



# Frank Glas—2017 Barbershopper of the Year!

Dec. 2, 2018

## Carrie's Cues

Hello, Gentlemen!  
 Monday night we rehearsed with Carolyn May and David Mouri for the narration and flute parts of Act Two. We also rehearsed with David's narration for Act One. I asked Don K to send around some audio files to help you rehearse. Please use them!!  
 Jingle Bells- pretty good run through. Watch cut-offs. Rests are music too! (Sound familiar?)  
 Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree- have fun with this and perform for our audience!  
 Christmas Song- if we are singing it well, I may mess with the interp. Watch my conducting! Leads, sing lighter on the low notes and approach the high notes from above. Basses, there was a "blue" note that we pointed out last night, but I don't have my music in front of me to tell you which measure. I know the note is a Gb.  
 Little Saint Nick- "rush hour" tempo, not "cruising along the shoreline" tempo. Basses, we tend to drag in vs. 2. Use those rests as "surprise" breaths, while keeping your throats open and relaxed, of course. ;) I didn't say this last night, but please remember to sing on the "ee" vowel of



"Reindeeeeeeeee-r." Leave the "r" out until the cut-off.  
 Carol of the Bells- nice run through last night. Good job executing the details we've been working on these last few weeks. Tenors and basses are dragging in the "ba ba dop, ba da ba dop," section. Use the surprise breath on those 8th rests to propel the music forward. Basses- practice the correct "ding dong" notes every day, every time you eat.  
 Old Toy Trains- we worked on the syncopation of "old toy trains." "Toy" is sooner and "trains" is ahead of the down-beat. Nice tone on this.  
 Must Be Santa- MEMORIZE, MEMORIZE, MEMORIZE the words!  
 Act Two  
 Do You Hear What I Hear- we took some extra time to break this down. I hope I helped with my memory tips. Verse 1- we sing unison until the last phrase in 4-part harmony with a tenor/lead pick-up; Verse 2- ladies lead, we echo (I WILL CUE YOU!); Verse 3- We sing in 4-part harmony until the last phrase which is sung unison (tenors on the octave); Verse 4 - we alternate- ladies sing first, then we lead, then they lead,  
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then we lead, then we go to the close of the song.

The First Noel- Sing it all in one space/on one plane. We will raise the key to D#. Leads and basses, the tuning for this song is on you.

The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy- was a hot mess. Basses, you need to look at the music and practice verse 2 and chorus 2. I know the learning tracks are wrong in a lot of places, but they aren't wrong there. If nothing else, listen to just that verse and chorus. And while you're at it, practice your melody part on verse 3. I feel like we aren't completely comfortable with that entrance.

Silent Night- sounded pretty good Monday night. At least half of the leads sang the harmony for the last phrase instead of the melody. Good job! That is right.

We did not sing Adeste Fideles last night. We will need to work on that next week. In fact, in general I think the act one songs are stronger than the act two songs. I'd like to start with the act two songs next week, but with our guests who leave early, that's not very convenient. So, let's try to sing once through each act one song so that we can move on to the act two songs next Monday. Have a good week. Your practice outside of chorus makes a difference, so keep up the good work!

Carrie 

### Performance Call Times and On-Stage rehearsal times

#### Wednesday, Dec. 5 – Rehearsal Schedule

##### **MOVE-IN beginning at Noon.**

(Riser unload & setup time To Be Announced—help needed)

##### **WTC CALL TIME 6:15 PM**

##### **On-Stage times for Warm ups**

Quartets 6:15 – 6:45

WTC 6:55 – 7:25

##### **“Do You Hear What I Hear” Vocals & Instruments 7:15**

COMBINED 7:25 – 8:15

MWC – 8:15 – 8:45

8:45 PM - Cue to Cue from Start to Finish should not take more than an hour and a half.

**Please be prepared to stay as long as necessary.**

#### **Saturday, Dec. 8**

##### **WTC CALL TIME 11:15 AM**

##### **– Pre-performance on-stage times**

WTC 11:50-12:05

Quartets 12:05-12:15

Strings/Brass 12:15-12:30

MWC 13:30-12:45

Combined 12-45-1:00

##### **HOUSE OPENS AT 1:00**

Show 1:30 PM

**Move risers off stage immediately after show.**

#### **Sunday, Dec. 9**

##### **WTC CALL TIME 11:15 AM**

##### **– Pre-performance on-stage times**

WTC 11:50-12:05

Quartets 12:05-12:15

Strings/Brass 12:15-12:30

MWC 13:30-12:45

Combined 12-45-1:00

##### **HOUSE OPENS AT 1:00**

Show 1:30 PM

**Move-Out IMMEDIATELY after Show**



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### Business Break Briefs Bill Haselberger

#### **GUESTS:**

Nelleke Roffelsen, Elyn Nicodem, Kathy Westberg, Paul Carlson, Erik Ferguson, Jon Hoekema, Kyle Hoekema, David Mouri, Carolyn May

**RENEWALS:** Peter Kendall 15 yrs, Vern Moore 24 yrs, Joe Tomecek 30 yrs, Trenton Ferro 44 yrs, Al Anderson 55 yrs, and Roland Wiebking 59 yrs

#### **CHRISTMAS PICTURES:**

Please send your pictures of Christmas past to Ben Dirks as he needs to put this together this week.

**TICKET SALES:** Saturday Show – 257, Sunday Show- 241

**GUYS!!! A reminder, the theater has 897 seats available. Looking at the sales to date, we need to SELL! SELL! SELL! Get out there and talk to your friends, neighbors, members of your church**

**people you deal with and let them know about our show. We have worked hard for this and it would be a shame to sing to a half empty theater. As Carrie suggested, call 15 people and tell them about the show.**

**BASKETS:** WE NEED MORE BASKETS!! Buy one or make one and give it to Nelleke.

#### **USHERS:**

Please let Nelleke know if you or family or friends can help with ushering. Tony Mehok had a connection at the Arcada that said they would help with that. Nelleke will follow up.

**SHOW DVD:** We will be recording Sunday's show. See Tony Tumea to sign up for a copy.

**Afterglow/Cast Dinner:** Afterglow will be after Sunday's show at the Arcada upstairs (3rd floor) in the Speak Easy room. Elyn Nicodem has tickets for \$20

**UNIFORMS:** Remember to have ALL the pieces of your uniform dry cleaned and ready for the show. Make sure you have shiny (TUX) shoes.

#### **SINGING IN DOWNTOWN**

**ST.CHARLES:** Not enough people. Ben will go Saturday morning and hand out business cards and flyers to the merchants in the downtown area.

**CHORUS OF DUPAGE:** Christmas Show is Sunday, Dec 2nd at 2PM at Trinity Lutheran Church  
2701 Maple Ave  
Lisle, IL 60532  
Buy tickets at the door.



### Free Money Will Gertig

Hey, just a reminder to you.

If you purchase anything at Amazon, use <http://amazonsmile.com> and select West Town Chorus as the qualifying recipient of your donation.

It's free money to use as a chorus. Takes no time to sign up.

I have amazon smile bookmarked and so some others use it too. So far (as of Sept) we accumulated almost \$300 for the cho-

rus this year. Free money for us, and no impact to the buyer.

So help us, and use Amazon Smile for your orders. Note that donations are only accumulated with the Smile URL, not the regular Amazon site. And there is no impact to purchases, Prime or a regular user either.

Will Gertig PMP CSM  
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### Christmas Show

#### Songs

##### Act One

Kay Thompson's Jingle Bells  
 The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting On An Open Fire)  
 Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree  
 Little Saint Nick  
 Carol of the Bells (Shaw)  
 Old Toy Trains  
 Must Be Santa

##### Act Two

Do You Hear What I Hear  
 The First Noel (in Vol. 2 Christmas book)  
 The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy (Gentry)  
 Go Tell It On the Mountain (Liles)  
 Silent Night/Peace, Peace  
 Adeste Fideles  
 Carrie

#### Costumes

Active Face & Involved Body

##### Act One

Black Shoes  
 Black Socks  
 Black Slacks or Tux pants  
 White Shirt  
 Colorful scarf to be provided

##### Act Two

Black patent shiny shoes  
 Black Socks  
 Black Tux Pants  
 Black Tux Jacket  
 White Shirt  
 Blue/Teal Vest, Tie, & Pocket square

Tentative Call Times (subject to change)

Wed. 12/5 WTC 6:15 PM


Sat. 12/8 WTC 11:15 AM

Sun. 12/9 WTC 11:15 AM

#### Arcada Theatre

105 E. Main Street  
 St. Charles, IL 60174

### Christmas Show "Afterglow"/Dinner

There will be an "afterglow"/cast dinner on Sunday, Dec 9 after our afternoon show at the Arcada's Speakeasy. They always have a Sunday Italian dinner and we can have our group eat there after our show. We are taking names and money (\$20 each) so that we can inform them how many people to expect from our group. The Speakeasy can hold up to 130 people and we agreed to let them know how many people to expect. Ellyn Nicodem is taking names and money so please see her to get your name and payment on the list. Deadline is Monday night, December 3. 



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## Ushers and other help needed for *The Music of Christmas*

Dear family and friends of The West Towns Chorus,

We all can help to make the Christmas show a big success again.

If you have time and are willing to spent a couple of hours before the show, we then can make this a hit for everyone.

**Please fill out this form and**

- Return it to Erik Roffelsen during a rehearsal, NO LATER THAN November 26.

- Or sent this information by e-mail to: [nelleke@innersource.com](mailto:nelleke@innersource.com)

My preference is to help out on:

Task	Sat., 12/8/18	Sun., 12/9/18
	1:30 PM	1:30 PM
Hand out programs		
Seat our guests		
Sell raffle tickets		
Parking Garage "Elf"		

Please arrive at the hall 1½ hour before the show starts. The dress-code is black and white and we provide a red cape for the ladies and red scarves for the men. A week before the show I will contact you again with the schedule and additional information.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

We are also looking for Christmas baskets for the raffle! We'd like 15 per show.

If you can provide a basket or if you have material or cash to donate that would also be appreciated; we will then assemble the basket.

**Ideas for basket themes are:**

Candy, Wine, Books, Popcorn, Music, Christmas, Party, Garden Tools, Kids, Winter, Chocolate, New Year.

Please hand those to Erik Roffelsen during the rehearsals of Nov. 6 or Dec. 3.

Let us know if you have time for one of more of these activities to make this event a success again.

Contact person for ushering and baskets: Nelleke Roffelsen 630-696-2752 or

e-mail to [nelleke@innersource.com](mailto:nelleke@innersource.com).

Thank you,

Nelleke



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## 2018 Board

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Board meetings are scheduled for the third Thursday of each month (except December) 7:30 PM at Bob Nicodem's house.  
 The Music Team usually meets the second Thursday of each month at Horizon, 7:30 PM.

## Music Team

Director: Carrie Marcotte  
 Asst-directors: Mark Betczynski & Joe Tomecek

Music VP: Craig Lancaster  
 Other: Peter Kendall

### Section Leaders

•Bass: Jim B. & Will G.  
 Baritone: Mark & Joe  
 •Lead: Mark Servos  
 Kevin Westburg  
 •Tenor: Trenton Ferro,  
 Sid Peterson

### Email

[MusicTeam@WestTowns.org](mailto:MusicTeam@WestTowns.org)

## Calendar of Events

### December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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### January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30	31		

### February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

### December

12/3 Rehearsal  
 12/5 Tech rehearsal (Wed)  
 12/8 & 9 Christmas Show  
 12/9 Cast Dinner  
 12/10 Wrap up rehearsal

### 2019

1/7 Rehearsal  
 1/14 Rehearsal  
 1/19 Sat Coaching w/ Steve Tramack  
 1/20/18 Awards Banquet  
 1/21 Rehearsal  
 1/28 Rehearsal  
 1/31 Board Meeting

### Future

5/5 Sun Spring Show  
 7/21—7/28 Harmony U

West Towns rehearses every Monday evening, 7:00 PM at Horizon Community Church in the Meadowbrook Shopping Center, 2129 63rd Street, Downers Grove, IL 60516.

We invite men who like to sing to come visit us and join us in song and fellowship.