

# The BLU Notes

## Dads Singing a Cappella



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James Lee

Bill Grae

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Patrick Holmes

Andrew Franco

**Hi – Notes Whistlers/Chorus Singers:**

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### **The Skit:**

24 Guys, dressed in Blue Blazers, Tan Khakis, White Button Down Shirts, white gloves, and funky Bow Ties, barefoot. In front of the Red Curtain, or possibly, the first Black curtain (so, good for “scene shifter”), arranged in two rows, semi circle, with three stick mics in front.

While singing, we will have a few of the guys do some zany/funny things (similar to the original “Bobby McFerrin” video, also Taylor Swift wigs).

1. Assembly onto stage, in a very frantic, unorganized manner, 15 seconds
2. Opening banter, Introduce concept to kids - “What is a Cappella?”, Dads showing off bad singing style, etc, 30 seconds
3. Extended Audience “rehearsal” dialog, 45 seconds
4. **Old Song** “Don’t Worry, Be Happy”, Bobby McFerrin, 1:45 Minutes  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d-diB65scQU>
5. **New Song** - “Shake it Off”, Taylor Swift, UVM Version, 2:30 Minutes  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oXHTbwOc9Pc>
6. Final Bows, Exit Stage in a frantic fashion, 15 seconds

**Total Run Time: 6:00 Minutes, Max**

# Script

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LIGHTS  
CURTAINS AND ACTION  
PROPS  
SOUND EFFECTS  
MUSIC

	<b>OPENING</b>	<i>Curtain closed House lights down</i>	
4 x Wireless Headset Mikes:	#1 – Conductor (David Seaman) #2 – Solo 1 (Bill Grae) #3 – Solo 2 (Mike Yannone) #4 – Solo 3 (James Lee)		
4 x Stick Mikes (2 x wired and 2 x wireless):	Placed equi-distant on the front of the stage, in front of the Red Curtain, on predetermined marked spots		
PS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wireless Mike #1 (Seaman) will stay on for the entire skit</li> <li>Wireless Mike #2 (Grae) is on for the first song, off for the second song</li> <li>Wireless Mike #3 (Yannone) is off for the first song, and on for the entire second song</li> <li>Wireless Mike #4 (Lee) is off for the first song, and on for the second song (but, it can be turned off, after his Rap Solo is over, in the middle of the song)</li> </ul>		
		Two Spot Lights shining on stage from the rear, Left and Right	
<b>Live Announcement from the Band’s Mike (Mike Black, or other Band Member)</b>	Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls, presenting for their first Live performance ever...Let’s welcome the BLU Notes – Dads Singing a Cappella...	Red Curtain opens while this is being said	

		26 guys already on stage in position, semi-circle, in pre-determined locations (they will each have a numbered location), and will be in front of the 4 x stick mikes	
<b>Conductor (David Seaman)</b>		Enters stage left, and strolls to the center of the stage	
	Hello Boys and Girls, and welcome to the BLU Notes – Dads singing a Cappella. A Cappella is singing without instruments.		
<b>Conductor</b>	Our first song is “Don’t Worry, Be Happy”. Your Moms will know this one. We want you to sing along with the chorus. The words are “Don’t Worry” and “Be Happy” Let’s practice: Kids on the left side, on Three 1, 2, 3 “Don’t Worry” And on the right side. 1, 2, 3 “Be Happy” Excellent.	Audience participation	
<b>Conductor</b>	Are you kids ready? OK, don’t move, stay right there.	Talking to the kids	
<b>Conductor</b>	Ah, Guys. This audience is ready. Are you guys ready?	Turning back towards the audience, and facing the BLU Notes, in whispering tones	
		Conductor blows note on pitch pipe	
<b>BLU Notes</b>	mmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm.....		
<b>Conductor</b>	One, two, three, four...	Snapping fingers	
		Group sings “Don’t Worry, Be Happy” Sung in the Key of C	
<b>Left Side (Odds) Lead by Patrick Holmes</b>	<b>Ca Koo Coo, Ca Koo Coo, Ca Koo Coo, Ca Koo Coo, Ca Koo Coo, Ca Koo Coo, Ca Koo Coo, Ca Koo Coo, Ca Koo Coo, Ca Koo Coo</b>  <b>Da Doobie, Da Doobie, Da Doobie, Da Doobie</b> <b>Da Doobie, Da Doobie, Da Doobie, Da Doobie</b> <b>Da Doobie, Da Doobie, Da Doobie, Da Doobie</b>  <b>Da Doobie, Da Doobie, Da Doobie, Da Doobie</b>  <b>Whistle Solo</b>	All begin at the same time, on a count of 4, and sung for a total of one measure, or 16 Counts	

<p><b>Bill Grae Solo, BLU Notes, Whistlers</b></p>	<p>Here's a little song I wrote  You might want to sing it note for note  <b>Don't worry, be happy</b>  In every life we have some trouble  But when you worry, you make it double  <b>Don't worry, be happy</b></p> <p>Ooh-oo-hoo-hoo-oo-hoo hoo-hoo-oo-hoo-oo-hoo-oo-hoo  <b>Don't worry</b>  Woo-oo-hoo-woo-oo-hoo-woo-oo-hoo-oo-hoo  <b>Be happy</b>  Woo-oo-hoo-oo-hoo-oo-hoo  <b>Don't worry, be happy</b></p> <p>Ain't got no place to lay your head  Somebody came and took your bed  <b>Don't worry, be happy</b>  The landlord say your rent is late  He may have to litigate  <b>Don't worry</b>  <b>Be happy</b>  .....</p>	<p>On the yellow highlighted chorus lines, the Conductor will point towards the audience</p>	
<p><b>BLU Notes</b></p>	<p><b>Don't Worry....., Be Happy....</b></p>	<p>Conductor faces the BLU Notes, and has them wrap up one final verse, of "Don't Worry, Be Happy", with a long drawn out and corny ending</p>	
		<p>Audience Applause</p>	<p>Applause Sound FX</p>
<p><b>Conductor</b></p>	<p>That was great kids.   Kids, you will definitely know this one. Taylor Swift. Feel free to sing-a-long with the chorus, when I point to you.</p>		
<p><b>BLU Notes</b></p>	<p>mmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm.....</p>	<p>Conductor blows note on pitch pipe, group sings "Shake it Off" Sung in the Key of G</p>	
<p><b>Matt Wolferman</b></p>	<p><b>Snare Drum/Cymbal</b></p>		
<p><b>Left Side (Odds) Lead by Patrick Holmes</b></p>	<p><b>Ma Ma Maahs</b></p>		
<p><b>Right Side (Evens) Led by Andrew Franco</b></p>	<p><b>Ba Bop Bop, Ba Bop Bop</b></p>		

<p><b>BLU Notes</b></p>	<p>I stay up too late, got nothing in my brain That's what people say, <b>mm-mmm</b>, that's what people say, <b>mm-mmm</b> I go on too many dates, but I can't make them stay At least that's what people say, <b>mm-mmm</b>, that's what people say, <b>mm-mmm</b></p> <p>[Pre-Chorus] But I keep <b>cruising</b>, can't stop, won't stop <b>moving</b> It's like I got this <b>music</b> in my mind sayin' it's gonna be alright</p> <p>[Chorus] Cause the players gonna play, play, play, play, play And the haters gonna hate, hate, hate, hate, hate Baby, I'm just gonna shake, shake, shake, shake, shake <b>shake it off, shake it off</b> Heartbreakers gonna break, break, break, break, break And the fakers gonna fake, fake, fake, fake, fake Baby, I'm just gonna shake, shake, shake, shake, shake <b>shake it off, shake it off</b></p> <p>[Interlude] Hey, hey, hey, just think while you've been getting down And out about the liars and dirty, dirty cheats in the world you could have been getting down to this sick beat</p> <p>[Bridge] My ex-man bought his new girlfriend She's like "oh my God", but I'm just gonna shake it And to the fella over there with the hella good hair Won't you come on over, baby, (<b>Silence to all back-up singers</b>) we can shake, shake, shake</p> <p>(Half Beat Pause)</p>		
<p><b>Conductor</b></p>	<p><b>2, 3, 4</b></p>		
<p><b>BLU Notes</b></p>	<p>[Chorus] Cause the players gonna play, play, play, play, play And the haters gonna hate, hate, hate, hate, hate Baby, I'm just gonna shake, shake, shake, shake, shake <b>shake it off, shake it off</b></p> <p><b>Shake it off, Shake it off, Off, Off</b></p> <p><b>Shake it off, Shake it off</b></p>		

		Dads Freeze and Pose for a one second count. Audience Applause	
			Applause Sound FX
		DN Band kicks into an electric version of "Shake it Off", as the BLU Notes prepare for their bow and exit.	
<b>Conductor</b>	<b>Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls, Your DADS – the BLU Notes . . . .</b>	All BLU Notes will assemble single file across the stage, hold hands, raise hands, and take one deep bow, release hands.	
	Kill all 4 x Stick Mikes, and 3 of the 4 Wireless Headsets  Except  Head set #1 (David Seaman) – LEAVE THIS ONE ON.	Kill all 4 x Stick Mikes, and 3 of the 4 Wireless Headsets  Except  Head set #1 (David Seaman)	
		Final Bows.  Curtain Closes on the 27 guys, standing in place, waving towards the kids.	
	Kill Final Headset.  All Mikes OFF.	Kill Final Headset.  All Mikes OFF.	

**NOTES:**



## ***Videos:***

All videos are contained within a YouTube Folder call Dads Night Videos, located here:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLSrIB9v41Xmfb4jUjSnOyeSYC5oqlAsms>

- **Old Song** “Don’t Worry, Be Happy”, Bobby McFerrin, 1:45 Minutes  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d-diB65scQU>
- **New Song** - “Shake it Off”, Taylor Swift, UVM Version, 4 Minutes, but this can be cut to 2:30 Minutes, by cutting middle verses  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oXHTbwOc9Pc>

## ***Songs:***

- **Old Song** - “Don’t Worry, Be Happy”, Bobby McFerrin, Sung in the Key of C
- **New Song** - “Shake it Off”, Taylor Swift, Sung in the Key of G

## ***Sound FX:***

- Applause Sound FX

## ***Possible Logo:***





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## Dads Singing a Cappella

### Character List

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## Song Lyrics:

### “Don’t Worry, Be Happy – Bobby McFerrin, Sung in the Key of C

Here's a little song I wrote  
 You might want to sing it note for note  
 Don't worry, be happy  
 In every life we have some trouble  
 But when you worry, you make it double  
 Don't worry, be happy  
 Don't worry, be happy now

Ooh-ooh-hoo-hoo-ooh hoo-hoo-ooh-ooh-ooh-ooh  
 Don't worry  
 Woo-ooh-woo-ooh-woo-ooh-ooh  
 Be happy  
 Woo-ooh-ooh-ooh-ooh  
 Don't worry, be happy

Ain't got no place to lay your head  
 Somebody came and took your bed  
 Don't worry, be happy  
 The landlord say your rent is late  
 He may have to litigate  
 Don't worry  
 Be happy

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Don't Worry, Be Happy

**Arrangement:**

- Copy the Bobby McFerrin Video
- Use 16 count
- Snapping fingers

**Parts:**

- Whistlers x 3
- Ca Koo Coo
- Da Doobie Base Part (into enclosed hands)
- Lead Vocal – Bill Grae
- Crazy High Vocal, Ooh Ooh – Whistlers, with George Younan
  
- 3 x Zany/acting guys

**“Shake it Off” - Taylor Swift,  
Sung in the Key of G**

I stay up too late, got nothing in my brain  
That's what people say, **mm-mmm**, that's what people say, **mm-mmm**  
I go on too many dates, but I can't make them stay  
At least that's what people say, **mm-mmm**, that's what people say, **mm-mmm**

[Pre-Chorus]

But I keep **cruising**, can't stop, won't stop **moving**  
It's like I got this **music** in my mind sayin' it's gonna be alright

[Chorus]

Cause the players gonna play, play, play, play, play  
And the haters gonna hate, hate, hate, hate, hate  
Baby, I'm just gonna shake, shake, shake, shake, shake  
shake it off, shake it off  
Heartbreakers gonna break, break, break, break, break  
And the fakers gonna fake, fake, fake, fake, fake  
Baby, I'm just gonna shake, shake, shake, shake, shake  
shake it off, shake it off

[Interlude]

Hey, hey, hey, just think while you've been getting down  
And out about the liars and dirty, dirty cheats in the world you could have been getting  
down to this sick beat

[Bridge]

My ex-man bought his new girlfriend  
She's like “oh my God”, but I'm just gonna shake it  
And to the fella over there with the hell-a good hair  
Won't you come on over, baby, **(Silence to all back-up singers)**

We can shake, shake, shake

[Chorus]

Cause the players gonna play, play, play, play, play

And the haters gonna hate, hate, hate, hate, hate

Baby, I'm just gonna shake, shake, shake, shake, shake

shake it off, shake it off

Shake it off, shake it off, Off, Off

Shake it off, shake it off

**Arrangement:**

- Arrangement to be supplied by the UVM TopCats, **SEE ATTACHMENT AT THE END OF THIS DOCUMENT**

**Parts:**

- Beat Box with snare/cymbal - Wolferman
- Tenor – Ba Bop Bop, Ba Bop Bop
- Bass - Ma Ma Mah
- Baritone – Mm Mmm
- Lead Singer – Mike Yannonne
- Tenors - Shake it Off Singers
- Rapper – James Lee
- Clappers – Goofy Guys
  
- 3 x Zany/acting guys

## **Part Numbers – Don't Worry:**

**76. Conductor – David Seaman**

**77. Lead Singer 1 – Bill Grae**

**78. Sing with Da Doobie Day– Mike Yannone**

**79. Sing with Ca Koo Coo – James Lee**

**97. Goof 1, Dad 1 – Glenn Alba**

**98. Goof 2, Dad 2 – Sean Holt**

**99. Goof 3 – Jamie Mersfelder**

**A. Whistler 1, Ooh, Ooh Soloist – Rob Loscalzo**

**B. Whistler 2, Ooh, Ooh Soloist – Irv Baum**

**C. Whistler 3, Ooh, Ooh Soloist – Tom Tansey**

**D. Whistler 4, Ooh, Ooh Soloist Lead– George Younan**

**Left Side (Odds)**

**1. Ca Koo Coo, Captain – Patrick Holmes**

**3. Ca Koo Coo – Nitin Bhatia**

**5. Ca Koo Coo – Rahul Bhatia**

**7. Ca Koo Coo – Tansel Ozkusaksiz**

**9. Ca Koo Coo – Drew Hillman**

**11. Ca Koo Coo – Mike Prilutskiy**

**13. Ca Koo Coo – Edara Srini**

**15. Ca Koo Coo – Ravi Mundhe**

**Right Side (Evens)**

**2. Da Doobie, Captain – Matt Wolferman**

**4. Da Doobie – Andrew Franco**

**6. Da Doobie – Pete Barsa**

**8. Da Doobie – Steve Dirado**

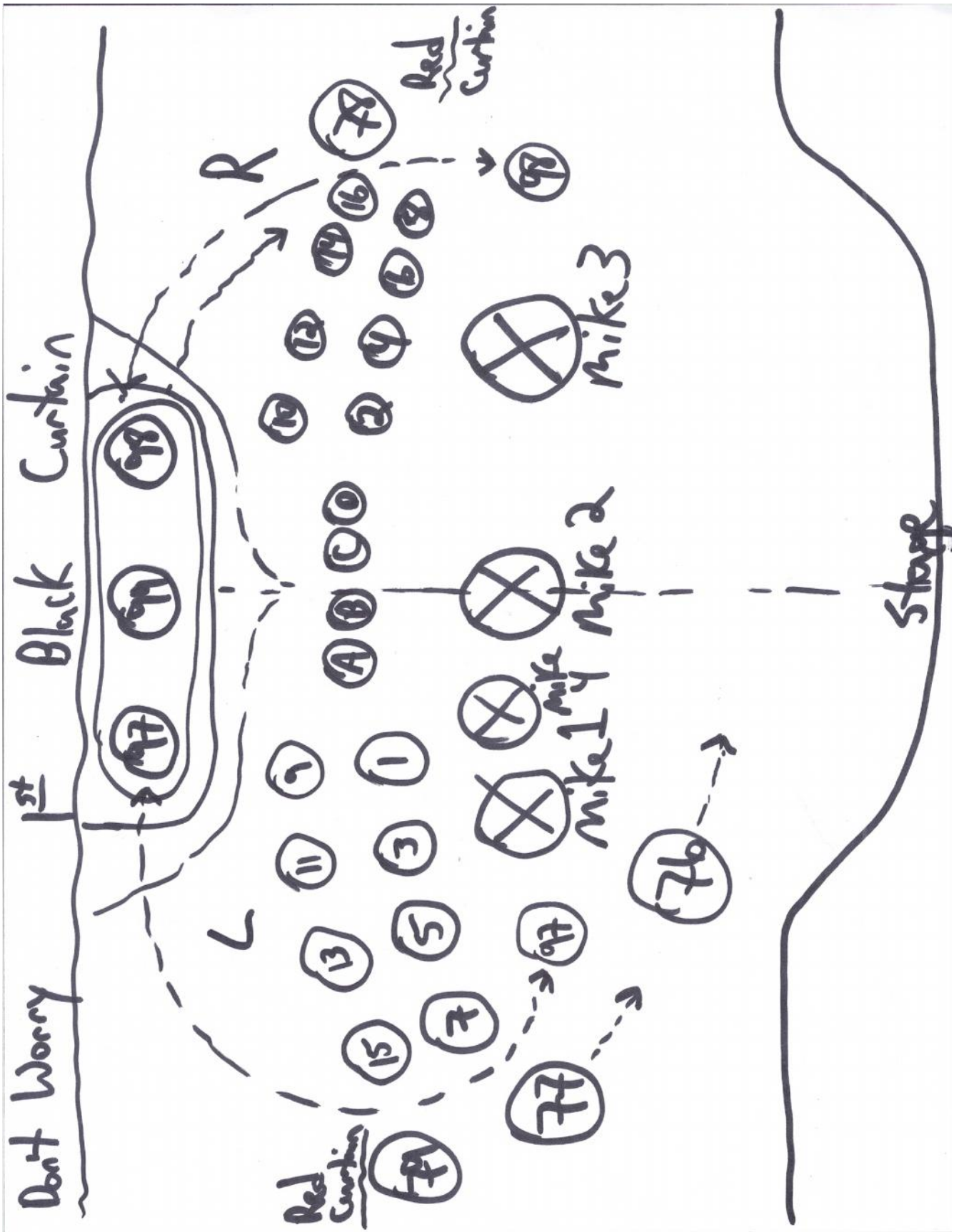
**10. Da Doobie – Brian McCrone**

**12. Da Doobie – Andy Schwanewede**

**14. Da Doobie – Bill Horne**

**16. Da Doobie – David Hough**

# Stage Layout – Potential Blocking, Don't Worry:



## **Part Numbers – Shake it Off:**

**76. Conductor – David Seaman**

**77. Sing with Ma Ma Maahs – Bill Grae**

**78. Lead Singer 2 – Mike Yannone**

**79. Lead Singer 3 – James Lee**

**97. Goof 1 – Glenn Alba**

**98. Goof 2 – Sean Holt**

**99. Goof 3 – Jamie Mersfelder**

**A. Mm-Mmm, Chorus Singer 1 – Rob Loscalzo**

**B. Mm-Mmm, Chorus Singer 2 – Irv Baum**

**C. Mm-Mmm, Chorus Singer 3 – Tom Tansey**

**D. Mm-Mmm, Chorus Singer 4 – George Younan**

**Left Side (Odds)**

**1. Ma Ma Maahs, Clapping, Captain – Patrick Holmes**

**3. Ma Ma Maahs, Clapping – Nitin Bhatia**

**5. Ma Ma Maahs, Clapping – Rahul Bhatia**

**7. Ma Ma Maahs, Clapping – Tansel Ozkusaksiz**

**9. Ma Ma Maahs, Clapping – Drew Hillman**

**11. Ma Ma Maahs, Clapping – Mike Prilutskiy**

**13. Ma Ma Maahs, Clapping – Edara Srini**

**15. Ma Ma Maahs, Clapping – Ravi Mundhe**

**Right Side (Evens)**

**2. Snare/Cymbal – Matt Wolferman**

**4. Ba Bop Bop, Ooh Ahh Ahh Ah, Captain – Andrew Franco**

**6. Ba Bop Bop, Ooh Ahh Ahh Ah – Pete Barsa**

**8. Ba Bop Bop, Ooh Ahh Ahh Ah – Steve Dirado**



**10. Ba Bop Bop, Ooh Ahh Ahh Ah – Brian McCrone**

**12. Ba Bop Bop, Ooh Ahh Ahh Ah – Andy Schwanewede**

**14. Ba Bop Bop, Ooh Ahh Ahh Ah – Bill Horne**

**16. Ba Bop Bop, Ooh Ahh Ahh Ah – David Hough**

# Stage Layout – Potential Blocking, Shake it Off:

