



Silent Auction for the Cabaret

One of the things planned for the Cabaret is a silent auction to help build up funds for going to Philadelphia in July 2010. What follows is a suggestion list for potential silent auction items. Use it as a starting point. It is really only limited by your imagination and motivation to come up with the most amount items of value for ourselves and our guests.

Once you secure an auction item or items (hint. hint), don't hesitate to contact me to coordinate a pick-up; I'll be glad to get it out of your hands and store it for the event.

This is just one part of what will turn out to be a very exciting event- but an important one to supplement the financial needs of our future contest adventure.

I thank EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU in advance for your participation in this silent auction!

YA'LL MAKE THIS CHORUS GREAT!!!

Subway Jay Bentz

Outside sources

Think about those resources that ask for **your services**:

- Barber
- Insurance agent
- Service organizations (Moose, Elks, Rotary,...)
- Your employer

Inside sources

Think about any items that you have around the house that you haven't opened or even used (that you know someone would really enjoy/use)

- Provide a service to a fellow chorus member i.e. burt keever-woodworking
- You could auction off an hour/ hours of your time

Ask yourself, do you have a skill that would benefit another...

- Computer expert, Electrician, Expert organizer, Plumber, Carpenter, etc.
- Wine/beer expert- offer a tasting

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Talent needed for new CD Jacket

With several recording sessions under our belt and eight songs "in the bag", we need to start planning the CD jacket and liner. Anyone who is interested in helping to design the cover

and putting together the liner with the names of the songs and the credits, please talk to Craig Lancaster .





Don't forget to get your registration (\$30) and hotel reservation forms to Ken Keever.

Room rate is \$102/night.

Uniforms

Our new uniform shirts, ties, pocket squares, cuff links and other jewelry pieces have been ordered and are on the way. We are hoping they will arrive in time for distribution on April 6. **Members pay \$20**, the balance (approximately \$32) will be paid by

the chapter.

As previously announced, we plan on having this sharp new look when we sing as the outgoing district champions in Peoria on April 18.

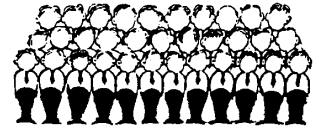


Christmas Show

This is just a reminder that we are having a fourth Christmas show on Sunday, December 13 at 1:30 PM. Then we will need "all hands on deck" to help break down the risers and decorations and clean up since the Tivoli will need to use the theater later that day. Also, the Saturday evening show will be at 7:30 PM instead of 8:00 PM. 🎵

Riser Reminder

from your Music Team



Using our rehearsal time effectively will allow us to meet our musical goals. Our behavior on the risers can always use improvement. As a reminder, here is what is expected of all members and guests attending rehearsal:

1. The 10 Second Rule is in force at all times: when the director stops, he gets 10 seconds of silence to gather his thoughts and speak before anyone else may speak.
2. At no time should members or guests board the risers until instructed to do so by the person leading the rehearsal.
3. At no time is it acceptable to shout out a suggestion or question from the risers. When we are learn-

ing notes, or there is a coach present, you may raise your hand and ask a question when called upon. At all other times, you may only ask a question if the leader of the rehearsal solicits them.

4. When a coach is working with us, follow the coach's instructions and the director's hands.
5. If we are learning notes and have music in hand, be courteous to the parts that are being taught. Follow along silently and listen to the instructions being given as they may apply to your part when it is time for you to sing. If there are moves or expressions that go with the song, practice your moves. 🎵

Schedule of Events

March 2009

- ◆ 23 Rehearsal
- ◆ 30 Rehearsal

April 2009

- ◆ 6 Rehearsal
- ◆ 11 Coaching Session
- ◆ 13 Rehearsal
- ◆ 18 **Sing in Peoria**—Required
- ◆ 20 Rehearsal
- ◆ 27 Rehearsal

May 2009

- ◆ 4 Recording Session
- ◆ 9 Cabaret – American Legion Hall, Downers Grove.
- ◆ 11 Rehearsal
- ◆ 18 Rehearsal
- ◆ 25 Rehearsal
- ◆ 29-30 Retreat with Kevin Keller

MARCH 2009						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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June 2009

- ◆ June 28 – July 5—International (Anaheim)

August 2009

- ◆ Kane County Cougars

September 2009

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

December 2009

- ◆ 10 7:30 PM Tech Rehearsal (Thu)
- ◆ 11 8:00 PM Christmas Show (Fri)
- ◆ 12 2:00 PM & 7:30 PM Christmas show
- ◆ **13 Sunday 1:30 PM Christmas Show**

2010

- ◆ June 27 – July 4 – International (Philadelphia)

APRIL 2009

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Cabaret continued

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- Do you have tickets to a local event: sports-theatre ...
- Do you own a vacation home that you can offer a weekend package
- Do you have some barbershop “gems”- music-records-cds that could be copied
- Are there any products that you can purchase that give you a benefit
- Which also will benefit a member (discounted restaurant coupons,etc)

My suggestion is to be creative with your sources for items for this silent auction. Also please remember..... The more items that can be auctioned- the more funds go toward the philadelphia trip.

One last point: any chorus member donating a product for the silent auction valued at more than \$15 will have their event ticket fee (\$15) waived.

This list is just suggestions meant to get your mind thinking... good luck and get going!

