



Handbell Association

of Greater St. Louis



*sp*Ringfest - 2020


A one day ringing event designed

for individual ringers and groups of all levels under the

direction of Guest Clinician David Weck,

retired director of the Agape Ringers and

Editor Emeritus of Handbell Music at Hope Publishing.



Festival Site is Peace Lutheran Church
737 Barracksview Rd., St. Louis, MO 63125

Saturday, February 29, 2020

Set-Up: 8:00 am

Ringing begins: 8:45 am

Lunch included in registration fee

Sharing Concert: 3:00 pm

An Endorsed event of The Handbell Musicians of America

Sponsored by The Handbell Association of Greater St. Louis

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The Handbell Association of Greater St. Louis
Presents

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Come join fellow ringers for a one day workshop/festival filled with learning, laughter, and new friends. We will be ringing four massed pieces as well as an optional challenge piece under the direction of David Weck.

David Weck



DAVID L. WECK served as the founding director of The Agape Ringers and enjoyed 25 years with this talented ensemble of handbell musicians. As an emeritus music editor with Hope Publishing Company of Carol Stream, Illinois, he was responsible for the Agape division of the handbell catalog, which consists of more than 1,000 titles. David served as clinician and conductor of *Handbell Week* in Madison, Wisconsin, and enjoyed that role for the past 20 years. David is in demand as a clinician throughout the year and has been director of numerous national and international handbell events, including the *International Handbell Symposiums* in Toronto, Canada (2004), Orlando, Florida (2008), and Osaka, Japan (2010). In 2005, he served as guest conductor for the *Summer Workshop* of the Handbell Ringers of Japan. He was honored to conduct the prestigious *Distinctly Bronze* events for 2012. In 2013 he was conductor of the *Hong Kong Handbell Festival*. David has served on the national board of the Handbell Musicians of America and was given the *Area 8 Outstanding Service Award*. In 2011, the national organization named him an *Honorary Life Member*. David has also been involved in choral music for over 40 years through music education, church music, and as assistant director of the Chicago Community Renewal Chorus. He and his wife, Jane Holstein, reside in Wheaton, Illinois, where they enjoy spending time with grandchildren, Becky and Jack, and entertaining friends and family.

Who May Attend?

Individuals, partial choirs, and full choirs are invited to attend.

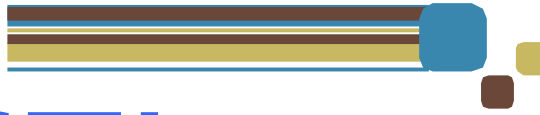
What Should We Bring?

Full and partial choirs must bring EVERYTHING (unless tables are rented): handbells, chimes, tables, pads with covers, notebooks, music selections, music stands, mallets, etc.

If registering as an individual, you must bring a notebook, music selections and gloves. Handbells and chimes will be available for your use.

As an endorsed event of the Handbell Musicians of America, we abide by and honor copyright rules. NO photocopied music will be allowed in the ringing room. Original printed pieces must be in the ringers' folders.





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spRingfest - 2020 Registration Form

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
REG. #	_____
Number of Ringers	_____
Paid	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Amount	_____
Check #	_____
Check Name	_____

Director's/Individual Name _____

Church/Institution _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Cell _____

Email Address _____ An e-mail address (preferred) and/or phone number is required information for confirmation.

Early Bird Registration (before February 1, 2020) including lunch is	\$25.00	per person
Regular Registration (after February 1, 2020) including lunch is	\$35.00	per person

Number attending: _____ X _____ per person \$ _____

We will bring _____ feet of tables. **OR** We will rent _____ 6 foot tables; _____ 8 foot tables @ \$8.00 per table.

Cost of Tables: \$ _____

TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

We will be bringing _____ octaves of handbells, _____ octaves of handchimes

We will have room for _____ individual ringers

We will ring the optional Challenge Selection Y N

Our ensemble would like to ring a solo piece on the sharing concert: Y N

Title: _____ Composer: _____

Make check payable to "Handbell Association of Greater St. Louis." Please return this form to
 Handbell Association of Greater St. Louis
 % Rick Burk, Treasurer
 Westminster Presbyterian Church
 5300 Delmar Boulevard Saint Louis, MO 63112-3102

No registrations accepted after February 21, 2020

Please list all ringers attending on a separate piece of paper. If you are unsure who is attending, please e-mail Rick Burk (burkr@sbcglobal.net) a list of attendees by Monday, February 24, 2020.

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Schedule

8:00 – 8:45 Set-up
8:45 – 9:00 Announcements and Welcome
9:00 - 10:15 Massed Rehearsal I
10:15 - 10:30 Break
10:30 - 11:45 Massed Rehearsal II
11:45 - 12:30 Lunch included with registration
12:30- 1:15 Challenge Selection Rehearsal (optional)
1:15 - 2:45 Massed Rehearsal III
2:45 - 3:00 Break
3:00 - 4:00 Sharing Concert

Inclement Weather

We will be monitoring the weather conditions very closely. Understanding some people will be driving a great distance, we will try to make a decision by noon on Friday, February 28. Information will be posted on our web site. An e-mail will be sent to all who are registered and have provided an email on the form.

Repertoire

All ringers are expected to learn the music BEFORE they attend spRingfest!

2020 REPERTOIRE FOR spRingfest

TITLE	COMPOSER	PUBLISHER	OCTAVES	LEVEL
I've Got Peace Like a River	Arr. Sandra Eithun	Hope Publishing 2892	3-6	2+
Fantasia on Old Hundredth	Arr. Lloyd Larson	Hope Publishing 2886	3-5	3
Majestic Alleluia	Joel Raney	Hope Publishing 2876	3-5	2+
Prayer for the Innocents	Michael Helman	Lorenz 20/1964L	3-6	2
CHALLENGE PIECE (optional)				
Nocturne in C Minor	Michael Helman	AG35120	3-5	4

Questions?

Please contact HAGSTL Chair Dolan Bayless, dolanbayless@sbcglobal.net, or cell 979.235.9321 or office 314.966.8167



Location

spRingfest will be held at Peace Lutheran Church
737 Barracksview Rd., St. Louis, MO 63125
Barracksview Road parallels I-255 in South St. Louis County
Festival participants may use the Telegraph Road exit.
There is a large parking lot on the east side of the building
that will accommodate church vans and buses.
The church is handicap accessible.

Hotels and Restaurants

There are many hotels in the area should your group need an overnight stay.
If you need advice about the area, please contact either

Dolan Bayless, Chair, dolanbayless@sbcglobal.net or call 979.235.9321.

OR

Burnell Hackman, Host, burnellhackman@gmail.com

Lunch is included with your registration fee.
However, if you want to eat following the Sharing Concert,
there are many establishments in the area which can be Googled.



Handbell Association of Greater St. Louis



Several St. Louis area handbell directors discussed the feasibility of establishing a local association of directors and ringers that would promote educational and festival experiences in our area. Discussions were held throughout 2009 and the Handbell Association of Greater St. Louis was organized. Bylaws were drafted, board members selected, events were brainstormed and an intentional plan was devised.

The bylaws state the following purposes to:

- promote handbell ringing in the Greater St. Louis area.
- act as a resource in planning handbell events throughout the year.
- be a source of communication, coordination and networking for St. Louis area handbell directors, ringers and enthusiasts.
- sponsor an annual Handbell Festival.
- sponsor educational ringing events.
- uphold the purposes of The Handbell Musicians of America (AGEHR, Inc.) and Area 8.

On the Road with Bell Boot Camp

The Handbell Association of Greater St. Louis is available to bring a personalized Bell Boot Camp right to you and your choir. The presenter will tailor the Bell Boot Camp to fit your choir's specific needs, drawing from the components listed below. Cost will be \$50/hour for two hour minimum session plus mileage if clinician travels over 50 miles.

You may choose as many or as few topics as you feel will benefit you and your choir. A minimum two hour session is recommended. Can't fit them all in with one Boot Camp? Schedule a second or third session to cover all the topics you want.

E-mail us at info@stlbells.org and a clinician will work with you to schedule a date and plan an itinerary specific to your needs.

Available Components

- Basic Ringing and Damping Techniques
- Basic Music Reading and Terminology
- Deciphering Handbell Music Notation
- Should I Ring, Swing, Echo, Mart
- Thumb Damp or just Shake?
- History of Handbells
- Care of Handbells
- Performance Etiquette
- Four in Hand/Shelley Ringing
- Basics of Directing
- Less than Full Choir Techniques

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