

STILETTA SWEEPS THE 2016 NATIONAL HARMONY SWEEPSTAKES

San Rafael, CA – May 14, 2016. Stiletta, New York City's all female pop a cappella group was crowned National Champion at the 32nd Annual National Harmony Sweepstakes A Cappella Festival, making them the #1 ranked a cappella group in the United States. In the history of the competition, Stiletta is the first and only group to ever "sweep the Sweeps" by winning in every possible award category: First Place, Audience Favorite, Best Arrangement for "Royals" (arr. Judy Minkoff), and Best Original Song for "Get Pumped" (written by the members of Stiletta). This historic win comes after having won First Place and Audience Favorite at both the 2015 Mid-Atlantic and 2016 New York Harmony Sweepstakes regional competitions, as well as Best Vocal Percussion (New York) and Best Arrangement (Mid-Atlantic). As reigning National champions, the ladies of Stiletta will return to San Rafael next year to host the 2017 National Harmony Sweepstakes.

The Harmony Sweepstakes A Cappella Festival is the only National a cappella competition in the United States open to professional groups. Groups from around the country compete in regional competitions for the chance to perform in front of celebrity judges in the 2,000-seat Marin Veterans' Memorial Auditorium at the National Finals.

Stiletta is a New York City-based, all-female a cappella sextet. Their performances combine pop leads, dance beats and hip-hop choreography. Stiletta members boast multiple Off-Broadway and voice-over credits, WAMMY Awards (Washington Area Music) and CARA awards (Contemporary A cappella Recording Awards), original cast recordings for "Memphis" and "Dora the Explorer," a top ranking at the Beatbox World Championships and a half-decade of artistic directing the Single Singers at the SingStrong A Cappella Festivals in DC, Chicago and New York.