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Show Helpers still needed—Nelleke Roffelsen

Thanks to everyone who is helping to make this a great show. For those who already volunteered, be in the foyer about an hour before the show starts,

wearing black and white with some red accent.

**We still need ushers and people to sell tickets at the door.**

Christmas Show Information

**Thursday, December 10th:**

5:00pm—We'll need guys to help bring the risers over to the Tivoli and set them up on the stage.

**Friday, December 11th:**

Noon—Set up the stage at the Tivoli.

**Dress Requirement**

Ladies - Black dress (no pant suits please)  
Men in chorus - *First half* - Black Tuxedo pants, Black Dress Shirt (DM label that takes cufflinks), Black Tuxedo Jacket, Colored Vest and Tie Combo (New will be passed out on the 7th.), New crystal cufflinks

*Second half* - Black Tuxedo pants, Black Dress Shirt (DM label that takes cufflinks), Black Tuxedo Jacket, White tie, White pocket square, Crystal cufflinks, Crystal lapel pin

**Tech Rehearsal is Thursday evening, December 10.** 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. **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.**

**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.

**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.

**Arrival Schedule for Friday Show - Dec. 11th**

**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 and Sunday shows at the technical rehearsal, December 10, 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

**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](mailto:dmswriter@comcast.net)



## Afterglow Party—Bruce Rhoades

Celebrate with our families at the "Afterglow Party" on Monday evening, December 14th, at 7:00pm at the Moose Hall. Totally awesome pizzas and salads will be provided by none other than our very own Gary Sinagra, "The Singing Chef"! The Moose will open the upstairs bar and their bartender(s) will be selling soda, beer, wine and mixed drinks at very reasonable prices.

Tickets are on sale now for only \$7.00 per person. Please pay with exact change or by check payable to "The West Towns Chorus". Let's have some fun. We deserve it.

For those of you that are still undecided, I want to remind you that this is a regular rehearsal night, the last one for the year, so please plan on coming if you can for a nice relaxing evening of singing and eating (and some good cheer). You are also encouraged to bring your spouse or significant other. I would like to hear from the rest of you, even if you're not able to attend. Time is short, so please contact me ASAP. Thanks guys.

Bruce Rhoades 708-243-0749



## Ticket Sales—John Morrison

This is a reminder that we are offering a student rate of \$15 for the Friday night show. This would be a great night to bring the family. Although ticket sales started strong they have slowed down a bit. We have only sold about 68% of all seats for four shows, with almost 500 seats available for Friday night and 350 for the Sunday show. Get out there and sell tickets. This is a great show and we should be able to fill all four shows.

## Christmas Show Recording—Tony Tumea

Once again this year, we will have our Saturday evening Christmas show professionally video recorded. As part of our contract with our service provider, we will have 50 DVD's of the show available for sale for \$15 each. These DVD's will be available for pick-up at the Moose Hall on Monday December 14. These DVD's are not for sale to the general public and are sold at cost for instructional purposes only.

If you would like to buy a DVD, please bring cash or a check payable to West Towns Chorus at Monday's rehearsal. Remember, it's limited to the first 50 to order.



## Show Extras— Jay Bentz

### DOORMEN

I will have the sign-up sheet for the doormen at rehearsal Monday night. Please consider taking a little bit of your time to help with this service- It is definitely the perfect first impression to show our audience how much we care. We have a blast doing it, too!

A GREAT suggestion from Jack Roller is to wear our RED TUX JACKETS to really "doll ourselves up" (in addition to the white gloves and goofy Christmas hats and candy canes; which I will provide). So, for those of you planning on supporting the door crew, be sure to add the red jackets to your hanging bags.

I must ask a favor regarding this service... Because I will probably need to spend the ma-



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### Schedule of Events

#### December 2009

- ◆ 7 Rehearsal
- ◆ 10 7:00 PM Tech Rehearsal
- ◆ 11 8:00 PM Christmas Show
- ◆ 12 2:00 PM & 7:30 PM Christmas show
- ◆ **13 Sunday 1:30 PM Christmas Show**
- ◆ 14 Cast Party—Pizza!
- ◆ 21 Music Team meeting

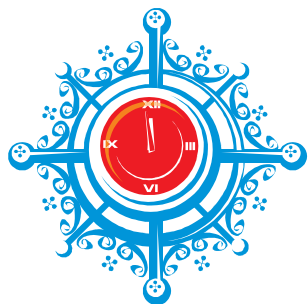
#### January 2010

- ◆ 4 Rehearsal
- ◆ 11 **Guest Night**—Rehearsal
- ◆ 18 Rehearsal
- ◆ 21 Board Meeting
- ◆ 23 Sat. Installation Banquet
- ◆ 25 Rehearsal

# December 2009

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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#### 2010

- ◆ Feb. 13 Sandwich Opera House  
**Call time: 6:45 PM**
- ◆ Apr. 16—18 Illinois Spring Convention
- ◆ June 27 - July 4 - International (Philadelphia)
- ◆ Sep. 24—26 Illinois Fall Convention

## January 2010

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## February 2010

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### Christmas Show Song List

(show order)

Most Wonderful Time of Year  
While By My Sheep  
Jingle Bells

**Quartet** *Unwrapped*

Jingle Bell Rock

**Quartet** *On the Record*

Deck The Halls

We Need a Little Christmas

**Quartet** *Unbalanced*

Secret of Christmas

Christmas is Coming /God Rest Ye, Merry

End of our part of 1st half

Do You Hear What I Hear

Hark the Harold Angels Sing

Let All Mortal Flesh

**Quartet** *Buzzology*

Mary Had a Baby

Angels We Have Heard on High  
Joy To the World

**Duet** *Conventry Carol*

**Skinkers** *Mary Did You Know*

Silent Night

O Holy Night

Adeste Fideles



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**District Questions**

**District Conventions**

The leaders of our district have asked for input on convention planning. I think it is important that West Towns responds to the three questions posed below as we are considered leaders in the District. Not only that, but it will impact us at some point in time down the road.

I would ask that you read the questions and form some sort of opinion, **then express that opinion to me or one of the Board members.** Remember, I am only looking for a consensus, not a college-level dissertation! You should be informed of the changes that WILL occur at the District level. Some of you will care, others will not and that's

OK. All I am saying is that this is your chapter and should have a voice in what is going on.

Thanks...

Darryl Nordentoft, President

1. *What changes would you make in the convention weekend to encourage your chapter to participate?*
2. *Would you prefer a competition between choruses of equal size and/or singing ability (scoring level), or a competition that includes all chorus?*
3. *Would your guys attend if we only had one convention per year? (That is a possibility.)*

**Show Extras—continued**

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majority of my time overseeing the basket raffles for each show, I would like someone to take my place as "POINT MAN" to be sure this goes off as successfully as everything else. If you are interested, please see me after rehearsal Monday Night !

**RISER LOADING**

You saw Dave's e-mail about Thursday's need for riser help prior to our tech rehearsal. To make this

evening start smoothly, I will be transporting all the risers from the Moose to the Tivoli **by trailer** ( we don't want any more unfortunate accidents like Jack Roller's arm ever again). Because of this, I would ask that you help load risers **after rehearsal MONDAY NIGHT.** It will go fast with **many helpers.**

We need to unload and set-up the risers at the TIVOLI at **5:00 THURSDAY NIGHT.**