

TENOR NOTES FOR SWEET SMELL OF SUCCESS

October 20 rehearsal

1. Rumor / The Column

P. 1 – no cuts, this page will be sung as is.

New pp. 7 and 8, measures 101 and 105 – sing the same chord on “*Oo*” each time as tenors sing on p. 3, measures 33 and 37.

Old p. 8, measure 118 – sing just a single “*Blow by blow*”, with the last “*blow*” being sung on a short (eighth note) C. Do not sing the rest of measure 118 or any of measures 119-121.

Pp. 10-11 – CUT measures 139 through 151.

P. 13, measure 176 – make sure to cut off on beat 3; do not sing over the rest

Pp. 16-18 – CUT measures 223-250.

P. 18, measure 251 – our cue before entering on this measure is the line “No hatchet ever got buried deep enough.”

After P. 25 – there will be a four-measure reprise of The Column somewhere at this point.

3. Welcome to The Night

P. 3, measure 21 – tenors (and sopranos) sing the 2d staff in the first system. Starting on measure 20, Ted will be conducting measures in 2 so it’s much faster and snappier than p. 2.

P. 3, measure 27 (for example) – push the syncopated rhythm between the tied over note and the dotted quarter note (see also measures 31, 42, 47, 91, 96).

P. 7, measures 76-78 – Tenor 1 comes in with Group 1 and in measure 77 sings “*-side*” for the full measure, while Tenor 2 comes in with Group 2 and sings measure 77 as written. IOW, for measures 76-78 the 1st tenors sing “*Come on inside, Come on inside*”, while the 2nd tenors don’t sing measure 76 and sing measures 77-78 as written (i.e., “*Come on in, Come on inside*”).

P. 9, measures 100-101 – big *crescendo* on “*night*” BUT remember to hit the cutoff at the end of measure 101.

P. 15, measure 196i – pay attention to the key change, the rest of this number is UP a half step.

P. 15, measure 196o – *sotto voce* means almost WHISPER.

7. What If?

P. 5, measures 49 and 51 – pay attention to the cutoffs! Don't sing over Susan.

P. 15, measures 170 through 172 – all tenors sing F, F, F, F, E^b on “*Sidney, be careful.*” Same thing on measures 174 through 178.

Pp. 15-16, measures 178 through 184 – attack each word and make a lift after every measure (“*Sidney*” and “*careful*”).

13. Dirt

P. 2, measures 15-16 – all tenors sing the D on “*one thing that’s never a bore*”.

P. 3, measure 21 (and wherever else this pattern occurs) – cut “*Dirt*” very short.

P. 3, measure 22 (and wherever else this pattern occurs) – differentiate between the A on “*reas-on*” and the B on “*a-ni-mal*” in measure 26 – they are not the same interval. And the rhythms are slightly different — dotted eighth for “*reason*”, and triplets for “*animal*”.

P. 3, measures 33-34 (and wherever else this pattern occurs) – put the “*T*” of “*ain’t*” on the 3rd beat as written, but cut the tied note on the upbeat of measure 34 and keep “*sport*” very short ... also, don’t explode the “*T*” on “*sport*”, just stop the sound.

P. 5, measure 56 – cut off “*flat*” on the downbeat (cross off the tied quarter note F[#]) ... and don’t explode the “*T*” on “*flat*”, just stop the sound.

P. 5, measures 60-61 – hold the D on “*Splat*” through measure 60 ... don’t start the *glissando* down until measure 61, then hit the “*T*” on the 4th beat.

P. 5, measure 64 – observe the quarter rest on the first beat.

P. 6, measure 75 – cut off “*dirt*” on the downbeat (cross off the tied quarter note F[#]) ... and don’t explode the “*T*” on “*dirt*”, just stop the sound. Also, keep “*white*” very short — but you can explode the “*T*” here.

P. 7, measure 86 – all tenors sing a high F[#] on “*dead*” – and hit the final “*D*” together with everyone else on the 3rd beat.

P. 7, measure 90 – all tenors sing the D on “*nothin’s as sweet as the fall.*” Hold “*fall*” for two measures (which are measures 149-150 on p. 13) and then cut straight to “*Dirt*” on measure 170.

Pp. 8 and 13 are otherwise CUT.

P. 14, measures 171-175 – all tenors sing the top notes.

P. 15, measure 187 – all tenors sing the top note, and don't come in late after the eighth rest on the downbeat of measure 188.

P. 15, measures 194-195 – don't sing over the rest on beat 4 and, on the downbeat of measure 195, keep "true" short.

P. 15, measure 196 – chorus don't sing, just the orchestra will play this chord.

October 6 rehearsal

Seriously, **MEMORIZE THE FIRST NUMBER** ("Rumor / "The Column") for 10/20 rehearsal.

1. Rumor / The Column

P. 1 – Ted is Thinking Thoughts about the intro ... might cut 4 measures, might have the band vamp while chorus passes rumors with volume crescendoing and decrescendoing. Stay tuned!

P. 3, measures 33-34 – on "Oo", attack then swell. Take an audible breath after "Oo"; lean on "good" and "an".

P. 3, measures 37-39 – on "Oo", pull back on volume and then crescendo; NO breath after "Oo", but a breath after "what".

P. 3, measure 48 – tenors are high in their range here, don't stick out from the rest of the chorus. Ignore the dotted rhythm here & treat it like straight eighth notes; don't be late on "by".

P. 8, measures 110-111 – all tenors sing measure 110 as written, but hold the C[#] through the 3rd beat of measure 111.

P. 8, measure 113 – CHANGE – everyone sings melody on "gossip"; no harmony. Remember to cut off on the 4th beat and emphasize the final "p".

P. 8, measure 116 – CHANGE – all tenors sing an E^b and an Eⁿ on "gossip".

P. 8, measures 118-119 – de-emphasize the "by", keep the focus on "blow".

P. 11, measure 165 – remember to keep the "J J" extremely short.

Pp. 12-13, measures 169-177 – toss off/minimize all 16th notes, even the entrances.

Pp. 12-13, measures 171-172 and 174-176 – CHANGE – sing even when the score says just "Sidney".

P. 17 – learn this page in case Ted decides to have the full chorus sing it. At measure 234-235, first tenors sing the E-flat, second tenors sing the C.

P. 18, measures 251-263 – be aggressive & relentless on the rhythm & tempo, especially pickups.

P. 18, measure 263 – cut the tied note, i.e. make the cutoff on “edition” very short.

NEW PP. 22-24 – these words are correct. Disregard any earlier changes Ted had made.

P. 22 measures 279-289 – remember to sing the top line, including new measures 279-280.

P. 23, measures 293-296 – accent “blow” each time, de-emphasize “by”.

3. Welcome to The Night

P. 15, measure 198c – change “Now you’re lookin’ slick” to “Sidney’s lookin’ slick”.

4a. Welcome to the Night (Reprise) — this is now cut; remove from your score.

7. What If

P. 4, measures 42-44 — be menacing but soft. Make sure “wants” is cut off extremely short.

P. 4 measure 47 – get all the way up to the C on “care-“ful.

September 29 rehearsal

Work on **MEMORIZING THE FIRST NUMBER** (“Rumor / “The Column”) for next week.

1. Rumor / The Column

P. 1, measures 21-24 – only sopranos and altos. Only tenors and basses sing measures 25-26, and everyone else returns in measure 27.

P. 3, measure 33 – *crescendo* so the pickup to measure 34 isn’t “barked” on “it’s”; sing it smoothly.

P. 3, measures 38 and 39 – brief lift after “what” and after “did”, for clarity. In measure 38, don’t breathe after “what”.

P. 3, measure 40 – *crescendo* on “do” for the whole measure.

P. 3, measure 41 – only sopranos and altos. Only tenors and basses sing measures 43-44, and everyone else returns in measure 45.

P. 3, measures 47-48 – pyramid the entries on the “Blow”s: sopranos on the first, altos on the second, tenors an octave higher than written on the third entry and hold the second note (but back off a little for the bass entrance); basses on the fourth. Cut off for the rest on the 1st beat of measure 49, then all voices sing measure 49 (tenors still an octave higher).

P. 4, measures 53-54 – only sopranos and altos. Tenors and altos sing at measure 55 and hold the second note through the end of measure 56.

P. 4, measures 57-64 – cut. Ted will be doing something with pages 5-7 for the transition to “The Column (p. 8) but — as far as we know — the chorus will not be singing on those pages.

P. 8, measure 112 – tenors sing an octave higher than written.

P. 8, measure 113 – First tenors sing an E^b and an E^h on “gossip”; second tenors sing melody as written. Big *crescendo* on last syllable of “gossip” and emphasize the final “p”.

P. 8, measures 116-117 – same as measures 112-113.

P. 9, measure 121 – be sure to cut off on the fourth beat.

P. 10 – may get cut.

P. 11, measure 165 – First tenors sing melody; second tenors sing a C[#] and a D^h. Keep it VERY short.

P. 12, measure 169 – swing it!

P. 13, measure 177 – keep it moving, don’t drag.

P. 17 – probably just the chamber chorus sings this page.

P. 18 – stay on top of the beat; jump on those entrances.

P. 20 – this ENTIRE PAGE IS CUT.

p. 22 – measures 278-289 – tenors sing the top staff with Sidney; so *tacet* until all tenors enter at measure 281 and sing “He sees it all” instead of “He runs it all.” In measures 288-289 sing “over Times Square” instead of “over the town” and don’t sing measure 290.

P. 23, at measure 291 – tenors jump to the second staff with the rest of the ensemble, and sing the melody but sing “We’ve been bangin’ it out there ... out there” instead of “Gotta get into J J ... J J”.

P. 23, measures 293-296, sing “Blow by, blow by, blow by blow” instead of “On and, on and, on it goes” both times.

P. 23, measures 297-300, sing “Blow – by – blow – by” instead of “On – and – on -it”. In measure 300, second tenors sing a D, first tenors stay on the F.

P. 24, measure 303 – sing “blow” instead of “goes”; first tenors sing the G and second tenors sing the E^b.

3. Welcome to The Night

P. 3, at measure 24 entrance – this should have a Latin rhythm feel. Keep it jagged, don't soften the edges. Practice this slowly at home to get the notes correct, especially the octave jumps. Enjoy the low notes.

P. 8, at measure 88 – tenors and sopranos will remain on the melody, while altos and basses will sing some harmony.

September 15 rehearsal

Ted says **WE WILL NEED TO MEMORIZE THE ENTIRE PIECE** ... because Ted is going to have most of the MV singers — not just the semi-chorus on-stage — doing bits of “business” in the background of a lot of scenes. For example, we might be “eating breakfast”, or “typing at the office”, or “watching a ball game” — and it won't be convincing if we're clutching our scores. But he'll be working with us on the memorization throughout the rehearsal cycle....

Throughout:

- It's not a true dotted rhythm, the dots are indicating that notes should be swung;
- Always be conscious of rests and be VERY clean with cutoffs... don't wait for Ted to remind us.

1. Rumor / The Column

Ted is still working on how to combine the beginning of the original Chicago opening number (“Rumor”) with the Broadway opening number (“The Column”), which is one of the reasons the pages jump from 4 to 8....

Don't sing over the rests ... for example:

- P. 1, measure 11 — enter on the off-beat at the beginning, and keep “me” short in the middle;
- P. 1, measure 14 — cut off on the 4th beat, and don't hold until measure 15;
- P. 2, measure 17 — don't enter until beat 2.

Sing like a whisper — softly but intensely, lots of consonants

P. 1, measure 15 — note the E[#] at the end, keep the half steps close together.

P. 3, measure 33 — just for “Oo”, tenors sing A[#] (the top note in the chord in the bottom staff) — don't hit it hard, but *crescendo* through the chord — then go back to singing the melody in unison starting with “it's good to be...”).

P. 3, measure 37 — just for “Oo”, tenors sing B (the top note in the chord in the bottom staff) — don’t hit it hard, but *crescendo* through the chord — then go back to singing the melody in unison starting with “what they’re saying...”).

P. 4 — we will probably stop singing after measure 56, though Ted is still working on the transition to “The Column (p. 8).

P. 12, measure 169 and after — “PA” is “press agents”, and that’s the tenors & basses.

P. 18, measures 252-253, 256-257, 260-261 — 1st tenors sing the A, 2nd tenors sing the F[#].

P. 24, measures 303-308 — 1st tenors sing the G, 2nd tenors sing the E^b.

3. Welcome to The Night

P. 3, measure 24 and following — make sure you go down far enough to hit the low note, then high enough make it a true octave jump to the high note ... and CUT OFF AS WRITTEN, don’t bleed into the next measure.

P. 5, measure 52 — this is only half as long as the previous A^b ... so CUT OFF AS WRITTEN.

P. 15, measure 198 h to 198i — note the key change.

4a. Welcome to The Night (reprise)

P. 1, measure 4 and following — the entrance is on the second half of the 1st beat, so it’s a faster entrance than you think.

P. 2, measure 18 — everyone, jump from the lower staff to the upper staff.

7. What If

P. 4, measure 42 — sing like we’re the voices in Sidney’s head.

13. Dirt

P. 4, measure 43 — note the tied note ... “legs” is on the 2nd beat.

P. 5, measure 64 — note the rest on 1st beat ... “bad” is on the 2nd beat.

P. 13, measures 174-175 — 1st tenors sing the C[#], 2nd tenors sing the A.

P. 15, measure 196 — 1st tenors sing the A^b, 2nd tenors sing the F^b.

16. Don't Look Now

P. 11, measures 132-135 — 1st tenors sing the B^b, 2nd tenors sing the G.