

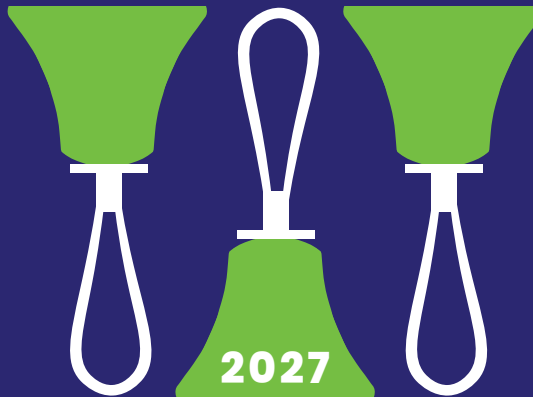
AREA 1 (CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT)

Area 1 Announces Festival Conference 2027 Clinicians



Lynn Atkins
Bronze and Coppers

AREA 1 FESTIVAL CONFERENCE



Kimberlee Strepka
Massed and Tins

Save the Dates: **JUNE 24-27, 2027**

Venue to be announced soon

Visit area1.handbellmusicians.org/festival-conference as more details become available

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AREA 2 (NJ, NY, PA)

AREA 2 CHIME LOAN PROGRAM

It is the purpose of Area 2's Handchime Lending Program to promote the ringing of handchimes in schools, churches and communities throughout our area of Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, and Ontario.

About The Loan Program

AGEHR Area 2 has five three-octave sets of Handchimes to loan.

The loan period will be one of the following:

- One school year (September 1-June 1) with return of the handchimes to Area 2 by June 15
- One summer session (July 1-August 15) with return of the handchimes to Area 2 by August 22

Eligibility Requirements

Any public or private school, church, or community group within HMA Area 2 is eligible to apply for the Handchime Lending Program.

Handchimes will be loaned only once to a particular school, church, or community group.

Preference will be given to a different school district before another school within the same school district is considered.

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Preference will be given to schools, churches or community groups with existing music programs.

The applicant must be a member of Handbell Musicians of America or agree to become a member if lending application is approved. Membership must be completed before handchimes are delivered.

For more information about the Area 2 Chime Loan Program and how to apply, please visit <https://area2.handbellmusicians.org/handchime-lending/>

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Area 3 Announces 2027 Spring Festivals



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

MEET AREA 4'S NEW SOUTH CAROLINA CHAIR: SKIP YINGLING



Skip brings a lifetime of ringing to his new role as South Carolina Chair. Now Director of Music Ministries at First Presbyterian Church in Myrtle Beach, where he has led handbell programs for children, youth, and adults for over a decade, Skip's roots run deep. He spent 23 years with the Walsh Memorial Handbell Program at the Presbyterian Church of Morris

Plains, NJ, serving as ringer, director, and arranger for one of HMA Area 2's most storied 58-year-old ministries. That journey took him through countless regional festivals and on tour across the US, Canada, England, Scotland, Germany, and France. Skip is eager to bring that same energy to connecting and growing handbell music across South Carolina.

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BELLS OF THE CARIBBEAN NOVEMBER 6-7, 2026

UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO-CAROLINA

Thinking about joining us for a handbell adventure? We thought so. Make it a getaway. Sunshine, great music, and a community that rings together. You bring the sunscreen, we'll bring the bells.



Join guest conductors Zilka Figueroa and Brenda Austin for an unforgettable massed ringing experience, designed for musical growth from beginner+ through intermediate and advanced levels.

Make it more than a weekend. Turn the trip into something unforgettable.

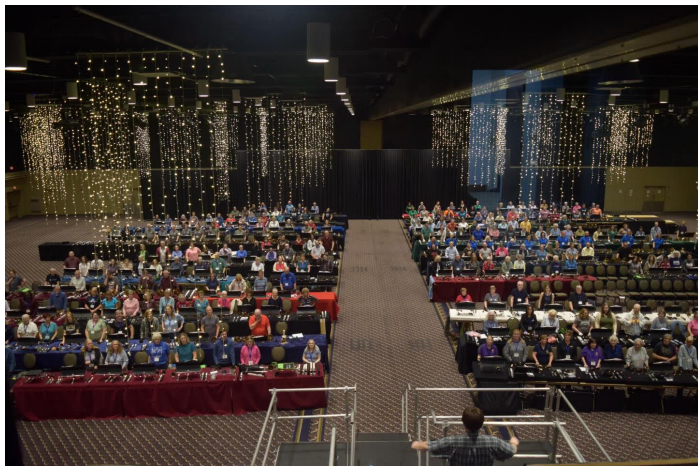
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AREA 5 (IN, KY, MI, OH, WV)



The **Music of Muncie Festival** was a tremendous success and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who made it happen. Over 300 ringers came together to play music together and over 150 guests attended to watch the final performance! Area 5 was also pleased to host classes in between ringing sessions throughout the Music of Muncie festival including courses on high and low bass bell techniques, and incorporating percussion instruments into handbell performances. We would like to give a special thanks to the Area 5 Board Members, our vendors, our course clinicians, the staff of the

Horizon Convention Center and of course our Maestro Jason Krug! All of you played a part in this festival and may you all continue to ring radiantly!

Area 5 is also tremendously honored that the HMA National Seminar will be coming to our own state of Ohio this year on July 14-18 and are excited to see so many of our choirs performing at the seminar. Queen City Bronze from Cincinnati will be the opening concert on July 14, Trinity Ringers from Fort Wayne will be performing on July 16 and Detroit Handbell Ensemble will be performing on Friday July 17.



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

AREA 6 CHIME LOAN PROGRAM

Area 6 owns one three-octave set of handchimes per state, and will lend one set to a school for one academic year. Each recipient will also receive a \$50 gift certificate to be used to purchase educational materials.

Who is eligible?

Any public school music program which would like to incorporate chimes into their curriculum.

What is the responsibility of the Music Educator?

* To incorporate chimes in the school music program for up to one academic year.

* To utilize chimes in at least two concerts during the academic year.

* To explore the possibility of purchasing a set of chimes for ongoing use in the music classroom.

* To return the chimes to the Area 6 STATE Chair at the end school year.

What is the responsibility of the school?

* Provide insurance coverage based on the replacement value of the chimes, accessories, and equipment while in possession of and in transit from the school district.

* Pay postage and/or shipping fees for receipt and return of the chimes to the appropriate Area 6 State Chair.

For more information about the Area 6 Chime Loan Program and how to apply, please visit area6.handbellmusicians.org/front/chime-loan-program/



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AREA 7 (MN, ND, SD, WI)

THANK YOU, AREA 7 RINGERS, FOR ATTENDING OUR EVENTS!

In the past year, we've seen fantastic turnout at our Area 7 events, including:

- The Copper Ring (spring 2025)
- Anthornis 2025 (fall 2025)
- 2026's Area 7 Festival Conference (summer 2026)

And that's not to mention the many, many worship ringings, community group concerts and special events, small ensemble performances, workshops, seminars, mini-festivals, national events, and other bell opportunities keeping our ringers busy. Our Area is very active and continues to grow.

We look forward to seeing you at many more handbell events in the second half of 2026 and beyond!

LOOKING TO GROW YOUR AUDIENCE?

If you'd like Area 7 to publicize your next event or concert series in Clapper Chatter, our quarterly newsletter, or on social media, please reach out to editor.area7@handbellmusicians.org with your information.

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Join us for Anthornis 2026

For those who want to ring more challenging music



October 30-31, 2026
Westwood Lutheran Church
St. Louis Park, MN

Featuring Emily Li, clinician

Schedule of events

Friday, October 30

- 7:00-8:45PM: Reading session; a fun, casual time to sight read a variety of music.

Saturday, October 31

- 8:30AM-3:30PM: Rehearsals of the Anthornis repertoire.
- 3:30PM: Closing concert; free and open to the public.

Sunday, November 1

- Morning worship services at Westwood Lutheran Church. Up to 14 ringers will be selected to perform, directed by clinician Li.

Registration period: September 1 – October 15, 2026

Repertoire, costs and more details can be found at area7.handbellmusicians.org/anthornis-2026

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

REMEMBERING RUTH DIEDRICHSEN

by Nancy Youngman

Small events can literally change a person's life path. The small event for me was a meeting I attended in the early 1980s, which featured solo handbell ringing by Ruth Diedrichsen as the program. I knew Ruth from the community band we played in. An interesting fact: Ruth was the first female tuba player ever in the University of Nebraska bands! But, being from a small town in western Nebraska, I had never seen someone play handbells before, and I thought it was the coolest thing ever.

As fate would have it, about a year later, my church decided to purchase a set of bells for a youth choir. Still remembering Ruth's performance, I jumped at the chance to start the handbell choirs. When the bells arrived, we opened the cases. I looked at those beautiful, shiny instruments and then panicked! Even though I was a music major and had conducting experience, I had never even touched a handbell. So, I called Ruth and asked for help.

Ruth immediately invited me to come to her choir rehearsals at First Plymouth Church in Lincoln, Nebraska. They were a wonderful choir, and I gained so much by watching them ring and listening to Ruth's instructions. Then, Ruth said that I had to go to an Area Festival, as that was the best place to learn. My first event was just six months after my church got the bells. It was such a great learning experience that I was totally hooked.

A few years later, Ruth was serving as Nebraska's state chair

and invited me to be on the committee. That was in 1991, and I am still serving on the committee! Also on the Nebraska Committee was National Past President and Honorary Life Member Mary Kettelhut, so I had two of the best mentors a person could have. Ruth was a dear friend of Don Allured's and had him come to work with her choirs. When my adult choir was still very new, Don was in town, and Ruth arranged for him to come and work with my choir, too. We were all very nervous, but between the two of them, they set my choirs up for excellence!

Ruth had so many wonderful friendships with people such as Joan Shull, Maggie Tucker, Bill Griffin, Carl Wiltse, Marilyn Hines, and, of course, Don Allured. She was a handbell purist: what was on the page was what was to be played, down to the exact length of any note. She loved the beautiful, slow, choral-style anthems on which her choir shined. She remained active in the Guild, serving on the Area 8 Board and attending every event possible.

She and I attended the Portland National Seminar together, driving there and back, which is quite a distance from Nebraska. We never ran out of things to talk about: gardening, her huge book collection, the wonderful woodworking projects she was working on, and, of course, handbells. A lunch date with Ruth would run into an entire afternoon filled with the most interesting topics.

On March 19, 2026, Ruth passed away. As I look back, I know that, without her patience and calm guidance, I would be a different person today. Ruth gave me, and many others, the world of handbells, which is such a wonderful path to be on in life. Rest in peace, dear friend, and thank you!

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AREA 9 (OK, TX)

Fall Fanfare 2026
Four Locations & Dates to Choose From

August 15, 2026
First United Methodist Church
Round Rock, TX

August 22, 2026
First Baptist Church
Bryan, TX

September 12, 2026
McFarlin United Methodist Church
Norman, OK

September 19, 2026
King of Glory Lutheran Church
Dallas, TX

Instructional classes, reading sessions, rookie ringers,
fellowship, inspiration, lunch included!

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

Area 10's 2nd Annual

WHERE:

Willamette Valley, OR
Boise, ID
Central WA
Billings, MT
Kalispell Area, MT



This is Area 10's new annual event held in the years between the NOW Triennial AREA 10 Conference. Locations were chosen to be within a 2–3-hour drive from the hometowns of ringers in AREA 10. The event is designed to bring ringers together for ringing, workshops and fellowship. The massed ringing will be stress free with the music, bells, and chimes, etc. all provided at the event. NO having to learn the music before the event. NO hauling equipment. AND with a workshop on Friday night to help build your skills. On Saturday, the group will experience taking music from sight-reading to finished product. Join the Fun and get to know the ringers in your “neighborhood.”

WHO: The event is for individuals up to Full Choirs. **WHY:** For skills-building and fellowship

More details can be found at: <https://area10.handbellmusicians.org/area-10-events/>

We hope to see you there!

Fall Ringing Round-Up

WHEN: various weekends in September, depending on location.

Online registration opens May 1, 2026. Registration Fees start at \$40/ringer

Area 10 Elections Call for Nominees

The Area 10 elections for Board officers will be held this year. Area 10 is seeking nominations for candidates for Treasurer and Chair-elect. Please contact Corbin Rasmussen with your suggestions at:

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

**UPCOMING
IN AREA 11**

FALL TUNE UP
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH
MULTIPLE LOCATIONS ACROSS AREA 11

AREA 11 RINGING UP FESTIVAL
JUNE 11-14, 2026
LOVELAND COLORADO

HMA
Ringing Up
AREA 11 2026
Loveland Colorado

YOUTH RINGERS' CAMP
JUNE 13-17, 2027
PINECLIFF CAMP, COALVILLE, UTAH
A PIRATE THEMED RINGER'S CAMP JUST FOR YOUTH AGES 10-18

AREA 11
YOUTH RINGERS' CAMP
June 2027

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AREA 12 (CA, HI, NV)

AREA 12 RINGERS SEEN AND HEARD NEAR AND FAR...

In addition to participating in local Spring Rings and regional festivals, many Area 12 ringers can be seen attending festivals and events around the world!

Twelve ringers from Area 12 attended Distinctly Bronze East in 2026. This has become an annual tradition for many as they reunited with ringer friends from around the country and worked together to ring challenging music under the leadership of this year's Distinctly Bronze director, Michael Glasgow, and Crescendo's director, Area 12's own Barbara Meinke.

Maggie Paton, Central California regional coordinator, spent two weeks in Singapore as a "foreign guest ringer" with the Ministry of Bellz handbell ensemble. She spent nine intensive days with 18 international ringers and two guest conductors.

In addition to rehearsals, they visited local primary and secondary schools to ring alongside students and observe Singapore's handbell programs firsthand. Maggie was impressed by the students' technical skill, as well as their responsiveness to the guest conductors and openness to new ideas.

"How quickly strangers can become friends when ringing together! Even halfway around the world, the rhythms, challenges, and funny moments of handbell rehearsals felt just like home. I'm already hoping to head back for the 2028 International Symposium!"

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We look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones as we continue traveling to do what we love. We hope to meet you at a table soon!



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