

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

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



Winter Workshop

January 29–30, 2027 ★ Nashua, New Hampshire

We're making some refreshing changes to our Winter Workshop format this year, including a new venue with improved ringing space, more accessible hotel rates, and a masterclass in conducting with **Michael Glasgow!**

Come experience a cozy winter weekend in New England with fellow handbell musicians in a social atmosphere.

Details and registration: area1.handbellmusicians.org/winter-workshop.

Then in June ... Area 1 Festival Conference comes to Nichols College in Dudley, Massachusetts, June 24–27, 2027. Clinicians: Lynn Atkins (Bronze/Copper tracks) and Kimberlee Strepka (Massed and Tins tracks). Visit area1.handbellmusicians.org/festival-conference for repertoire and more details.



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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.



Photo courtesy of Schulmerich Bells, LLC.

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 (DE, DC, MD, NC, VA)



What's new in Area 3?

Scholarships to Spring Festivals

- Two scholarships to each Area 3 festival
- To help offset the cost of the music
- Must be a member in good standing with HMA
- Must be a resident of Area 3
- Must be registered for the Area 3 festival

For more information or to apply, contact the Scholarship Chair, Mitchell Eithun

Composition Contest

- Two compatible handbell scores of a single piece
- Level 1+2 for 2-3 octaves | Level 3 for 3-5 octaves
- Original composition
- Appropriate for Massed Ringing
- Prize - \$1,500
- Submission deadline: April 1, 2027

For the complete set of guidelines or more information, contact the Composition Contest Chair, Kevin Quick

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Area 5 was grateful to be the host of this year's Handbell Musicians of America National Seminar in Cincinnati!

The week began with the Hymn Fest at Hyde Park Community Methodist Church located just a few miles from the convention center in Cincinnati! We are grateful to them for allowing us to hear their handbell ensemble combined with the voices of their choir, the congregation, the organ, and the trumpet all united performing beautiful hymns such as "Grateful Praise" and "How Firm a Foundation" which reverberated throughout their beautiful sanctuary! Queen City Bronze of Cincinnati treated us to an excellent performance titled "Ring America," which featured a wide variety of selections depicting the history of American music, from the classic hymn "Simple Gifts" to Scott Joplin's legendary "The Entertainer," and concluding with "Firework" by Katy Perry. The Bronze Ringers of Floyd Central High School in Floyd Knobs, Indiana performed a myriad of pieces ranging from the classic Civil War song "When Johnny Comes Marching Home" concluding with "Eye of the Tiger."

Under the direction of our very own Area 5 Chair Shannon Hardiek, the Trinity Ringers of Trinity Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana took us on a journey through the liturgical calendar, from "We Three Kings" to "Jesus Christ is Risen Today," concluding with "All Creatures of Our God and King." The Detroit Handbell



Ensemble treated us to the finale of their concert series, "Seasons of Love!" This ensemble truly made a splash by throwing beach balls into the audience for "Wouldn't It Be Nice" by The Beach Boys and inviting the audience to sing along to "Hey Jude" by the legendary Beatles!

We in Area 5 would like to express our gratitude to all of our members, the members of HMA National Seminar for making our Area the home of this year's seminar, our guests from other Areas who attended, and the folks of Sharonville Convention Center! All of you played a part in putting on this incredible week and we wish you all a blessed and radiantly ringing rest of your year!

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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)

REPERTOIRE ANNOUNCED FOR THIS YEAR'S ANTHORNIS

Anthornis — Area 7's annual event "for those who want to ring more challenging music" — is back on Friday, October 30 and Saturday, October 31. Clinician Emily Li is sure to bring excitement and new energy to the event.

The event starts with a casual, Friday night reading session. Starting Saturday morning at 8:30 is rehearsal of the event repertoire. This concludes with a 3:30pm closing concert.

From tower swings to challenging triplet patterns to a percussive 80's pop anthem, the music selected for this year's event is sure to both challenge and delight:

- "Africa," arranged by Julie Turner, L4 4-5 oct.
- "Allegro Con Fuoco," Arnold Sherman, L5, 3-7 oct.
- "Nocturnal Fantasy," Emily Li, L4, 3-6 oct.
- "By His Hand," arranged by Jason Krug, L3+, 3-7 oct.
- "For All the Saints," arranged by Brian Childers, L3+, 4-7 oct.
- "Lumiere," Fred Gramann, L4, 3-5 oct.

The event webpage also links out to previews and sound files for each piece so you can pick your favorites ahead of time.

Registration runs through October 15! Get yours in at <https://area7.handbellmusicians.org/anthornis-2026>

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Plan ahead for Young Ringers Camp in 2027!

June 18-20, 2027

**Camp Omeoga
Waterville, MN**

Clinician: Derek Bromme



Young Ringers Camp is designed for ringers in grades 4-12 (age can deviate at director's discretion).

Planned activities include tomahawk throwing, canoeing, mud pit, swimming, lawn games, skits and s'mores around the campfire, work on a service project, and of course, handbell rehearsals to prepare for the Sunday 11:00am closing concert.

Registration opens February 1, 2027.

Repertoire, schedule, costs, and more details can be found at area7.handbellmusicians.org/events/young-ringers-camp-2027

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

2026 MID-IOWA HANDBELL FESTIVAL

Mark your calendars! The 2026 Mid-Iowa Handbell Festival returns in Des Moines on October 9 and 10. We have a great weekend lined up, with an optional Friday night reading session, and a full day of ringing Saturday capped by a massed ringing concert Saturday afternoon.

This year's clinician is noted composer and conductor Sandra Eithun. Sandy brings more than 30 years of handbell directing experience and currently leads Fox Valley Bronze while serving on the faculty of Valley Troubadours in Wisconsin. She is a prolific composer with over 650 published handbell pieces, plus sacred keyboard books and teaching collections. In 2020 she was honored with the Donald E. Allured Original Composition Award at the Week of Handbells in Bay View, Michigan. Her work has been featured on PBS and has been performed by groups around the country like The Raleigh Ringers and The Bells on Temple Square in Salt Lake City.

Friday night, October 9, Beer, Wine and Bells is back. Sandy will lead a relaxed reading session at Central Presbyterian Church with handbells, light refreshments, beer and wine, and a chance to socialize.

Saturday's event is at Windsor Heights Lutheran Church and

includes rehearsals, lunch, time to connect with other ringers, and the massed ringing concert at 3:00 that afternoon.

The festival is open to all handbell organizations and ringers. Individuals, partial choirs, and full choirs are all welcome. Registration is \$45/ringer for HMA members and \$55/ringer for non-members, and includes lunch and the Friday evening session. If you're just interested in the Friday event, it is also available for \$10/ringer.

The registration form can be found here: 2026 Mid-Iowa Handbell Festival

Questions? Feel free to reach out to Dick Crusinberry at ia.area8@handbellmusicians.org. We hope to see you in Des Moines this October!

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AREA 9 (OK, TX)

A Fun Massed Ringing Event on March 6th

CENTRAL TEXAS

Covenant Presbyterian Church
Austin, TX
David York, Clinician

OKLAHOMA

Southern Hills Baptist Church
Oklahoma City, OK
Beth Judd, Clinician



Saturday, March 6
Austin and Oklahoma City



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



Fall
RINGING
ROUND-UP

— JOIN US FOR A DAY OF —
RINGING, LEARNING & FELLOWSHIP!

SEP 11-12, 2025
BILLINGS, MT
BOISE, ID

SEP 18-19, 2025
EUGENE, OR

SEP 25-26, 2025
WHITEFISH, MT
YAKIMA, WA
BELLEVUE, WA
IDAHO FALLS, ID

All ringers welcome!

For More Information and to Register

Visit the Events Page of the
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information about Area 10 Events.
<https://area10.handbellmusicians.org/area-10-events/>





Christmas Bells Are Ringing

Planning a Christmas concert?

Include your program in the **SAVE THE DATE** calendar.

Submit your information - Name of Hand Bell Choir or small ensemble; Date/Time; Location; and Admission or Donation request by OCT 22 for inclusion in the November/December e-newsletter.

Submit your Concert Poster (pdf or jpg only) and concert theme description by NOV 22 for inclusion in a special **Christmas Concerts Only** e-newsletter for December. Advertising rates may apply.

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

Area 11 Upcoming Events



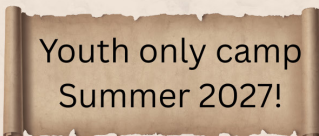
Fall Tune-Up

Get ready for the ringing season with Fall Tune Up. A place to learn new skills or brush up on those you are already familiar with.

Locations throughout Area 11

September 12
Lehi, Utah
Kaysville, Utah

September 19
Chandler, Arizona
Arvada, Colorado
Albuquerque, New Mexico



Youth only camp Summer 2027!



AHOY, MATEYS!

Join us for our "sallywag"-tastic
**AREA 11
HANDBELLS
YOUTH CAMP**

Come and enjoy fun games, activities, and AMAZING MUSIC! Ringers will experience new music, learning opportunities, and fun!

Ringers: \$250
Chaperones: \$150

For more information visit:
area11HandbellMusicians.org
Pine Cliff Camp, East Coalville, Utah

June 13-17 2027





Be on the
lookout for news
about camp for
adults!

Other upcoming events include:
Read and Ring (February)
State Spring Rings
Youth Workshops (Spring)

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AREA 12 (CA, HI, NV)

Area 12 ringers traveled far and wide this summer to learn, make new friends, and enjoy making music with others. Our 2026 conference in Las Vegas, Neon City Rhythms, featured a one-day Directors Seminar led by Michael Glasgow that was inspiring. Each director left feeling excited and empowered to better lead their handbell choirs this coming fall.

NATIONAL SEMINAR

Area 12 members enjoyed connecting with old friends and making new friends at the National Seminar.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES

New opportunities are available to refresh skills, learn something new, and ring beautiful music together. We would like to invite you to save the date for the annual 12th Night Festival in Boulder City, Nevada, on January 8-9, 2027. Brenda Austin will be the clinician! Registration information can be found at: https://harmonyhandbells.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/twelfthnightregistrationpackage_2027.pdf

Election Results: We are excited to announce our newly elected members of the Area 12 board! Beginning in September, the following people will be serving on our executive committee.

Chair-Elect - Tessique Houston

Secretary - Carol Flint

Treasurer - Marc Davidson

Congratulations to these individuals, we look forward to their service on the board.

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