

AREA 1

Area 1 Spotlight on Winter Workshop: A weekend packed with learning and fun!



Winter Workshop

January 26-27, 2024
UMASS Amherst, Massachusetts

Meet new people, become more effective in your ringing or directing skills, learn from great directors, including **Monica McGowan**, and share experiences with fellow handbell musicians in a social atmosphere.



Registration is now open. Early birds: save when you book by 12/20/23*.
◀ Click this QR code today or visit

area1.handbellmusicians.org/winter-workshop.

*Workshop fee does not include housing. A discounted lodging group rate available at UMass Amherst Hotel through 12/29/23.

AREA 2



Back to Bells

Area 2 can offer help in training directors, attracting ringers and getting bell programs started.

- Are your bells packed away and you'd like to investigate pulling them out again?
- Do you know of a church or group that has all the equipment and you would love to help them rebuild their program?

We are eager to help you, and these groups do just that, getting them **BACK TO BELLS**.

Contact me at mentoring.area2@handbellmusicians.org

Kaye Miller

AREA 3

Upcoming Area 3 Events

November 10, 2023 @ 4:00 pm - November 11 @ 5:30 pm

Area 3 Youth Festival

Epiphany Lutheran Church 1400 Horsepen Rd, Richmond, VA, United States

March 8, 2024 @ 4:00 pm - March 9, 2024 @ 5:30 pm

Ocean City Area 3 Festival

Roland E. Powell Convention Center 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, United States

March 15, 2024 @ 4:00 pm - March 16, 2024 @ 5:30 pm

Southern Area 3 Festival

First United Methodist Church 311 3rd Ave NE, Hickory, NC, United States

For details, visit area3.handbellmusicians.org/events-calendar/

AREA 4

As we look to expand and lead Area 4 into the future, we would love YOUR help! Please ask how you can get involved! Contact chair.area4@handbellmusicians.org for more information.



Many
Hands
Make
Light Work!

Save the Date!

Florida Festival 2024
Feb 23-24

Lowcountry Handbell
Workshop
Summerville, SC
March 8-9

AREA 5

AREA 5 IN 2024

Making a Difference Because It Matters

FEBRUARY 17-18, 2024

INSPIRING 2024

The Area 5 Ringing Event
for Young Adults

University of Indianapolis
Ruth Lilly Performance Hall
1230 Greyhound Lane
Indianapolis, IN 46227

Conductor: Kyle Webber

APRIL 13, 2024

MASTERCLASS

A Handbell Education Event
for Community Ensembles

Stonybrook United Methodist
485 Cherry Bottom Road
Gahanna, OH 43230

Clinician: Dean Wagner

APRIL 20, 2024

SPRING RING

A one-day local festival
in Central Indiana

Second Presbyterian Church
7700 N. Meridian Street
Indianapolis, IN 46260

Conductor: Kyle Webber

APRIL 27, 2024

RING CINCINNATI

A one-day local festival
in Southwest Ohio

Faith Community
United Methodist
8230 Cox Road
West Chester, OH 45069

Conductor: Joe Galyon

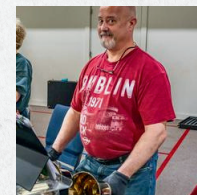
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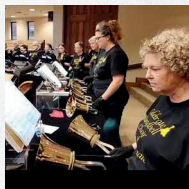
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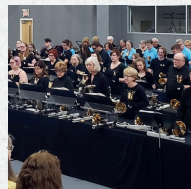
Arkansas
State
Festival
with
Bob Avant
(Little Rock, AK)



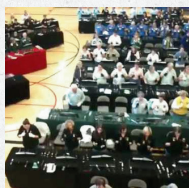
Central
Alabama
Festival
with
Joel Raney
(Bessemer, AL)



River City
Ring
with
Brenda
Austin
(Memphis, TN)



Smoky
Mountain
Ring
with
Jason Krug
(Knoxville, TN)



Chattanooga
Area
Festival
with
Tim Waugh
(Chattanooga, TN)



2023 Area 6
Festival
with
Michael
Glasgow
(Huntsville, AL)

and more to come
in 2024...

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[handbells.area6](https://www.instagram.com/handbells.area6)

AREA 7

Save The Dates!

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS

The Incredible

2024 Area 7 Festival

"Ringing Between the Bluffs"

JUNE (20) 21-23, 2024

LA CROSSE CENTER - LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN

Clinicians: Sandra Eithun • Alex Guebert • Lee Afdahl



Dinner Cruise



Beer Choir Event

Scan the QR Code for:

- Repertoire
- Schedule
- Conductors
- Options and Events

AREA 8

Area 8 Festival

June 20–22, 2024

Columbia, Missouri



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Area 8 Festival

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area8.handbellmusicians.org



Stevie Berryman, Clinician



Greig Ashurst, Clinician

AREA 9

AREA 9--Texas/Oklahoma
June 21-22, 2024
University of Central Oklahoma
Edmond, OK



featuring
Matthew Compton
SAVE THE DATE!
[https://area9.handbellmusicians.org/!](https://area9.handbellmusicians.org/)

Massed
Hashivenu (Rise Up and Sing) arr. Austin
Level 2 (3-6 oct bells; opt 3-5 oct chimes)
Hope 3028
Simplicity by Matthew Compton
Level 2 (3-6 oct bells; opt 3-7 oct chimes)
Evergreen Music - EGM109
Song of Assurance arr. Arnold Sherman
Level 2/2+ Choristers Guild
CGB604 (2-3 oct bells or chimes) Level 2
CGB605 (3-5 oct bells) Level 2+

Intermediate
Come, Christians, Join to Sing arr. Compton
Level 3+ (3-6 oct bells; opt 3-6 oct chimes)
Evergreen Music - EGM116
Deep River arr. Hart Morris
Level 3 (3-5 oct bells with opt oboe, flute and/or cello)
Ring Out Press - RO3249

Advanced
Spiritus Sanctus by Matthew Compton
Level 3+ (3-7 oct bells; opt 3 oct chimes)
Choristers Guild - CGB1167
My Strength Is from Heaven Christian Humcke
Level 4 (5-7 oct bells)
Choristers Guild - CGB1227

AREA 10

HANDBELLS IN HIGH SCHOOL? ... YES!



Rigby High School is the only public high school in Idaho with a handbell program. Two separate handbell classes meet every day as part of the school curriculum. This came about because of the efforts of a curious and persistent music teacher, Corbin Rasmussen.

When Corbin was hired to teach choir ten years ago, he

discovered four cases of unused handbells in his choir library. Intrigued by this, he made a couple of phone calls, and before he knew it, he was going to his first ever handbell conference without any previous ringing experience. He had never been so musically challenged, and he loved it!

Corbin immediately created an after-school handbell club. Eventually, there was enough interest amongst the students to turn the club into a class, so Corbin wrote a curriculum. At first it was only a one-trimester class, but after only one school year, it was so successful that it became a two-trimester class. Then, in the following year, a year-long class, and now, there are two classes offered, a beginning and advanced class, both of which meet all school year.

Corbin Rasmussen and his students are now regular attendees at the National Handbell Seminar, attending in both 2021 and in 2023. They also attended the International Handbell Symposium in 2022. Corbin's curiosity and persistence helped develop a thriving handbell program which continually challenges and excites his students.

AREA 11



June 13-16, 2024 – Salt Lake City, Utah

Save the Date, Subscribe to the Area 11 Newsletter, and Follow Us on Social Media so you don't miss a single detail!

Mass Ring Clinician: Tim Waugh

Featured Performers: Bells at Temple Square and The Wesley Bell Ringers

AREA 12



COMPOSITION CONTEST

Area 12 invites all composers to participate in the Area 12 Composition Contest for our 2024 Youth Festival.

Prize: \$1500 **Deadline:** January 31, 2024

Additional details can be found at:
<https://area12.handbellmusicians.org/composition-contest/>
or by contacting Tessique Houston at
pastchair.area12@handbellmusicians.org

The winning submission will be appealing to a youth choir (primarily in the 6-12 grade range), able to be learned in a weekend conference, and may include percussion and/or vocal parts.



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