

Sunset for Radiance

After three wonderful years of singing, laughing, traveling, and getting to know each other, the quartet known as Radiance is transforming back into simply 4 good Sweet Adeline friends.

Becky, Suzi, Vickie and Julie formed as a quartet knowing it would be an interesting and fun adventure, but not an easy one. Our goals were International competition-focused, and set very high. Yet our schedules prevented us from getting together more than about 10-12 times a year, usually in high-pressure situations like shows or competitions. That has proven to be just not enough for us to achieve the growth we've wanted. Unfortunately, we're not likely to gain any more days in a week or more weekends in a year, or a wealthy benefactor to pay for it all! And continuing as we have been has just turned out to be more than we can handle, without getting us substantially closer to our goals.



We won the Region 8 competition twice, performed on the International stage 3 times, and have been proud of the performances we've done wherever we had the chance to sing. We've coached with some of the best of the best, and will be forever grateful for their knowledge, generosity and encouragement. We've shared the stage with some awesome quartets in Region 8 and Region 12, and have formed close ties with Bay Area Showcase, Skyline, and Velvet Hills Choruses. This widening of our circle of friends is one of the unexpected and most delightful benefits of being in Radiance.

But most of all we will miss the opportunities to be together as friends. For each of us, this quartet has provided a uniquely liberating environment in which we could be our best selves, grow and contribute as singers and peer coaches, and laugh, and laugh, and laugh. We are grateful for the chance to learn from each other in so many ways, and look forward to cheering each other on in new adventures over the coming years.

Our farewell performance will be on the Skyline Chorus holiday show, December 5, 2009, in Denver.