, Houston
- Jan 27-29 Au's annual retreat for members. Coaching in prep for March competition
- March 4 Au's Competition Send-Off Show (FREE) Check

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<u>www.acappellaunlimited.org/events for details</u>
Every Monday - Open rehearsals - Guests Welcome!

#### **BEFORE WE SIGN OFF.....**

Au is back to a regular rehearsal schedule January 9.... Mondays, 7 to 10 pm at Texas State University's Music Building, Room 214/222 (Entrance on Pleasant Street-across from the Pleasant Street garage) We'd love to introduce singers, who are looking for an exciting hobby, to a cappella, 4-part harmony barbershop style for the female voice. Paid parking is available in the garage...download the AMPark app that you can find at the Apple Store or Google Play.

If you have questions, please Contact us at www.acappellaunlimitechorus@gmail.com or call 737.242.6453

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