



Carrie's Cues

Hello West Towns,
 It may "seem" as though contest is in the far distant future, but it is actually closer than that.
 Did you know that we have 6 Mondays and 1 Tuesday (no rehearsal on Labor Day) until contest? That's not a lot. We have sectionals on "When a Child is Born" this week and next and then no more Christmas sectionals until after contest.
 For THIS Monday, Aug. 7, we are going to take a look at a few music details in Your Song so please be sure to bring your sheet music and a pencil.
 Thank you!
 Carrie



August Birthdays

- 21: Ben Dirks
- 25: Jim Jarosz

Erik Roffelsen 2022 Barbershopper of the Year

Activity	August 7, 2023
Physical Warm-ups	
Vocal Warm-ups	
Polecat	You're the Flower of My Heart, Sweet Adeline (Bb)
Run through (2x)	In My Room (Ab)
Choreography work	Can't Buy Me Love (G)
Perform song	Your Song (F#)
Breaks	
Sectional (Verses 1 & 2)	When A Child is Born (F)
Rehearse song	When A Child is Born (F)
Run through	My Girl (G#)
Run through (2x)	You've Got a Friend in Me (Ab)
Other	Raffle
	Keep the Whole World Singing (Eb)

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75th Anniversary Celebration Hall of Fame Inductees – July 30, 2023

Our first inductee has been an assistant director with The West Towns Chorus for over a decade. This baritone has sung in a number of quartets, including Scrambled Craigs, which has the funniest business card line I have ever read: “Scrambled Craigs: Music to Ruin Any Occasion”.

After joining the chorus in 1989, this member has been a constant help in the direction of the chorus, providing irreplaceable input on the Music Team, help with performance and musicality, and comedic creativity that is so much a part of our current culture.

He was named West Towns Barbershopper of the year in 1999, in addition to serving on the Board as Music and Membership Vice President. In January 2010, he became the primary director of the 2nd City Chorus, The Rockford Metro Chapter of The Barbershop Harmony Society.

He contributes to West Towns as a singer, baritone section leader, and assistant director, helping us by leading rehearsals when our director is unavailable, and adding dimension to the approach we have to our repertoire. It gives me great pride to introduce West Town’s Chorus newest Hall of Fame member, **Joe Tomecek**.



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Our next inductee is a singer and arranger who has been involved in barbershop for over thirty-five years. A veteran of many quartets, he sang baritone with the quartet Alchemy, and Skyline, the proud champions of the 2005 Illinois District quartet competition.

This gentleman currently serves as President of the Illinois District Quartet Champions Association (QCA). In 2015, he received the Award for Barbershop Excellence (ABE), the highest honor granted by the Illinois District, given in recognition of significant, sustained contribution to barbershopping.

He joined West Towns in 1989. He is known in the chorus for his “tag teaching”, vocal exercises, and song coaching. This individual can be counted on to help West Towns members find their motivation for singing specific phrases in songs, and to use his encyclopedic knowledge of the history of barbershop in Illinois, and nationally, to help inform members of details of the hobby we enjoy so much.

This highly respected baritone was the Barbershopper of the Year in 2010, and has been counted on by many West Towns members to give his gentle, honest opinion about many topics, including the performance of their quartet, song selection, and overall musicality. It is my pleasure to present to you, for induction into the West Towns Chorus Hall of Fame, **Mark Betczynski**.



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

Act One

- A Holiday Road of Carols
- Jingle Bells (Yuletide Favorites)
- The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting)
- What Can You Get a Wookiee for Christmas
- Winter Wonderland Hokey Pokey
- When A Child is Born
- VLQ: O Christmas Tree
- 12 Days of Christmas

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Christmas show: Dec. 9 & 10, Times TBD

Act Two

- Opener: O Little Town of Bethlehem (K. Keller)
- Mary Did You Know
- Joy to the World
- VLQ: While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks
- Still, Still, Still (K. Keller)
- Silent Night (Clancy V1)/Peace Peace
- Adeste Fideles (Raycroft)

Red indicates a new song.

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Changing Lives Through Song

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

2023

8/01 Tuesday Sing @ Joliet Slammers 5:45 call time
8/28 Monday Coaching session w/ Joe Cerutti
9/4 Monday **NO Rehearsal** – Labor Day
9/5 Tuesday **Makeup Rehearsal**
9/22-23 District Convention—plan on at least Friday & Sat.
9/30 National Anthem Chicago Steel? Time TBD
10/7 Christmas Blitz 9 am – noon
11/12 2PM Downers Grove Library – call 1 PM
12/9 Christmas Tech Rehearsal – 8:30 AM?
12/9 Christmas Show – 2 or 2:30 PM ?
12/10 Christmas Show – 2 or 2:30 PM ?
2/9/2024 7PM Naperville Library Valentines

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

Email

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81780296722?pwd=dTJHd2V5WWWhYOHAYdVhQQkVxUjJSdz09>

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