

CHRISTMAS SHOW CHORUS

The idea here is to invite guests – friends, neighbors, family, church choir friends, etc. – to join your chorus to sing on your Christmas Show as a short-term opportunity to sing in a barbershop and have the experience your chorus community.

1. Plan four to six weeks of rehearsals before your Christmas Show to invite guests to join the Chorus for 2-4 numbers.
2. Produce and print a flier/card for members to hand out – consider handing out 10 copies to every Chapter member to share with those they know.
3. Order enough extra copies of the planned Christmas songs to cover your expected attendees.
4. Make up music folders for members and guests – they should be matching so they can be used when you perform. Guests should not be expected to memorize the music!
5. First meeting –
 - Do voice placement with guests to assign section.
 - Do regular chorus warm-up and sing a Pole Cat song
6. Help them feel welcome – assign Riser Buddies to help them navigate the rehearsal.
7. Sing the designated Christmas Carols during 1st half of meeting. The last half of meeting can be your normal Chorus rehearsal of other Chorus repertoire planned for the Show. Certainly, welcome guests to stay if they wish.
8. DO NOT have your Chorus sing for guests on first night. Don't try to impress them with how good you are. They'll find out sooner or later.
9. Place guests in Chorus alongside the more accurate voices.
10. Decide on a uniform for caroling – e.g., black/dark trousers (something members & guests would already have) with white shirt and tie.
11. Invite them and their spouse to an afterglow or other social gathering after the show.
12. **Do not demand** a long-term commitment, but **do invite** them to continue to attend rehearsals in the New Year! If they like what they hear and have experienced, they'll come back.
13. Add guest's names to Show ticket and Chapter Bulletin mailing list.