



PO Box 1005
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2008 Calendar

Monday

6:45 Work on Group numbers
7:30 Christmas songs
9:00 Meeting & Break
9:20 Christmas songs

December

6 6:30 PM Performance - Lombard
8 Rehearsal
11 Tech Rehearsal
12 - 13 Christmas Show

2009

January

5 Rehearsal
12 Rehearsal
19 Rehearsal
24 - Installation dinner
25 - 31 Midwinter Convention
26 Rehearsal

February

23 Joe Connelly & Recording session

March

16 Joe Connelly & Recording session

April

17 - 19 Spring Convention (sing as outgoing champs)

May

9 Cabaret - American Legion Hall, Downers Grove.
29-30 Tentative date for a retreat with Kevin Keller as coach

June 28 - July 5 - International (Anaheim)

September

25-27 Fall Convention (compete to qualify for International 2010 Philadelphia)

2010

June 27 - July 4 - International (Philadelphia)

West Towns rehearses every Monday evening, 7:30 PM on the 2nd floor of the Moose Lodge, 1030 Warren Ave., Downers Grove, IL 60515

2008 Illinois District Champions!

Extra Work on Christmas Music

Once again we will start at **6:45** to work on notes for the new guys. This will be a primer session for people wanting extra review of the mass numbers. This week, Dec. 1st we'll have the organist and the women singers with us to work on the combined numbers.
Joe Tomecek

Performances

Where: Maple Street Chapel 220 S. Main St. Lombard, IL
When: Saturday, Dec. 6 Call time: 6:30 PM, Sing 7:30 PM
Director: Joe Tomecek More details later.

Raffle Basket Requests

It is that time again to ask ANYONE interested in donating a raffle basket or money towards one being made to the Annual POW! Basket Raffle held during the Christmas Shows. Last year we raised \$1750.00 to help the Chorus. This year let's try for \$2000.00!!!! We need your help to make it happen.

If you are interested in donating a prepared basket valued at \$25-\$30, please let us know. If you would like to donate money towards a basket that the committee will create, let us know. If interested in donating a basket (or two or three!), please contact Linda Carey at 708-352-6383 or e-mail webbc0916@sbcglobal.net 1393 W. 52nd Place LaGrange, IL 60525.

We are also in need of people to sell raffle tickets before the shows as the winners are drawn and announced during Intermission. If interested or if you have any questions, do not hesitate to call Linda Carey.

2008 WEST TOWNS CHRISTMAS SHOW

Memories of Christmas

Show Information

Location

Tivoli Theater, 5021 Highland Ave., Downers Grove. The Theater is located on the corner of Highland and Warren Avenues. It is directly north of the downtown Downers Grove Main Street train station.

Dress Requirement

Ladies - Black dress (no pant suits please)
Men in chorus - First half - red coat, black shirt, tie, black pants Second half - same as last year: black tuxedo, white shirt, red accessories (cummerbund, bow tie, pocket square)

Tech Rehearsal

It is Thursday evening, December 11. It will be at the Tivoli Theater. It will start promptly at 7:30 pm. The men and any individual groups may be warming up earlier. It is scheduled to last until about 10:30 pm. It will include all groups: the chorus, the quartets, the octet, the MC, the women sopranos, the organist, the sound guys, the bell group, the flutist, the string/brass/tympani group, Santa Claus, The Elves and possibly the little kids. The emphasis will be on two things: Get the 3 combined numbers down; Get the blocking down (the narrative and the light and song cues between songs). Note: We will be running the tech rehearsal in show order. While we will be singing the combined numbers in their entirety, many of our chorus only numbers will not be rehearsed from beginning to end. The goal is to get the light and sound cues down; it's not a typical rehearsal. Quartets will likely sing in their entirety so they can 1) get used to the sound in the theatre, and 2) so the sound folks can set the proper levels.

Your Cooperation Needed

By the time you arrive at the tech rehearsal the bells will already be warming up. Please be courteous and keep the noise level down so they can focus.

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Also, remember, there is only ONE person who will be communicating with the Tivoli staff: the stage manager, Deb. It makes the show more difficult if every chorus member decides to communicate with the Tivoli staff. I expect that both Deb and I will be quite busy during the tech rehearsal, so if you have anything you feel is extremely important to communicate about the show, bring it to me, and, if needed, I will relay the information to Deb. And, as last request, before you come to me with a question or a comment, please ask yourself this question, "Is this something that I really need to bother Dave with right now? Can it wait? Is there someone else I can ask?" I hate to seem difficult about this, but multi-tasking is one thing; being inundated by 70 chorus members is another! Thanks in advance for your understanding.

Parking

Downtown Downers Grove has a 5-level parking garage. It is located one block south of the Tivoli (and south of the railroad tracks) on Curtiss Street. You can enter from either Curtiss or Washington Streets. Levels 1 and 2 are FREE for the first FOUR hours. ALL parking spaces are FREE after 3:00 PM. Please do not park in the theater parking lot (especially during the shows.) These limited spaces are for the patrons of the bowling alley, the hotel and the retailers occupying the Tivoli building. Also, be sure to read and obey any parking signs on the neighborhood streets surrounding the theater. You don't want to be towed.

Arrival Schedule for Friday Show – December 12th

All performers are to be on stage at 6:00 pm. We will run all the combined numbers at this time as a refresher. It is imperative that you inform Dave Shepherd, Show Chairman, if you will not be able to make the time stated above. We will inform every one of arrival times for the Saturday shows at the technical rehearsal, December 6, but probably arrive no later than one hour before the show.

Lunch between Saturday Shows

As a convenience and further thank you to all performers and others involved with the show (kids, lighting and sound guys, ushers, tickets takers, make-up crew), the chorus will be providing a free lunch after the afternoon show. It will be available in the basement party room of the Tivoli bowling area. Enter from Warren Ave.

"Cast" Party (Afterglow) after the Saturday Evening Show

After the Saturday evening show on December 13th, as a thank you to all performers and their spouses and others involved with the show, we have made arrangements to have a "Cast" Party at Connie's Pizza, 19 W. Ogden Avenue in Westmont. All are welcome! Tickets are \$12.00 and include all the pizza and pop that you can eat and drink. Other items from the menu or the bar will be available at additional cost. Please pay by check made payable to the West Towns Chorus.

Questions

If you have any questions about scheduling or anything else, please contact Dave Shepherd, Show Chairman at: 630-915-2096 Email: dmswriter@comcast.net

Christmas Show Afterglow Tickets

Tickets for the December 13th WTC Afterglow will be available Monday night. The Afterglow will be held once again at Connie's Pizza, 19 W. Ogden Avenue in Westmont, immediately following Saturday evening's performance. All are welcome! Tickets are \$12.00 and include all the pizza and pop that you can eat and drink. Other items from the menu or the bar will be available at additional cost. Please pay by check made payable to the West Towns Chorus. Let's have some fun! We deserve it!

Bruce Rhoades

