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**ChannelAire Chorus Receives Grant Funds
To Assist with annual Youth in Harmony Festival**

Ventura County Community Foundation, ArtsLIVE Grants Program to nonprofit Organizations awarded a Grant to ChannelAire Chorus for the 2011 Youth in Harmony Festival.

The annual Youth in Harmony Festival is conducted by the ChannelAire Chorus, a women's chorus and a member of Sweet Adeline International, in partnership with the Rincon Pacific Sound Men's chorus a member of the Barbershop Harmony Society.

The goal of the Festival is to promote the joy of singing and performing to high school singers. A particular purpose is to move the singers into 4 part Harmony, acappella, Barbershop style of music. John Sargent, choral director at Newbury Park High School, states that the festival provides a break from the traditional choral mode of singing as the students must learn to hold their own part in acappella, 4 part harmony which leads to new levels of confidence in both individual and group performance. The students are also exposed to a uniquely American style of music as Barbershop is one of the few styles of music developed in the United States.

The grant funds will expand the ability of the Festival to reach into more high schools in Ventura County, to provide scholarships to some students, and to help offset cost of faculty and other expenses.

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The students attend a one day seminar conducted by regionally and nationally known Barbershop singers and educators from ChannelAire and Sweet Adeline's International as well as Pacific Sound and the Barbershop Harmony Society. In the evening the students perform for a public audience. This year's Festival will be held February 12, 2011. Invitations will be sent to high schools in Ventura and planning is underway for Festival in February. More information for the public performance will be published closer to the February 12, 2011 date.

We will keep you posted on our website at www.channelaire.org

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ArtsLIVE in Ventura is a three-year initiative that aims to increase support for the arts in Ventura County. ArtsLIVE is a partnership between the Ventura County Community Foundation and the Ventura County Arts Council, funded by the James Irvine Foundation's Communities Advancing the Arts”