

AREA 1

Area 1 Spotlight on Spring Rings throughout New England

Ring in Spring!

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

Registration is now open for these Spring Rings throughout New England. All are welcome! Click this QR code or visit area1.handbellmusicians.org/spring-rings.



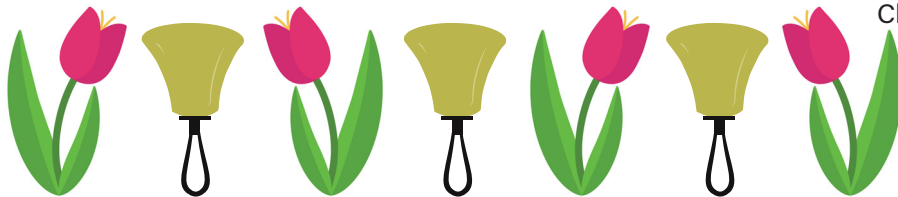
Cape Cod & Islands Spring Ring - March 16
Harwich, MA
Clinician: David Harris

Greater Boston/New Hampshire Spring Ring - April 6
Tewksbury Memorial High School
Clinician: Griff Gall

Rhode Island Ring-A-Palooza - April 13
Dunn's Corner Community Church
Clinician: Jane Nolan

Connecticut Spring Ring - April 20
Wethersfield United Methodist Church
Clinician: Sam Beschta

Maine Spring Ring - April 27
Auburn Middle School
Clinicians: Michael Joy & Joy Toll-Chandler



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

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/](https://area3.handbellmusicians.org/events-calendar/)

AREA 4



AREA 5

Inspiring 2024 comes to Indianapolis, Indiana on February 17-18, 2024. The event promotes community, ringing, and performance for young adult ringers from around the United States. Kyle Webber brings creative experience as a conductor and composer in choosing repertoire and thematic programming for this event. Repertoire for Inspiring 2024 features an impressive range of styles and composers supporting the theme "Inspiring Earth." Pieces include When the

Poor Ones (Kyle Webber), Transitions of the Heart (Matthew Compton), Road Trip (Ron Mallory), For the Beauty of the Earth (Brenda Austin), The Unclouded Day (Brian Seeman), Celebration Journey (Michael Mazzatenta), and Free Fall (Jason Krug). Rehearsals and the final concert are held in the Ruth Lilly Performance Hall at the University of Indianapolis. Details are available on the Area 5 website.



INSPIRING™

**The Area 5
Ringing Event
for Young
Adults**

Featuring
Kyle Webber
Conductor

February 17-18, 2024
University of Indianapolis | Ruth Lilly Performance Hall

www.area5.handbellmusicians.org

AREA 6

Scholarships available

Did you know

Area 6 offers a scholarship
to National Seminar?

www.area6.handbellmusicians.org > **RESOURCES > National Seminar Scholarship**
Scholarship is for registration fees, does not include travel or lodging
Scholarship applications due by March 15



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

Registration opens in January!

Ringin! Classes!
Concerts! Shopping!
Networking!



Check the Area 8 website for more information
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

SPRING RINGING IN AREA 10

February 9-10, 2024 - **Snake River Handbell Conference** - Nampa, Idaho
... Level 2-3 music of various styles, techniques, and seasons
Clinician: **Michael Joy**

April 5-7, 2024 - **Coppers Classic** - Clackamas, Oregon
... An opportunity for advanced copper musicians to push themselves
Founder/Director: **Ellie Hodder**

April 26-27, 2024 - **Big Sky Handbell Festival** - Helena, Montana
... Choirs from Idaho, Montana and beyond, learn and perform ... the 41st year
Clinician: **Sandra Eithun**

May 3-4, 2024 - **Siskiyou Summit Handbell Conference** - Ashland, Oregon
... Vintage and Vogue - selections from the earliest handbell music and the most recent
Clinician: **Barb Walsh**

<https://area10.handbellmusicians.org/area-10-events/>

AREA 11



Saturday, February 10, 2024
9am-12pm (local time)

9 Locations in Area 11
available on our website

Join us for our annual Read and Ring – a fun morning of sight reading music with the opportunity to buy the music.

Utah Spring Ring

Date: Saturday, March 9, 2024
Location: Lehi, UT
Clinician: Stephanie Rhodes

Arizona Spring Ring

Date: May 4, 2024
Location: Paradise Valley UMC
Clinician: Ashley Strawser



Wyoming Spring Ring

Date: May 10-11, 2024
Location: Casper, WY
Clinician: Brenda Austin

Colorado Spring Ring

Date: Saturday, March 9, 2024
Location: Loveland, CO
Clinician: Brian Childers

New Mexico Spring Ring

Date: March 16, 2024
Location: Central UMC, Albuquerque
Clinician: Anne Kleve



June 13-16, 2024
Hilton Salt Lake City Center

FEATURING

Tim Waugh | Bells at Temple Square
Wesley Bell Ringers | Mass Ringing
Ringing Up! Tracks | Classes
Ring of Fame Banquet

REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

- Mass Ringing and Ringing Up! Track w/ director Tim Waugh
- 8+ Classes for All Levels
Continuing Education Credit Available
- Admission to All Concerts
Including Bells at Temple Square performing at the Tabernacle
- 5 Meals
Including the Ring of Fame Banquet

WEBSITE:

area11.handbellmusicians.org/festival

CONTACT INFO:

events.area11@handbellmusicians.org



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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