

Erik Roffelsen 2022 Barbershopper of the Year



November Birthdays

- 8: Brian Luedtke
- 25: Kevin Westburg
- 27: Tony Emerson
- 27: Mark Servos

Activity	Nov. 20, 2023 (will set up 5 risers)
Physical Warm-ups	
Vocal Warm-ups	
Rehearse	Rehearse w/ guest singers
Breaks	
Perform	Quartet Auditions
Rehearse	Sing through/perform all remaining show songs
Other	Raffle Drawing & Keep the Whole World

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

Act One

- *A Holiday Road of Carols (Keyboard)*
- Jingle Bells (Eb)
- *What Can You Get a Wookiee for Christmas (A)*
- Winter Wonderland Hokey Pokey (Eb)
- *When A Child is Born (F)*
- *O Christmas Tree (Bb)*

Act Two

- *Opener: O Little Town of Bethlehem (G)*
- Mary Did You Know (F# / B)
- Joy to the World (D)
- **VLQ:** While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks (F)
- The First Noel (D)
- Silent Night (V1- Bb)/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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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, Dec. 3- Downers Grove Music Club – 2:00 PM + sing songs downtown

Friday, Nov. 24 – National Anthem for CCG – call time 1:30 PM
Location changed to Belle Banquets, 5412 S. La Grange Rd,
Countryside, IL 60525. Blue WTC shirt, black pants, black shoes.

Wednesday, Dec. 6 – Monarch Landing – 7 PM – call time 6 PM
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!!!!

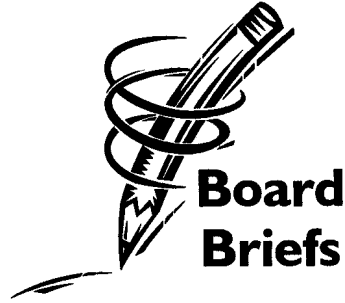
Winter Break- Dec. 12-Jan. 1

Monday, Jan. 8- Chorus resumes

As announced 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>



November 16, 2023

Treasurer: **Tony Tumea** – a YTD P&L statement was provided as well as a report on ticket sales as of the beginning of the week. Music and Performance: **Bill Burt** – With the abundance of quartets/ensembles trying out for the show, the team decided to eliminate “12 Days of Christmas” and “Christmas Song”. Music team planning meeting coming up after the Christmas show. Will be looking at second contest song, possible trivia night fundraiser, and Installation dinner. Expressed concern about participation and performance quality for Dec. 3 DG Music Society performance. Spring show date is set for Saturday, May 11 at Benet Academy.

Marketing: **Zach Gibson** – Reported on the many ads/posting/articles done this year, quite a bit more than last year, with more scheduled. Discussed making a short promotional video and using one or two recordings from the spring show as audio “auditions”.

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Membership: **Tony Emerson** – both recent guests seem pretty interested in continuing. Discussed whether special “guest nights” are really effective.

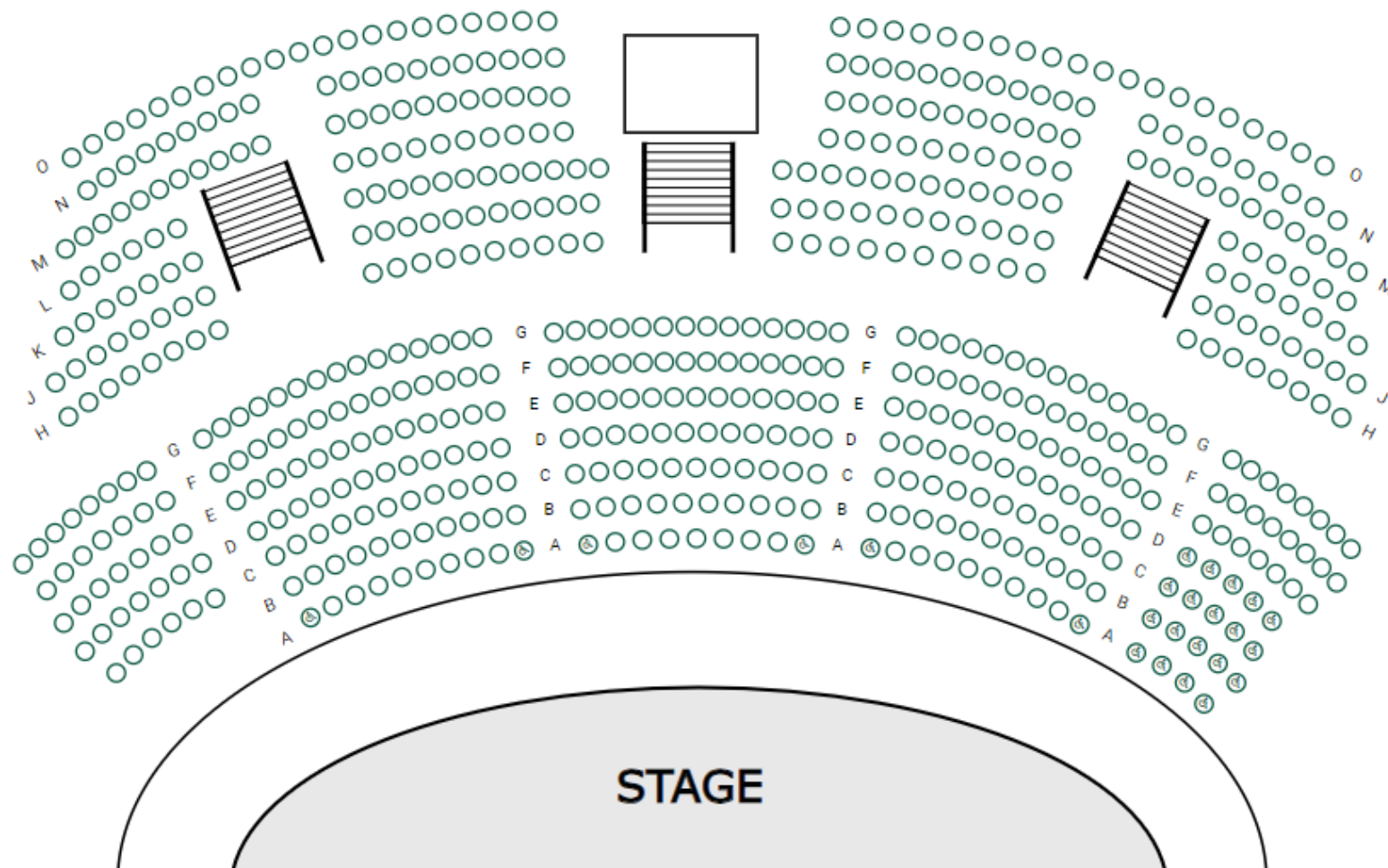
Program: **Frank Glas** – wants to start planning performances for next year. Don Davia suggested we start contacting senior centers now to get on their calendar for paid performances later in the year. Bill Burt will be discussing our collective appetite for more performances.

Member-at-Large: **Don Davia** – need to order two Hall of Fame awards in time for installation dinner – date and location TBD. Other: Last meeting of the year will be Tuesday, Dec. 19.



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



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2023 Board

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Other Roles

Sunshine Care Person Don Davia
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Historian Joe Tomecek

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
12/6 Monarch Landing - 7 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
5/11/2024 3PM Spring Show - Benet Academy

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

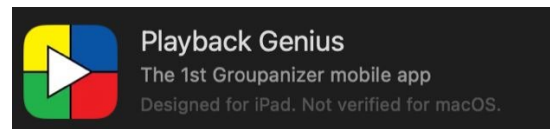
Director: Carrie Marcotte
Asst-directors: Mark Betczynski & Joe Tomecek
Music VP: Bill Burt
Section Leaders
•Bass: Jim B.
•Baritone: Mark & Joe
•Lead: Mark Servos
•Tenor: Trenton Ferro, Sid Peterson

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=dTJHd2V5WWWhYOHAYdVhQQkVxUjJSdz09>

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