

Welcome to this second concert of the **Village Ringers**. Our inaugural concert was held on December 7, 2018. You're sure to enjoy tonight's musical adventure around the world!

Village Ringers is a handbell organization dedicated to attracting and challenging intermediate to advanced handbell ringers through the rehearsal and performance of quality music. It is our desire to expand the public appreciation of, and interest in, handbell music through engaging performances.

Many thanks to Elan Buena Vista, who offer us the use of their beautiful facility for our rehearsals.



TRAVELOGUE

Bonnie Fisher, Director

Saturday, April 6, 2019 at 7:00 pm - Laurel Manor Rec. Center



A Medieval Procession – Charles E. Peery

Master of Ceremonies/Narrator – Dave Fisher

Around the World in 80 Measures - arr. Linda Lamb

Greensleeves – arr. Linda Lamb – *Linda True Stromski, Flute*

The Great Gate of Kiev – Moussorgsky; arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Two Classic Waltzes (*Over the Waves and Blue Danube*) – arr. Martha Lynn Thompson –
Featuring John and Vasima Stagl performing the Viennese Waltz

Luck of the Irish – Matthew Prins – *Linda True Stromski, Penny Whistle and Piccolo*

Amen Siakudumisa (*Amen, We Praise Your Name, O God*) - arr. Cathy Moglebust
Emily Spann, Congas; Lisa French, Maracas; Donna Kagan, Shekere

The Star Spangled Banner – John Stafford Smith; arr. John A. Behnke
Joyce Lundeen, Cymbals

C Jam Mood – arr. Roderick Davenport

This Land is Your Land – Woody Guthrie; arr. Paul McKIveen

Lord Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace – Kevin McChesney
Joyce Lundeen, Piano



Following this performance, the ringers will be at the tables. You are invited to meet them, look at the music, and even hold and ring a bell!

THANK YOU for attending this program. May you discover handbell music as a new and refreshing form of art and entertainment.

A bit about handbells: Handbells have been traced back as far as 5th Century BC in China, although bells of various kinds and shapes have been found all over the world. Handbells were established in England as a way for bell tower ringers to practice and not disturb the entire community. Eventually this type of ringing became an art in itself. English handbells were thought to be introduced to America by the Peake Family Ringers in the 1830s, and in the 1840s by P.T. Barnum. By the 1950s and '60s, hundreds of groups were springing up across the US in churches, schools, and other organizations.

Practices are very important as few “ringers” have their own bells, and they are quite expensive. The choir members divide the bells for ringing. It is important that each person (or their substitute) be at practice since an entire tonal section would be missing.

English handbells come in various sizes. The bells are made of 80% copper and 20% tin (bronze!). Our Schulmerich handbells are produced, one at a time, in a factory in Hatfield, PA. The handles were once made of hard leather, but are now made of vinyl. The clappers will only move up and down, and employ special springs to prevent the clapper from resting on the bell. Each bell handle is marked with the musical note it plays.



Core Ringers – Marcia Barber, Carol Bonebrake, Lisa French, Becki Hadaway, Judi Higbee, Jean Hood, Diane Jones, Donna Kagan, Margaret Lacy, Lana McKinzie, Amy Cornwall-Robinson, Cary Robinson, Nancy Rowland, Dan Southworth, Emily Spann, and Kathy Wolf

Swing Ringers – Sally Rowe

Substitutes – Sue Davis, Tish Hruska, Mary Jo Johnson, Joyce Lundeen, Robin Mead, Melanie O'Donnell

Village Ringers Board of Directors - Bonnie Fisher, President; Ron Drozd, Vice President; Amy Cornwall-Robinson, Treasurer; Emily Spann, Secretary; John Higbee, Member-at-Large



Mark Your Calendar for our Holiday Concert!

Sat., Dec. 7, 2019 at 1:00 pm
Colony Cottage Rec. Center

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