

CAROL'S SWEET ADELINER ORCHESTRAL ANALOGY

When I lift my baton:

The main theme of the orchestration is carried by my violins.....my leads

The rich rhythm is laid by my string basses and celli.....my basses

The texture of the piece is woven by my reeds and violas.....my baritone

The echo, lilt, finish work and humor is carried by my flutes.....my tenors

This vocal orchestra, known as The Oregon Coast Chapter of Sweet Adelines International, is comprised of many instruments individually playing single notes and phrases that are often unrecognizable as a melody but, when played together, become a masterpiece.

My violins (sometimes known as leads) are my four Ps: POWER, PROJECTION, PITCH AND PERSONALITY. You keep us energized; you convey the story line; you keep us unified; you give us our identity; you give us our phrasing, focus, and feeling.

My string basses and celli (sometimes referred to as the bass section) are my five Rs: RUMBLE, RESONANCE, ROUNDNESS, RICHNESS, RHYTHM. You give us our 'bed' of sound; you give us our tempo and rhythm; you sit behind the wheel of our many automobiles; race car, luxury sedan, SUV, sports car and monster truck. You are the driver and the dual exhaust system.

My reeds and violas (baritone in Sweet Adeline vernacular) give the vocal orchestra its fullness. You are the mortar holding the bricks together; you are the rubber cement that connects all the sections of the orchestra; you are the center of the Oreo Cookie; you are the internal structure of the orchestra. As reeds you provide the sweetness, the occasional unexpected movement and the duet for the violins. As violas you are the full, understated sound below the violins - always there....always needed. You give us resolution and mental energy; you give us THE CHORD!

My flutes (also known as tenors) are my five Ss: SPARKLE, SHINE, SASS, SPIRIT AND SPONTANEITY. With all the energy, richness, and fullness, we could easily get bogged down in the darkness of tone. You provide the joy that is essential in all masterpieces. You are the glitter and gloss, the shimmer and sheen, the brightness and brilliance, and the sunshine on the tip of the iceberg.

You are my vocal orchestra, my friends, my extended family, and a great source of pride and support. It takes us all, working together, to bring the masterpiece to life. **WHAT GREAT JOY THERE IS IN SINGING!**

