



FootNotes



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Directors Notes

Two weeks from today, we'll be on stage at Van Wezel for our 8th annual Christmas Show... Together at Christmas. Please make sure all of your costume items are in order, cleaned and pressed and ready for the show.

Tonight you'll receive a copy of the schedule for the day at Van Wezel on Tuesday, Dec. 11th so that you know when and where you are supposed to be. It's important to follow instructions and stay clear of the Union Crew so that they can do their jobs.

Nancy Frayer will be calling the show this year and we'd appreciate you giving her and Lee Frayer (our stage manager) your full cooperation.

It is imperative that Nancy focus on the many cues, both lighting and staging, while she is on the headset. Even those of you who are good friends with the Frayers...please **DO NOT INITIATE CONVERSATION WITH THEM WHILE THE SHOW IS IN PROGRESS!!!**

Tonight, we'll be concentrating on polishing our Christmas repertoire and identifying areas where we need the most work. Out of concern for the length of time between our last rehearsal and the show, the Board has arranged for us to have an extra rehearsal on Thursday, Dec. 6th. We plan to start at 7:00 pm and run no longer than 8:30, if at all possible. I know it's a busy time of year, but please plan to be there if at all possible. As we have seen in the past, it is very beneficial for us to have a run-through mid-week, to refresh everything and lift our confidence levels.

Here is the presentation order for the show:

- Jingle Bells**
- Lo How A Rose**
- Silver Bells**
- The Secret Of Christmas**
- It Came Upon A Midnight Clear/O Holy Night**
- Angels We Have Heard On High**
- Hark The Herald Angels Sing**
- Finale: Hallelujah Chorus**

Thanks for all your hard work. Things are coming together well. It's going to be a great show.

Blessing! Stephen

Calendar

- Dec. 6: **Thursday**, Special rehearsal, **HERE**.
- Dec. 11: Ditchfield Family Christmas Show at Van Wezel, 2:30 & 7:30 shows. We will be participating.
- Dec. 20: Lunch Bunch TBA
- Dec. 27: Chorus rehearsal instead of Dec. 25.

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- Jan. 3: Chorus rehearsal instead of Jan. 1.
- Jan. 13: Art's Day. We are singing.
- Jan. 26: Installation Banquet, The Meadows.
- Jan. 31: **Thursday**, Special rehearsal, **HERE**
- Feb. 7: **Thursday**, Special rehearsal, **HERE**
- Feb. 9: Annual Show, Van Wezel
- Feb. 14: Valentines Day.
- Feb. 17: Siesta Key Chapel Sunday Series
- Feb. 19: Super Guest Night & Picnic-SIESTA BEACH 5:00—10:00. This will also be our rehearsal for the week. Pizza-Beer-Soda.
- May 2-4: Sunshine District Convention

SPRING CONVENTION HOUSING

Hotel reservation forms are now located on the rear table. Since we will need the double/doubles for men rooming together, please request a king size room if staying with your wife. **PLEASE** complete the form with all requested information including zip code, credit card expiration date, etc. It is my understanding that room rates will be the same as last year. Remember, it is easier for me to cancel a room than to get someone a room at the last minute. Questions, see me. Mile Miller, Chorus Manager

HOW TO USE YOUR LEARNING CD's!!!

Important Note: It has come to my attention that some of you do not realize that the learning tapes I have made for you have a helpful feature: your part-predominant is on the left channel. If you adjust your stereo CD player all the way to the left channel, you will hear only your part. If you adjust it all the way to the right, you will hear only the other harmony parts with your part missing. When you're just learning, you may want to hear more or less of your part. By eliminating your part in the mix, you can sing with a quartet and find out how much you really know.

Get the most out of your learning CD— take advantage of this feature. Steve

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Member

11-27 Charlie Lenny
11-29 Jacques Cormier
11-29 Dick Heddleson

And Spouse

11-28 Kirsten Ulring, Harold
11-29 Mary Ellen Hagen, Bob
11-29 Janice Reckard, Jim
11-30 Dee Glass, John
12-1 Phyllis Allen, Richard
12-2 Barbara George, Mike

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

11-27 Bob & Mary King
12-1 Bob & Adrienne Svozil
12-1 Al & Dolores Yearick
12-2 Walt & Dolores Joyce

OUR WEBSITE

All of the information for viewing, listening to, or downloading files, including sheet music, training tapes, and recent rehearsal recordings is available on our web site at — www.chorusofthekeys.org
Go to the **Members** page by clicking on **Members** in the main menu. You will need a password to access this page. If you don't know it, ask any member; but for security reasons, please **DO NOT EVER** email the password (or ask someone else to). On the **Members** page, click on **Current Rehearsals**.
Chorus Webmaster, Richard Romley

SUPER BARBERSHOP SHOW

Dec. 2, 2007 2-4 PM at Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Ft Myers. Show by Spirit of the Gulf Sweet Adelines Chapter (7th place International Champs for 2006) and 2007 Regional Champs for Florida; with guest quartet MAX-Q. Several of our guys wives sing in this chorus (PollyAnn Nanfито (Joe), Margaret Schlicht (Walt), Nancy Manville (Ed), Susan Nicholson (Nick), Marilyn Rose (Ken). Please email Joe Nanfито at <jjnanfitosr@verizon.net> during the week if you are interested & he will make sure you have tickets available for purchase. \$25 preferred seating, \$15 Balcony seating. Make checks payable to Spirit of the Gulf Chorus.

News & Views for the FootNotes

should be sent to the editor
<editorken@yahoo.com> by **Noon Monday**.
This address is for **FootNotes** articles only.
For all other emails, please use—
<rohskf@yahoo.com> Thank you, Ken

Sunshine News

"When the performance and the work (literary or musical) are perfectly integrated in meaning, style and intention, the result is a magnificent esthetic achievement and an unforgettable experience for the audience." Ayn Rand

Cards, calls & prayers to our friends are always welcome.

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SHOW PROGRAM ADS

100 days ago, we kicked off our AD campaign for the 2008 Show Program. We now have but 50 more days left before we go to publication and printing. Progress? As of last Tuesday, we're only at 20% of our goal. We still have a whopping forty more envelopes to assign tonight. And they will be assigned.

IF THERE IS NO SALESMAN'S NAME ASSIGNED, THEN WE STILL NEED SOMEONE TO PICK UP THAT PACKET AND MAKE CONTACT!
That list includes seventeen **LUNCH BUNCH CLUB** folders selling for \$150/ea; sixteen **RENEWALS**, twenty eight **COMMERCIAL CONTACTS**, and four additional **RETIREMENT FACILITIES**.

HELP! That means all of you—especially the snowbirds who have not been around to help shoulder the load for the last three months. See **Dick Bechtel** after the meeting and make sure he knows which folder you are taking with you.

Thank you for all your help. Spread out over the whole chapter, many hands make for good and complete work, and your AD TEAM appreciates it. We're getting a lot of **NO's** and "**SORRY**, not this year" because of the turndown in the economy, so we have to make twice the number of contacts this year compared with previous years.
Dick Bechtel, show program AD sales chair.
And sweating IT!

QUARTET PARTICIPATION ON ANNUAL SHOW

Since there has been a number of quartet changes and/or personnel changes, please email me your desire to participate on the 2008 Annual Show. Indicate the current members of the quartet, parts and the contact man with his email address. Since the title of the show is "Greatest Singers, Greatest Songs" please list any songs the quartet would like considered for their part in the show. Each quartet chosen will sing one or two songs as determined by the show and music committee.
Mike Miller,
Production Manager, 2008 Show