



# Handbell Musicians OF AMERICA

## Area 11



# Newsletter



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## From the Chair:



March came in like the lion it was supposed to be! We were traveling back from Texas, and I think it was trying to blow us to Kansas! Happy to be home and ready to look at spring and summer with all the bell ringing that will be taking place around the area. We had some wonderful Spring Rings in the area during March. The first one was held in Northern Colorado, followed by the Utah Spring Ring the following weekend. Now, in April, we finish up with the

Wyoming Spring Ring coming up this weekend in Casper.

It is also not too late to attend Area 11's Festival (Boots & Bells) in Cheyenne, Wyoming, in June. Even though the first registration deadline of March 1 has come and gone, you can still register until May 1<sup>st</sup>. There is still room for ringers and even full choirs (albeit at somewhat increased prices). How often do you get to work with the incomparable Hart Morris? And you will definitely want to see and hear Timbré, who will knock your socks off with their innovative and creative ringing. Members of Timbré will make up our workshop staff, so you will get a chance to improve your own ringing skills and have personal contact with these super fun individuals. If you're not able to come to the full festival due to work, or other commitments, you can register for our Saturday Only option, which will allow you to attend some of the classes, see the Showcase Concert, and observe Hart Morris in the ringing tracks. All the information about the festival and registration material can be found at <http://area11.handbellmusicians.org/festival-2016/>

Finally, Area 11 will be conducting an area-wide election this spring. Look for your ballots in the mail in a few days. We will be electing Board members (Chair Elect and Secretary/Treasurer) for 2016-2018 and amending our Area By-Laws to allow for online or email voting in future elections (saving the Area time and money). When you receive your ballot, please look it over closely and send it back as soon as possible.

In the meantime, have fun with your bells this Spring. Many of you are planning year-end concerts at this time. Best of luck, and we look forward to seeing you in Cheyenne in June.

Jeannine Holt

### Area 11 Website

[area11.handbellmusicians.org](http://area11.handbellmusicians.org)

### National Office Website

[Handbellmusicians.org](http://Handbellmusicians.org)

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**Watch your  
mail for our  
Election ballot!  
Be sure to vote  
and mail it in!**



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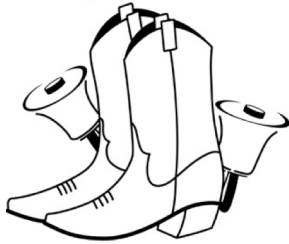
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# Area 11 Festival/Conference 2016

## Boots & Bells

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**BOOTS & BELLS**  
CHEYENNE, WYOMING 2016  
**June 9-12, 2016**

with  
**Hart Morris**  
and  
**Timbré**



### Full Festival Registration *and* Saturday Only option

All Registration Materials and Forms, including the Saturday Only option can be found on our website at

<http://area11.handbellmusicians.org/festival-2016/>

### Saturday Only Option for Festival

If you are unable to attend our full Boots & Bells Festival due to work schedules or other conflicts, but would like to register for a **Saturday Only** option, you will find that registration form on our website as well.

By attending on Saturday, you will be able to attend some of the excellent classes that will be taught, including classes taught by Timbré, observe Hart Morris as he works with our ringing tracks and see other Area 11 friends share their talents at our Showcase Concert.

**Registration for the Saturday Only option is \$75 and is due by May 1<sup>st</sup>.**

The Ring of Fame banquet is not included with the registration, but tickets are available for purchase if you would like to attend the banquet.

**Registration for the Full Festival is also open until May 1<sup>st</sup>.**

*Other Festival details you can read about on our website:*

**Class schedule** – see the terrific classes being offered.

**Clinician Bios** – Read all about our fabulous clinicians.

**Optional Conference Choir** – Read all about our advanced Conference Choir. Polished bronze level ringers may sign up for this additional choir.

**Optional Pre-Festival Solo/Ensemble Workshop** – Read all about this wonderful optional workshop being offered in addition to the full Festival. This workshop will be taught on Thursday, June 9, before the full festival begins.

<http://area11.handbellmusicians.org/festival-2016/>



## Ring of Fame Banquet

**Nominations are being accepted for the Ring of Fame award that will be presented in June at our Area 11 Festival, Boots & Bells.**

In 2002, the Area 11 Board of Directors established the Ring of Fame award to recognize and honor those who have made outstanding contributions to the art of handbell/handchime ringing.

We will be recognizing some of these exceptional members from Area 11 during the 2016 Festival in Cheyenne, Wyoming at our Ring of Fame Banquet.

**If you know someone that you feel meets the criteria and is deserving of this award, please fill out the nomination form and submit it to the Ring of Fame nomination committee for review. You will find all the information and nomination form at:**

<http://area11.handbellmusicians.org/ring-of-fame/>

## Chime Loan Program

*Deadline to Apply for 2016-2017 School Year is May 15*

### *Two Area 11 Chime Loan Recipients Share Their Stories*

Mariska Romney in Ogden, Utah and Marianne Cook in Chandler, Arizona have had wonderful experiences during the past school year as they used their set of Area Chimes that were loaned to them through our Chime Loan Program. Read their stories below.

**Mariska Romney:** My elementary students here at DaVinci Academy in Ogden have loved using the tone chimes. I first introduced them to my 5th/6th graders in November. They were very excited. Every week for music class we played on the tone chimes and in December they learned some easy Christmas carols. The 3rd/4th graders were putting on a Christmas play and I had a couple of kids play the tone chimes as chords on two of their songs. At the performance you could tell by watching their faces how much they enjoyed playing the chimes. I spent three classes teaching the 3rd/4th graders the chimes after that so everyone would get a chance to play. I think the tone chimes are a great instrument to teach to children because it is very easy to play and they get to be involved in making music together as a group. My 5th/6th graders really missed playing them and asked if we could form an after school group. Here is a picture of our group that meets once a week just to play for fun.



*Students at DaVinci Academy in Ogden, Utah  
having fun with their chimes.*

**Share this information with your friends! Do you know any school teachers or church musicians that could enhance their students' musical experience by using a chime loan set next school year? If so, tell them about this fabulous program!**

**Marianne Cook:** The handchime ensemble at BASIS Chandler is having a great inaugural year! The students are reading music and working on 2 pieces to perform at our spring concert in April. They will also be playing on one of their choir songs. We have been having a good musical experience learning about the different octaves in music, how to read rhythm, when they play their chime. It has reinforced all the music theory we have been studying this year.

The ensemble is made up of 5<sup>th</sup> grade music students and meets 3 times a week. They perform as a choir as well as handchimes so we make the most of our rehearsal time. I feel the handchimes have made the music theory lessons come to life in terms of applying what we are learning to playing a musical instrument. I have seen the students understanding of musical symbols progress at a faster pace since we have been working with the chimes. Most of all, the students really enjoy it when they master a piece and can hear the music. Thank you for allowing BASIS Chandler to work with the handchimes this year.

Handbell Musicians of America Area 11 owns several 3 Octave sets of handchimes which are available for loan for a full school year to use in school or church music programs in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, or Wyoming. Sets are loaned with accompanying curricula and Handbell Musicians of America Area 11 will supply a mentor upon request.

Applicants are required to fill out an application form.

All the information and applications can be found on our website at:

<http://area11.handbellmusicians.org/education/handchime-grant-program/>

*Please submit applications by May 15.*



## *Super Bell Saturday Read and Ring*

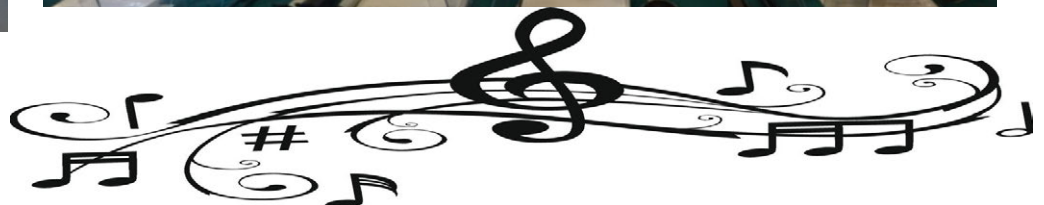


On Saturday morning, February 6, you could hear handbells ringing all around Area 11 at our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Read and Ring – our Super Bell Saturday! Ringers had a lot of fun getting together with other ringers in our area in several different locations. They spent the morning ringing a variety of new pieces sent to each location, getting to know other ringers near them in the area, and purchasing any of the new pieces at a great discount. Be sure to look for advertisements for next year's Read and Ring! You won't want to miss out on all the ringing fun at our 5<sup>th</sup> annual event in 2017!



Chandler, Arizona

More Read and Ring pictures  
on the following pages.



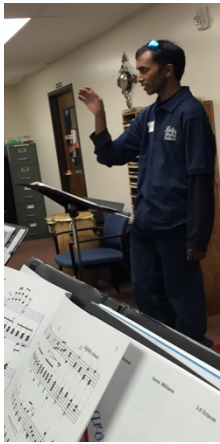


*Super Bell Saturday Read and Ring*  
*More pictures from Wyoming and Utah*

Sundance, Wyoming



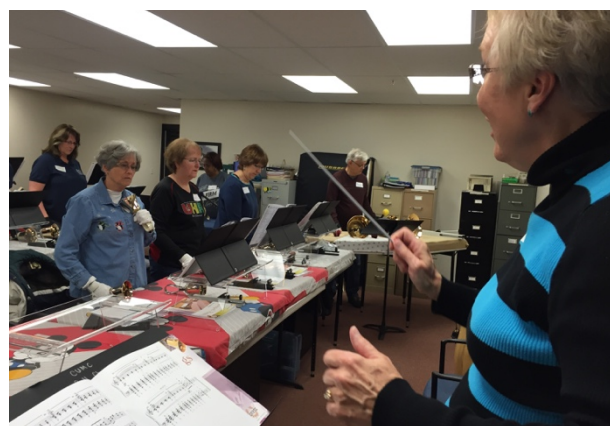
Ogden, Utah





# Super Bell Saturday Read and Ring

More pictures from Utah





### Area 11 Elections

Area 11 will be holding elections this coming month. Watch your mail for the ballots, especially if the address your membership is associated with is a church address. We will be voting on new Area 11 Board members for the 2016-2018 term, specifically Chair-elect and Secretary/Treasurer.

We will also be voting on the proposed change to the Bylaws to allow for online voting in the future. Please be sure to cast your vote and return the ballot!



#### Area 11 would like to welcome our new and renewing members!

Geoff Anderson - Plain City, UT  
Benjamin Ehrlich - Denver, CO  
LeeAnn Gray - Laramie, WY  
Glen Hicks - Payson, UT  
Marsha Rosenkrans - Phoenix, AZ  
Michael Woods - Colorado Springs, CO  
Jamie Bell - Colorado Springs, CO  
Jon Bray - Parker, CO  
Carla Robertson - Chandler, AZ  
Joyce Willeke - WY

#### Overtones Features

We have a few of our Area 11 friends featured in the January/February 2016 issue of Overtones! If you haven't had the chance to read about them, pull out your magazine and have some fun reading about:

Libbie Randels  
Karen Eskew-Wyllie  
Margi Zearley  
Forte

and see what wonderful things some of our Area 11 members are up to!



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### Area 11 Concerts



**Choir:** Bells of the Rockies *That's Got Style!*

**Date:** Friday, April 29, 2016

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** Broomfield Auditorium

3 Community Park Road

Broomfield, CO

**Admission:** \$11-\$16

Enjoy the flair of various musical composers and pieces designed to have you swinging and swaying to a variety of beats. It's a spirited event for all ages!

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