



Program Notes



Program notes help the audience to understand our songs. Program notes contain 2-3 interesting facts about each song. Program notes might answer these questions:

- What time period is the song from?
- Who wrote the song?
- What culture is the song from?
- How did you learn the song (Solfege, by ear, etc.)?
- What did the chorus find difficult when learning the song?
- What did the chorus enjoy about the song?
- What instruments are being used in the song?
- What is the song about?
- What is the mood of the song?
- What are the characteristics of the song (peaceful, loud, accented, etc.)?

Here is a sample program note from our winter concert.

“Christmas Time Is Here” is a common holiday song. It was made famous by the movie Charlie Brown’s Christmas. Its laid-back, jazzy feel reminds us of Charlie Brown’s bewilderment as he tries to find the joyous holiday spirit.

Use the colored paper, and fold it in half to create a program brochure.

Follow these directions to create your own program.

If you need help, there is a sample on my desk.

1. Cover

Include the group that’s performing (us!), the date, and the time. Decorations are always nice! Include your name as the program creator at the bottom of the page.

2. Inside

Decide the order that we will sing the songs. List each song’s title and composer. Underneath the title, write at least 3 sentences of program notes. Do this for each piece.

3. Back

Use the back to write at least 5 guidelines for audience etiquette – rules the audience should follow in order to be a polite audience for us.

Then, turn this page over and answer the questions on the other side.

1. What piece did you decide to put first? Why do you want to sing it first?

2. What piece did you put last? Why do you want to sing it last?

3. Which piece do you think the audience will like the best?