

SILENT NIGHT SING IN UPDATE

Silent Night Sing-In
Monday, December 17th 2018 at 7:00PM
The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts
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HELLO, EVERYBODY!

OMG, I'm SO HAPPY to connect with you tonight! And I'm beyond elated to tell you that, currently (drumroll), we have over 900 people signed up for the Silent Night Sing-in at the Kimmel Center! This is gonna be SO AMAZING!

So I wanted to give you a little information before Monday - and if you are representing an ensemble or group of singers, **please pass on this information to them**; I think it may be helpful.

SCHEDULE

Here's what I'm anticipating for Monday Night:

7:00 - 7:15PM - Participants arrive at the Kimmel Center Lobby and move toward the performance area.

7:15 - 7:30PM - Rehearsal with composer **John Conahan**

7:30PM - Introduction and remarks by our host WRTI Personality **Gregg Whiteside (!)**

7:35PM - Official Premiere of SILENT NIGHT SING-IN Performance

7:45PM - general communal euphoria & jubilant merriment (all of us freaking out and being happy together!!!!)

SHEET MUSIC

Please bring your copy of the new arrangement (hard copy or on a device that you can sing from).

ATTIRE

There is NO DRESS CODE for this performance! I want to completely blur the dividing line between the performers and the listeners... because maybe we can draw some folks in who aren't expecting to sing! You know those folks who say, "you don't want ME to sing" or "I'm not GOOD enough" or "I can't sing in public". Well, I am not going to force anyone to do anything that they don't want to do, but if they feel inspired, I want every condition to empower them! Anyway - dress as you'd like... feel free to wear festive attire, reindeer antlers, jingle bells, whatever you're feeling.

KNOWING YOUR PART

I'm very excited to hear everyone sing their part from this NEW ARRANGEMENT.

And as much as I'd like to simply sing the melody with as many people as possible, this version of "Silent Night" that we are going to sing together at the Kimmel Center has specific parts, we trade the melody back and forth, and there's lots of fun stuff infused throughout. So I think it's important for all of us to know our parts as best we can. Prior to Monday night, pour a hot cup of tea, pull out your sheet music, and sing through it so

you feel comfortable - and we will then feel absolutely WONDERFUL once we're finished! I know we will have a blast singing a new and fun arrangement of this melody!

WHERE DO I GO WHEN I ARRIVE?

I have put together a little diagram of WHERE in the Kimmel Center Lobby we will be collecting and performing - and it's over on the Website (www.SilentNightPhilly.com). There will also be folks with little ID TAGS to direct you.

WANT TO PRACTICE WITH A LIVE TAKE?

The High School Ensemble I direct, the Wissahickon Camerata, performed it LIVE on WRTI this week (which I don't consider the "premiere" as it was not in a live performance environment - so **we are (you and me)** still singing the premiere!!). So if you'd like to sing along with it, or hear your part with the real words and nuance, [HERE IS THE LIVE PERFORMANCE](#) (thanks, Tyler!).

INTERVIEWS

WRTI's Susan Lewis will be at the event interviewing people here and there about their participation in the event. If you are asked to speak with her, that's why! :D She's super nice.

OTHER STUFF

OTHER MUSIC: There will be a sound check for a band (LA NOCHE) from 7:00 - 7:15PM in the Kimmel Center Lobby. Don't be alarmed at this - they will be finished by 7:15PM. During this time, we'll be arriving and getting organized. LA NOCHE will be performing on the other side of the lobby at 8:00PM, if you'd like to hang out and hear some great music afterward.

FOOD & DRINK: The Encore Bar will be open at 7:00PM with beverages and lite fare if you'd like a snack while in the Kimmel.

RESTROOMS: Kimmel Center personnel can lead you to on-site restrooms, but they can be found on the lower level (immediately beneath where we are singing), accessible via stairs or elevator.

SPREAD THE WORD!

Feel free to tell people to come and watch the performance! I know it's December... super crazy already, and it's in the heart of Center City. But quite frankly, this is going to be a magnificent, shining collection of our community through music, and I think it will be worth it! Imagine...over 900 people singing and if everyone has someone listening... omg.

SOCIAL MEDIA (THIS!)

You are heartily encouraged to bring your mobile phones and document your participation in the event, to take personal photos and videos to share! If you're posting online, please use the hashtag #SilentNightPhilly

You are also very welcome to tag me if you'd like, so feel free (just fyi)! Either my personal FB, Fanpage, or both.

THANKS

There are so many people to thank - but for now please know that **the wonderful folks at WRTI 90.1FM** have gotten behind this in a BIG way. As has the Kimmel Center. And I think that speaks volumes for those two organizations. This city of ours, this beautiful Philadelphia, cares deeply about music - let's remind each other why!

OK - I'm sure I'm forgetting something (many things), but **HEY**... I'll see you on Monday!
I'm going to try to answer some emails from you now and clear up any questions.
In the meantime, have a beautiful evening, spend a few minutes with our new piece, and
enjoy this gorgeous season we are experiencing together!

I'm so excited to see you Monday!
My sincere love, everybody.

John Conahan

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