



**November Birthdays**

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

There is a board meeting scheduled for this Thursday, November 16, 7:00 PM at Horizon. Board meetings are open to all members of the chapter but if you wish to come as a guest please let president Jim Brown know so he can plan accordingly.

**Erik Roffelsen 2022 Barbershopper of the Year**

Activity	Nov. 13, 2023 (will set up 5 risers)
6:30 PM	<b>Winter Wonderland Octet</b>
Physical Warm-ups	
Vocal Warm-ups	
Run through	Winter Wonderland (Eb)
Run through	Twelve Days of Christmas (Keyboard)
Run through	First Noel (D)
Breaks	
Other	Quartet Auditions
Rehearse song	Oh Christmas Tree??? (Bb)
Rehearse	O Little Town of Bethlehem (Keller) (G)
Run through	Mary Did You Know (F# / B)
Run through	Adeste Fideles (G)
Other	Quartet Auditions
Other	Raffle Drawing & Keep the Whole World

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### Winter Wonderland Octet Rehearsal Tomorrow

For those in the Winter Wonderpokey octet singing the verses, please plan to arrive early to rehearsal at 6:30pm on Monday, 11/13/23, to make sure we are show-ready. Please review the notes and words and come prepared to confidently represent your voice part!

See you then.

Mark B.

The Brotherhood of Harmony Chorus (<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.

**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  
Location changed - TBD 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.

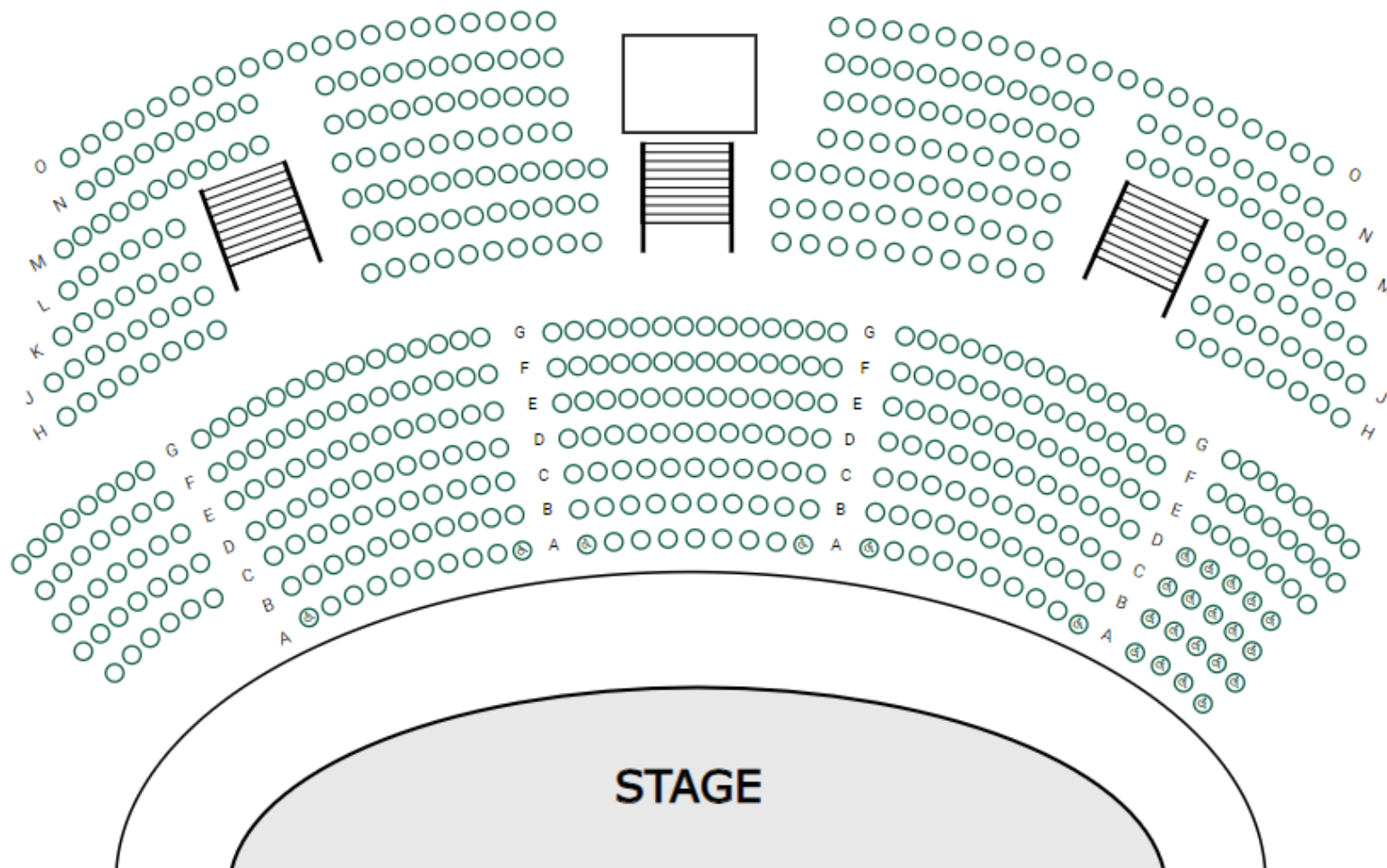
<https://www.jwpepper.com/Oh%21-Christmas-Tree%3F%3F%3F/3287695.item>

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)
- *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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## West Towns Chorus

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#### Other Roles

Sunshine Care Person Don Davia  
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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

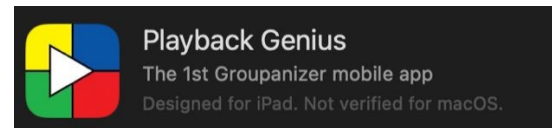
**Director:** Carrie Marcotte  
**Asst-directors:** Mark Betczynski & Joe Tomecek  
**Music VP:** Bill Burt  
**Section Leaders**  
•Bass: Jim B.  
•Baritone: Mark & Joe  
•Lead: Mark Servos  
•Tenor: Trenton Ferro, Sid Peterson

### Email

[MusicTeam@WestTowns.org](mailto: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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