

Erik Roffelsen 2022 Barbershopper of the Year



November Birthdays

- 8: Brian Luedtke
- 27: Tony Emerson
- 27: Mark Servos

Activity	Nov. 06, 2023 (on Risers)
Physical Warm-ups	
Vocal Warm-ups	
DG Library Songs	I'm Into Something Good (Bb) Eight Days a Week (B) Can You Feel the Love Tonight (Ab) You've Got a Friend in Me (Eb) I'm A Believer (G) In My Room (Ab) Jingle Bells (Ab) Christmas Song (Ab) Hooked on a Feeling (G) Rhythm of Love (Ab) Crazy Little Thing Called Love (D) Your Song (F#) Can't Buy Me Love (G) God Bless the USA (E) Armed Forces Medley (G)
Breaks	
Rehearse	Trouble spots from run-through
Other	Raffle and Keep the Whole World Singing (Eb)
Rehearse	VLQ: Chestnuts Roasting & While Shepherds Watched



Hi Guys,

- 1) Please remember that we are setting up risers on Monday and running through our library songs. The set list can be found on Groupanizer.
 - 2) I forgot to mention that we are looking for quartets to sing at our library gig. So far I have River City Rhythm signed up to sing I've Been Working on the Railroad. Are there any other quartets out there interested in singing at the library?
 - 3) Music Team- we have a sextet interested in auditioning for the Christmas show this Monday instead of 11/13. Since the sextet has 4 music team members in it, we are hoping the rest of you can be our evaluators. Thanks in advance.
- See you all on Monday!
Carrie

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The Brotherhood of Harmony Chorus ([http://brotherhood of Harmony.org](http://brotherhoodofharmony.org)) is raising funds, hoping to be part of a celebration at Palatine's Sister City in France.

They are offering a drawing to win two seats in the United Center's Lexus section (\$300 each) for a contribution of \$10. The game is on December 27, 2023, Blackhawks vs the Winnipeg Jets.

If interested in donating to the non-profit chorus, get a check made payable to the "Lake County Chapter" to **Gary Balgemann**, a long-time member of the chorus and give him your phone number. He can be reached at 630 333 5125.

Thanks,
Sid Peterson

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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 Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting...) (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. 12- 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. 13- 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

Friday, Nov. 24 – National Anthem for CCG – call time 1:30 PM
St. Andrew's Golf Course, 2249 Route 59, West Chicago, IL
60185. Blue WTC shirt, black pants, black shoes.

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 Changed to "Christmas Song"

As announce Monday, the new song, "*OH! Christmas Tree*" is now a full chorus song. We had to buy physical copies, and more are on order but we posted the digital version (pdf) on Groupanizer for rehearsal only until the additional copies arrive. 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.

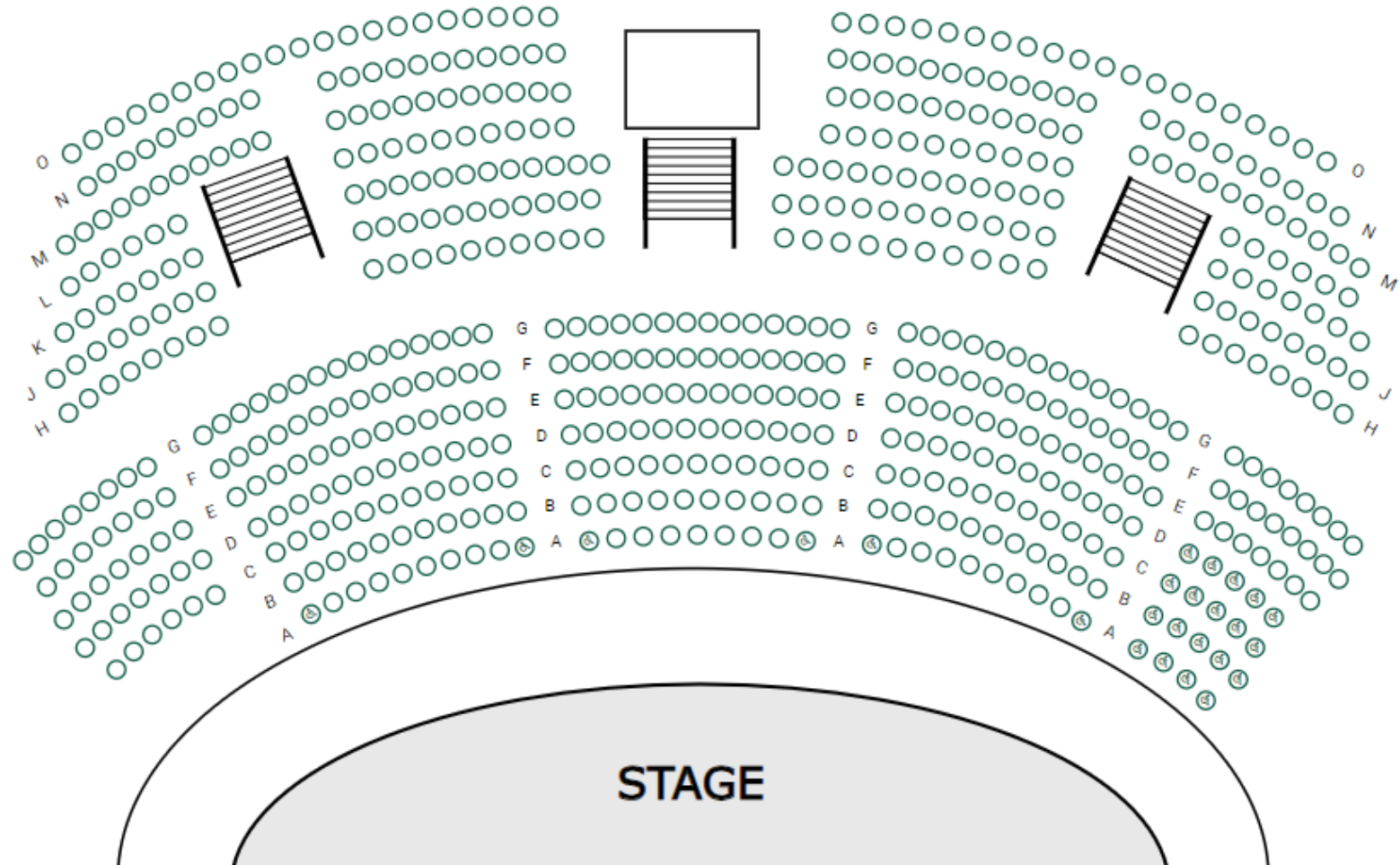
I find it funny, and I have a GREAT sense of humor. Ha ha.

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

If you are interested in singing in the VLQ (very large quartet) in Act One, the song is "*Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting ...)*".

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Christmas Show Venue Seating – Huizenga Auditorium at Timothy Christian High School



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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)
- VLQ: The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting)
- *What Can You Get a Wookiee for Christmas*
- Winter Wonderland Hokey Pokey
- *When A Child is Born*
- *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

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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
12/3 2 PM **DG Music Club Holiday Show** – call 1 PM singing downtown afterward for a brief period
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

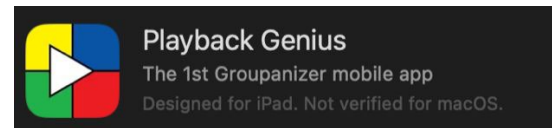
Director: Carrie Marcotte
Asst-directors: Mark Betczynski & Joe Tomecek
Music VP: Bill Burt
Section Leaders
•Bass: Jim B.
•Baritone: Mark & Joe
•Lead: Mark Servos
•Tenor: Trenton Ferro, Sid Peterson

Email

MusicTeam@WestTowns.org

Uniforms & Tuxedos: Talk to Eric Roffelsen about uniforms and tuxedos. Tuxedos are available at **Louis For Men**, 748 Ogden Ave, Downers Grove, IL 60515.

There is an app you can download which links to Groupanizer directly for learning track access. You can search in the App Store to download for free. (see below)



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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