

Laura Lewis has been the director of <u>The Blend Chorus</u> for 13 years, and is also a member of High Plains Harmony Chorus. She has been a Sweet Adeline since she was 12, when her mother, Helen Norton, joined the Mountain Shadows Chorus in 1980. She has sung in numerous quartets over the past 30 years, including her current quartet, Lyric.

Laura has served in numerous capacities with The Blend Chorus, including chapter president, section leader, assistant director, and choreographer,

before taking on the role of front-line director in May 2010. She achieved the Certified Director status with Sweet Adelines after rigorous testing to meet the standards set by Sweet Adelines International. She also currently serves as the Baritone Section Leader of the High Plains Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines International.

Outside of Sweet Adelines, Laura is an experienced teacher, having taught undergraduate history at Aims Community College for fifteen years. She is currently an institutional researcher at Aims, a job she has held for thirty years.

She credits Sweet Adelines International with giving her the skills and knowledge that have allowed her to thrive in both singing and in her work life.