



October Birthday

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Erik Roffelsen 2022 Barbershopper of the Year

Activity	Oct. 16, 2023
Physical Warm-ups	
Vocal Warm-ups	
Run through (1x)	Your Song (F#)
Rehearse (2x)	A Holiday Road of Carols (F)
Rehearse	Twelve Days of Christmas
Breaks	
Sectionals	Jingle Bells YFV1 (Ab)
Run through (1x)	Jingle Bells YFV1 (Ab)
Rehearse	Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting...) (Ab)
Run through (2x)	When A Child is Born (F)
Run through (2x)	First Noel (D)
Run through (2x)	I Want to Hold Your Hand (C#)
Run through (2x)	Eight Days a Week (B)
Other	Raffle and Keep the Whole World Singing (Eb)

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WTC Important Dates

Monday, Oct. 9- VLQ rehearsals begin

VLQs: We will offer 1 VLQ in Act One and 1 VLQ in Act Two. For Act Two, we are singing While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks again. This VLQ is already formed. HOWEVER, for Act One, all are welcome to learn and sing Oh! Christmas Tree (see separate note). VLQ rehearsals will take place at the end of Monday night rehearsals (usually 9:10-9:30 pm) every other week as notated on the Groupanizer plans.

Sunday, Nov. 11- Downers Grove Library performance at 2 pm with a 1 pm call time. The song order is already on Groupanizer. We would like quartets to sing at this performance. Please let me or Bill Burt know if you have an interested quartet.

Monday, Nov. 12- Quartet auditions for the Christmas show. If you've put together a quartet outside of rehearsal and would like to audition to sing on our show, this is your night to audition for the music team. Helpful hint: uptempo tunes are preferred to ballads for our quartets. Please notify Bill Burt if your quartet is interested in auditioning

Saturday, Dec. 9 and Sunday, Dec. 10- Our Christmas show. Details for our tech rehearsal and performances are on the previous page. Song order is TBD until we know how many quartets we are plugging in.

Monday, Dec. 11- Show wrap up, thank you's, desserts!!!!

Winter Break- Dec. 12-Jan. 1

Monday, Jan. 8- Chorus resumes

VLQ Song

If you are interested in singing in the VLQ (very large quartet) in Act One, the song is "**Oh! Christmas Tree**". We had to buy physical copies so we cannot post the digital version (pdf) on Groupanizer.

Here's a link to the song. You can hear and see the sheet music for the song in the video if you click on the icon that looks like a piece of paper.

I find it funny, and I have a GREAT sense of humor. Ha ha.

<https://www.jwpepper.com/Oh%21-Christmas-Tree%3F%3F%3F/3287695.item>

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Here are the nominations for the 2024 Board of Directors as presented by Craig Lancaster:

President:	Jim Brown
VP Music & Performance:	Mark Servos
VP Marketing:	Josh Love
VP Membership & Development:	Tony Emerson
VP Program:	Frank Glas
Member-at-Large:	Dave Hollander
Chorus Manager:	Bill Burt
Treasurer:	Tony Tumea
Secretary:	Bob Nicodem
Past President:	Don Davia

Any additional nominations must be received no later than next week, Monday, Oct. 16, 2023
Voting will take place on Monday, Oct. 23, 2024.

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Here is the list of this year's Christmas songs.

Act One

Red indicates a new song.

- *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

Act Two

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

Christmas Show: *A Very West Towns Christmas*

Saturday Dec. 9 **8 AM – Tech Rehearsal**

(break for lunch on your own before the show)

Saturday Dec. 9 **1:00 PM – Call Time**

Saturday Dec. 9 **2:30 PM – Show Time**

Sunday, Dec. 10 **1:00 PM – Call time**

2:30 PM – Show Time

Huizenga Auditorium

Capacity 599

School will provide risers and a choir shell

Timothy Christian Schools

188 W. Butterfield Road

Elmhurst, IL 60126

Costume: TBD

Pricing \$25 & \$30, Student pricing available

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

2023

10/7 Christmas Blitz 9 am – Noon
11/12 2PM Downers Grove Library – call 1 PM
12/9 Christmas Tech Rehearsal – 8:00 AM
12/9 Christmas Show – 2:30 PM
12/10 Christmas Show – 2:30 PM
2/16/2024 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

MusicTeam@WestTowns.org

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81780296722?pwd=dTJHd2V5WWhYOHAydVhQQkVxUjJSdz09>

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