



2008 Calendar

Monday

7:00 Christmas Show
9:00 Meeting & Break
9:20 Christmas Show

December

11 Tech Rehearsal
12 – 13 Christmas Show
14 Post-Christmas show meeting/party
22 – No rehearsal
29 – No rehearsal

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!

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

Raffle Baskets

THANK YOU to all who have donated a basket, baskets or funds towards making one. We are looking forward to another successful raffle to support the Chorus. IF anyone still plans to donate one or funds towards one, PLEASE bring the basket on Monday to chorus practice or give your donation to Rich Carey. IF you are planning on donating a basket and don't have it completed yet, please call Linda Carey (708-352-6383) to notify her so she can plan for space and signage. Thank you again for all those who have supported this fundraising effort.

Thank you. Linda Carey

2008 West Towns Christmas Show Information

Hello all:

Well, I for one can't believe that our Christmas show is finally LESS than one week away. As you know, in order to make the Christmas show a success, we will need people to help with various activities to get ready. Here are the times that we should need people. If there are any changes, I will let people know.

On Monday, I will get volunteers for the various days and times, so begin thinking of your availability now!

Also, I'd like to give a "shout out" to Nina Roher who has provided some great ideas on creating a new look for the set to fit our theme and to Steve Margison at the Tivoli who has provided excellent counsel on lighting, sound, and set issues. Both of them have worked hard for us to make sure we have a great show! Now, it's our turn to make it happen!

Thanks,

Dave Shepherd dmswriter@comcast.net

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Thursday, December 11th:

5:00pm--We'll need guys to help bring the risers over to the Tivoli and set them up on the stage. Depending on the weather, we may walk them over on the racks. We could use several guys to help get this done. I suspect the same number of guys who usually help us load and move risers whenever we need to move them out! Perhaps even a few extra would be nice.

Friday, December 12th:

11:00am—Set up the stage at the Tivoli. We're going to have a slightly different set this year, and I'm sure you'll like the concept. We'll need about six to eight people at any one time, but I realize that not everybody will be able to stay from 11:00am until we get the stage ready. We can do things in a few hour shifts to reduce the time needed. Of course, if anybody would like to stay the whole time, that would be great. On Monday night, we'll set up a schedule for people.

Also, while we will bring some folding chairs for folks to use in the dressing rooms, you might wish to bring your own folding chair to make sure that you have something to sit on while changing clothes and while we are not on stage.

Sunday, December 14th:

9:00am--Break the set and return the risers. We'll need guys to take apart the set and return the risers. We'll need a bunch of guys for this, too, so that we can get it done



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quickly. The Tivoli needs to use the theater for their own shows that day, so we want to respect their time and get our stuff out of there as quickly as possible.

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.

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.