

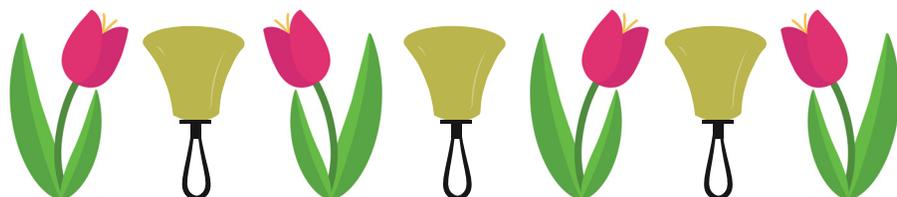
## AREA 1 (CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT)

### Area 1 Spotlight on Spring and Early Summer 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 three Spring Rings throughout New England. All are welcome! Click this QR code or visit [area1.handbellmusicians.org/state-and-local-events](http://area1.handbellmusicians.org/state-and-local-events).



#### Cape Cod & Islands Spring Ring - March 21

Harwich Community Center  
Clinician: Samantha Beschta

#### Massachusetts Spring Ring - April 11

Tewksbury Memorial High School  
Clinician: Kimberlee Strepka

#### Maine Spring Ring - April 11

Greely Middle School, Cumberland  
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Camp Toah Nipi, Ringe, NH  
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A promotional poster for the 2026 Composition Contest. The background is a blue-to-purple gradient on the left and a photograph of a handbell ensemble on the right. The text '2026 COMPOSITION Contest' is written in large, stylized, brush-stroke fonts in white and yellow. A QR code is in the top left. The text 'DEADLINE: APRIL 26, 2026' is in yellow. The text '\$1200 PRIZE!' is in green and yellow. The text '@hmaarea2' with social media icons, 'area2.handbellmusicians.org', and 'HMA Area 2' are at the bottom.



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# Area 3 Announces Scholarship Opportunity

Are you an Area 3 HMA director that would like to attend the National Seminar? If so, you can apply to receive a scholarship from Area 3. For more information, contact Scholarship Chair, Mitchell Eithun, at [scholarship.area3@handbellmusicians.org](mailto:scholarship.area3@handbellmusicians.org).  
Deadline for applications: **April 15, 2026.**

**The scholarship covers the full registration fee.**

### Requirements to apply:

- resident of Area 3
- HMA member
- directing a handbell choir within Area 3 at the time of application and the event
- first time attendee of event



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## AREA 4 (FL, GA, SC, PR, BS, VI)

### WHAT'S RINGING IN AREA 4?

#### Bells of the Caribbean

In November 2025, Area 4 returned to the warm waters of the Caribbean for the second edition of **Bells of the Caribbean**, held once again at the University of Puerto Rico–Carolina. Guest clinicians Meredith Fajardo and Brian Childers led two ensemble tracks, Tins and Coppers, welcoming 56 participants and doubling attendance from the inaugural year. The continued growth of this event reflects Area 4's commitment to meaningful musical experiences and regional connection.

Mark your calendars! Bells of the Caribbean returns to the University of Puerto Rico–Carolina on **November 6–7, 2026**, featuring guest conductors **Zilka Figueroa** and **Brenda Austin**.

#### Coming Soon...

The **Florida Handbell Festival** will take place **March 13–14, 2026**, in **Sun City Center, FL**, with clinicians **Kathryn Jurado** and **Michael Lamb**. Visit the Area 4 website for details and registration information.

With spring just around the corner, Georgia ringers can look forward to **Georgia Spring Ring 2026**, taking place March 7, 2026 on St. Simons Island, Georgia, with guest conductor Carlos Rivera Aponte. Orphan ringers are welcome, and the public is invited to the closing concert.

Area 4 is seeking dedicated members interested in leading handbell events in South Carolina. Please contact Area 4 Chair **Carlos Rivera-Aponte** at [chair.area4@handbellmusicians.org](mailto:chair.area4@handbellmusicians.org).

**Bronze Under the Sun** will be held June 26–27, 2026, in Fort Myers, Florida, under the direction of John Behnke. Registration details will be available soon.

Reading sessions and a technique workshop in North Florida and South Georgia are planned for **Fall 2026**.

Scholarships are available for Area 4 events. For more information, contact Carlos Rivera-Aponte, Area 4 Chair, or visit the Area 4 website.



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## AREA 5 (IN, KY, MI, OH, WV)



### MUSIC OF MUNCIE

Our next Music festival is titled “Music of Muncie” and will take place in Muncie, Indiana, on March 20-21, 2026. Under the direction of Jason Krug, handbell musicians will have another chance to learn new music and perform together!

Jason is a composer native to Indianapolis, Ind. He holds a degree in music from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is a full-time freelance composer, arranger, clinician, and teacher. Since his first publication in 2006, he has had over 700 compositions and arrangements for handbells, piano, strings, organ,

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and choir. He is the owner and editor of Grassy Meadow Music and his works have been featured at numerous festivals and workshops in the United States and beyond.

His website can be found here: <https://jasonwkrug.com/>

The massed repertoire will include “Fantasia on ‘Azmon’” by Jason W. Krug, “Appassionata” arranged by Michael W. Joy, and “Somebody’s Knockin’ at Your Door” by Brenda E. Austin

The tin repertoire will include “Journey of Hope” by Brenda E. Austin and “Holy Manna” by Nicholas Hanson.

The copper repertoire will include “Echoes From a Weary World” by Jason W. Krug and “Pirates of the Caribbean” by Klaus Badelt and arranged by Kevin McChesney

The optional challenge piece is “De Profundis” arranged by Jason W. Krug

Registration for the event can be located at this website: <https://area5.handbellmusicians.org/spring-festival-2026-muncie-indiana/>



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## AREA 6 (AR, AL, MS, LA, TN)

# 2026 Louisiana Spring Ring

20-21  
MARCH



Cathedral-Carmel School  
Lafayette, LA

# 2026 Mississippi Spring Ring

24-25  
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Clinton Methodist Church  
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## AREA 7 (MN, ND, SD, WI)

### GEARING UP FOR FESTIVAL 2026

Area 7's next Festival Conference will be upon us in just a few short months. If you're joining us "Down by the Riverside" this summer, now is a great time to get on the boat. Don't miss these important details:

#### Registration ahoy!

As of February 11, registration for the event is officially open. Be sure to register early, especially if you're interested in applying for one of the Specialty Choirs (Conference Choir or Bronze Plus) or living it up at Handbell Happy Hour the evening before the Festival begins.

#### Secure the hotel and save

Hotel reservations can be made from February 1 through May 23 with a special discounted rate at the Best Western Plus Kelly Inn Hotel, which is attached to the Convention Center.

For registration forms, hotel discount link and all other Festival essentials, row on over to [area7.handbellmusicians.org/festival-2026](http://area7.handbellmusicians.org/festival-2026).

**DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE  
AREA 7 FESTIVAL CONFERENCE  
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**Emily Li, clinician**

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## AREA 8 (IL, IA, KS, MO, NE)

# Area 8 Festival

June 17-20, 2026 | La Vista, Nebraska



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*With clinicians*



**Kathryn Jurado**



**Carlos E. Rivera Aponte**

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# Spring Ring 2026

Saturday, March 7  
Tulsa and San Antonio

### Spring Ring 2026 Repertoire

The following repertoire is to be prepared in advance of the Spring Ring event.

**Exploration on DEO GRACIAS – L2+**  
Jason Krug, 2-3 oct. (GMH230033) or  
3-6 oct. (GMH350045)

**Give Me Jesus – Level 3-**  
arr. Hart Morris, 3-5 oct HB  
with opt 3-5 oct HC – BEHB768

**Joyeuse – Level 3-**  
Karen Buckwalter, 3-5 oct HB – BEHB799

**Morning Light – Level 3**  
arr. Stephanie Berryman  
3-4 oct HB – FM203473;  
5 oct HB – FM20347

**Bell Peal on Lasst uns Erfreuen – Level 3**  
arr. Sondra Tucker, 2-5 oct HB  
with 2 oct HC – JMG1457

### TULSA, OK

**Asbury Church**  
6767 S Mingo Road  
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74133  
Clinician: *Hart Morris*

### SAN ANTONIO, TX

**University Methodist Church**  
5084 De Zavala Road  
San Antonio, Texas 78249  
Clinician: *Bob Avant*



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### Register NOW!

\$25/person if received by February 21  
\$35/person after February 21  
Additional charge for lunch (optional) \$12-15  
(lunch orders must be received by February 28)  
Table rental is \$10 per 6 foot table

### Schedule:

8:30 a.m. Load in/set up/registration  
9:00 a.m. Ready to ring  
12:00 p.m. Lunch on site  
2:30 p.m. Concert



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Clinician

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## AREA 10 (AK, ID, MT, OR, WA)

Registration is still open



April 16—19, 2026 Portland, OR  
An event focused on Coppers level musicians. Visit [coppersclassic.com](http://coppersclassic.com)



HANDBELL MUSICIANS  
43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Big Sky Handbell Festival

April 24—25, 2026 Livingston, MT

To register, go to:

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## Fall Ringing Round-Up: A Success Story

Following four recent in-person AREA conferences, each with only about 120 attendees, the board started discussing ways to better support the ringers in AREA 10. To answer that question we came up with a questionnaire that asked our ringers what they wanted in ringing events, how far they were willing to travel to attend an event, and what they felt was a good length for an event. The link to the questionnaire went out to AREA 10 ringers on our e-mailing list (650 recipients), and we got a 25% response rate. The results were clear. Most respondents preferred an event with a lower registration fee, a duration of 1.5-2 days, a location requiring no more than 3 hours of driving time, and a focus on massed ringing. The board put its thinking cap on and came up with our newest AREA 10 "ALL" Area event. The inaugural *Fall Ringing Round-Up* was held the weekend of October 17-18, 2025, in four different locations around AREA 10. Each location was centered on a large ringing population, so that driving time would be less than 3 hours for most participants. The locations were Olympia, WA; Bend, OR; Spokane WA and Great Falls, MT. At each event we offered massed ringing, and we furnished the bells/chimes/tables and the music. No one needed to learn the music before the event. The event was open to choirs/partial choirs and "orphan" ringers. The clinicians/conductors gave instruction in skills and musicality during the Friday evening workshop and from the podium as the music was learned on Saturday. An informal performance concluded the event. Costs were kept low, and those who wanted to keep their music had the option to buy it. Results from a follow-up evaluation indicated that the weekend was a success!

Ringers liked the format and conductors, identifying some things that could be tweaked for next year's event.

AREA 10 has now altered its ALL-AREA conference schedule to include the Fall Ringing Round-up for two consecutive years. The third year will be a traditional ALL-AREA summer conference, a gathering of the whole area in one location.



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## AREA 11 (AZ, CO, NM, UT, WY)

### Area 11 Events













## Now Open for Registration

Ringing Up! Festival 2026 - June 11-14, 2026 - Loveland CO  
 Read and Ring - February 21, 2026 - Multiple locations  
 Arizona Spring Ring - March 28, 2026 - Chandler AZ  
 Colorado Spring Ring - March 21, 2026 - Englewood CO  
 New Mexico Spring Ring - March 28, 2026 - Albuquerque NM  
 Utah Spring Ring - March 14, 2026 - Kaysville UT

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## AREA 12 (CA, HI, NV)



Area 12 is going to Vegas! We invite you to Neon City Rhythms, a boutique handbell conference to be held June 18-20, 2026.

We are thrilled to be under the fabulous direction of Michael Glasgow, who will lead us in divisional and massed ringing, as well as offering an optional one-day

Director's Workshop on Thursday, June 18th.

Thursday evening after the first massed rehearsal, join friends and family for an optional excursion to The Neon Museum. Also known as the Neon Boneyard, the museum illuminates the cultural essence of Las Vegas by sharing iconic signage, diverse collections, and stories that define its vibrant past, present, and future. This is an opportunity to see Vegas history up close. Founded in 1996, the Boneyard provides a home for classic Las Vegas neon signage to be enjoyed.

Registration for the event opened February 1, 2026. Please check our website for more information. Registration includes participation in massed and divisional ringing, classes, and final concert.

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