

Erik Roffelsen 2022 Barbershopper of the Year

Carrie's Cues



Hello WTC,
Groupanizer is now updated through Monday, Sept. 25th. The Music Team is firming up our list of Christmas Show songs. Once that is complete, I can update Groupanizer through Oct-Dec.
Please note that our Polecat for next Monday, June 19, is **You Tell Me Your Dream**.

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June Birthdays
8: Josh Love

Activity	June 19, 2023
Physical Warm-ups	
Vocal Warm-ups	
Polecat	You Tell Me Your Dream (Ab)
Run through (2x)	Can't Buy Me Love (G)
Run through (2x)	Eight Days a Week (B)
Rehearse	Your Song (F#)
Breaks	
Sectional (Int & V3)	Rhythm of Love (Ab)
Rehearse	Rhythm of Love (Ab)
Rehearse	Be Our Guest (Bb)
Run through (2x)	Can You Feel the Love Tonight (Ab)
Other	Raffle
	Keep the Whole World Singing (Eb)

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Some important dates:

Monday, July 3: we still have chorus

Tuesday, July 4: we sing in a parade

Monday, Aug. 28: coaching with Joe Cerutti

Monday, Sept. 4: **no chorus in observance of Labor Day**

Tuesday, Sept 5: "make-up" chorus rehearsal.
(We will sing through all of the polecats for those hoping to qualify at contest and then perform run-throughs of our contest set)

Friday/Saturday, Sept. 22/23: IL District Convention (and contest) in Bloomington

Monday, Sept. 25: yes, we will meet, and we will sing!

SATURDAY, Oct. 7: Christmas "blitz", 9 am-12 pm. At this meeting, we sing through all of our Christmas Show songs so people can plan their personal/home rehearsal schedule.

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Independence Day Parade Tuesday, July 4, 2023 Details: TBA



Quartet auditions for the Christmas show will most likely take place Monday, Oct. 30 or Monday, Nov. 6. Find 3 willing singers and start planning now! We will hopefully know dates and times for our Christmas show by the end of this month. I will send you the list of songs the Music Team has confirmed in a separate email, for those of you who like to plan. For newer members, it will feel like a LOT of new music. For veteran members, we are bringing back a few songs "from the vault." Stay tuned!

Thanks for reading,
Carrie

Hi WTC,
Here is a partial list of this year's Christmas songs.
Carrie

Act One

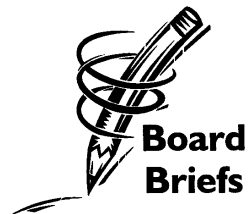
- Jingle Bells (NOT Kay Thompson's)- music is in the Yuletide Favorites, Volume 1 book. If you don't have the book, please do NOT buy it until we've checked with Joe T for extra copies.
- The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting)
- What Can You Get a Wookiee for Christmas
- Winter Wonderland Hokey Pokey
- When a Child is Born (music and learning tracks are on Groupanizer)
- 12 Days of Christmas
- potentially 2 more songs

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Act Two

- Mary, Did You Know
- Still, Still, Still (music is on Groupanizer, learning tracks are being ordered)
- Joy to the World (from Yuletide Favorites, Volume 2 book. Please see note from Jingle Bells above)
- O Little Town of Bethlehem (music and learning tracks are on Groupanizer)
- Silent Night (verse 1 only)/Peace, Peace
- Adeste Fideles
- VLQ While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks
- potentially 1 more song

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June 15, 2023 Meeting

Treasurer: **Tony Tumea** – a YTD P&L statement was provided. We need to get more paid performances and sell lots of tickets to our Christmas show to make up for some of our extra expenses this year (risers).

Music and Performance: **Bill Burt** – Looking at content for the Christmas show, songs, acts, etc. Bill and Carrie will be visiting Timothy Christian High School in the coming week to see if it will work for our Christmas show. 75th Anniversary will be Sunday, July 30 about 3 PM at Fremont Pub & Grill, 63rd St, and Fairview Ave, Westmont, Cost will be about \$25/person plus drinks. Capacity is about 60 persons. Would like some chapter quartets to sing a song or two.

Marketing: **Zach Gibson** – Discussed BHS video about member engagement/retention/departures. Reviewed draft of member survey. June/July Patron newsletter was sent out. General chorus business cards will be available at rehearsals for member use.

Program: **Frank Glas** – Baseball games – will not be singing for KC Cougars, Joliet Slammers are the most accommodating at only \$5/ticket. Waiting to hear from Chicago Dogs. Next CCG Poker night is 7/16 at Delta Marriott in Darien. July 4th parade in Glen Ellyn is about noon, and a relatively short parade. Further details TBA.

Member-at-Large: **Don Davia** – Parade trailer - board approved spending up to \$200 for state permit. Discussed additional patriotic songs and information about wake/funeral for Jon Sutherland.

Other: Carrie is working on getting some learning tracks done or redone. Board approved spending up to \$250 for / *Want to Hold Your Hand*. Discussed Hall of Fame criteria.

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Rehearsals are every Monday at Horizon & on Zoom unless otherwise noted

2023	
6/3 Saturday	Chicago Metro A Cappella Quartet Contest 3 – 5 PM
6/8	Music Team meeting
6/13 Tuesday	Rod Hupach Brat Bash 5:30–10:00 PM
6/15	Board meeting at Horizon
7/3 Monday	Regular rehearsal
7/4 Tuesdasy	Parade – Details TBA (parade starts at noon)
8/28 Monday	Coaching session w/ Joe Cerutti
9/4 Monday	NO Rehearsal – Memorial Day
9/5 Tuesday	Makeup Rehearsal
9/22-23	District Convention—plan on at least Friday & Sat.
10/7	Christmas Blitz 9 am – noon

The Music Team usually meets the second Thursday of each month 7:00 PM, at Horizon or using ZOOM. Board meetings are scheduled for the third Thursday of each month 7:00 PM at Bob Nicodem's house or Horizon

Music Team

Director: Carrie Marcotte
Asst-directors: Mark Betczynski & Joe Tomecek
Music VP: Bill Burt

Section Leaders

- Bass: Jim B.
- Baritone: Mark & Joe
- Lead: Mark Servos
- Tenor: Trenton Ferro, Sid Peterson

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Join Zoom Meeting Topic: WTC rehearsal: Time: Mondays 07:00 PM Central Time

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81780296722?pwd=dTJHdDZV5WWhYOHAYdVhQQkVxUjJSdz09>

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