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## Fall 2023



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## HERE'S WHAT Au's BEEN UP TO



*Congratulations Cosmic Quartet!  
2023 Rising Star Champions*





## **COSMIC QUARTET TAKES HOME GOLD!**

Cosmic Quartet, fresh off their first venture into SAI's Rising Star Competition, took home first-place medals. The Rising Star competition was held July 13 in Richardson, Texas concurrent with the Diamond Division Quartet Contest and Queen's College. Au's own *Cheyenne Gonzalez* sang tenor in the awesome foursome. We have it on good authority that the four baritones are switching parts (it's a baritone thing). We're so proud of these ladies and their accomplishments. (l-r) Catrina Tulowicecki (Baritone Baritone), Madison Padgett (Baritone Bass Baritone ), Holli Houtz (Lead Baritone ) Cheyenne Gonzalez (Tenor Baritone )



### **JULY 13 - QUEENS COLLEGE**

Sweet Adelines Inc. and the Coronet Club sponsored



"Queens College" held July 13-16 in Richardson, Texas. Au members attended three-days of classes taught by former and current Queens of Harmony.... (International championship quartets.) Au members pictured at left are (back row, l to r) Michelle Mitchell, Meli VanNatta, Melonie Mills, Kathy Wilson, Kate Hungerford and a friend, (front row) Katy Dane and Laura DeAngelo.



Bottom photo is current Queen Kim Newcomb (baritone with The Ladies) sharing her crown with Au member Laura DeAngelo.

**JULY 24-28**  
**BHS HARMONY UNIVERSITY**  
**Katy Dane & Benjamin Zander**

Benjamin Zander was the keynote speaker at BHS Harmony University 2023, held at Loyola University in New Orleans. Au's Katy Dane was on faculty for the 6th year, and the 3rd year as the Dean of Music Education. On Sunday night Katy had the privilege of leading 800 HU attendees in learning the song "From the First Hello to the Last Goodbye" and welcoming everyone from the 13 different countries represented by all of the different barershopshoppers and music educators in attendance. Katy and the HU Provost, Dr. Jay Butterfield, had the privilege of introducing the keynote speaker, New York Times Best Selling Author & Director of the Boston Philharmonic & Boston Youth Symphony, Benjamin Zander, pictured here with Katy





**AUGUST 8**

**THANK YOU! to everyone who supported our Panda Express fundraiser!!!**

**STAY TUNED FOR OUR NEXT PANDA EXPRESS DAY!**

Mark October 26 on your calendar for our next Panda Express fundraiser. It's the week of Sweet Adelines International Competition. Order your Panda meals and watch the competition stream.

Here's the link... [Au's PANDA EXPRESS FUNDRAISER...CLICK ME](#)

**AUGUST 26 & 28**

**Steve Scott returned to Au in August. He first coached us in 2016 and changed the direction of the chorus as evidenced in our first-place, Division A medals after 2016 and our 2nd Place finish in the 2019 Harmony Classic. Steve worked with us all day Saturday, July 26 and again on Monday July 28th, honing our skills and teaching us how to "release," "lean", "expand" and just sing more efficiently.**



**SEPTEMBER 15 – 16**

**Au Members attended the Region 10 "Fall Fling" with Anne Downton as featured faculty. Regional weekends are part of the free educational opportunities offered by the Region 10.**

Attendees were treated to a baritone's (read music nerd) dream weekend filled with lessons in vocal production.

Alamo Metro Chorus' shared the package they are preparing for International Competition, October 30 – November 4 in Louisville, KY.



Au members (l – r) Marché Marquis, Kathy Pillmore, Christy Libby, Meli VanNatta, Katy Dane and Carole Roettinger



**Anne Downton** is the director of Westcoast Harmony Chorus and the baritone in the 2017 International Quartet Champions "Frenzy" She is a Master Director, the youngest person ever to attain that status!

**SEPTEMBER 23**





Au celebrated the 7th Annual Mermaid Festival in San Marcos. The event is a huge affair in San Marcos with parades and a street faire and mermaids (and even Mermen) everywhere. We performed on the uptown stage to a very appreciateive audience. Photo above on the left is Michelle Mitchell with the Mermaid themed, hand quilted wall hanging that was displayed in our booth. Look for an online auction of this item coming soon.



*October is breast  
cancer awareness  
month.*

Let's defeat this ugly disease!

## *Au's Calendar*

- *Open Rehearsals every Monday, 7 pm, Texas State University, San Marcos, 101 Pleasant Street, Room 214. \$5 Parking available in the Pleasant St. garage. Pay using the AMP Park app on your phone*
- *October 26 - Au's Panda Express Fundraiser!*
- *October 29 - Au performs the National Anthem at San Marcos "Pet Fest 2023"*
- *October 30 - November 4 - SAI International Competition, Louisville, KY.*

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- *November 11 - Au performs at the Hays County Veterans Day Parade, 10 am on the square in San Marcos*
- *December 2 - Au performs at Wimberley Trail of Lights, 7 pm, Emily Ann Theater, Wimberley, Texas*

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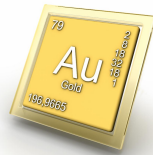
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