

### **BOOTS & BELLS**

2016 Area 11 Festival/Conference
June 9–12, 2016
Little America Hotel & Resort
Cheyenne, Wyoming

# FESTIVAL GENERAL INFORMATION PLEASE READ BEFORE REGISTERING

Check in begins Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

OPTIONAL Pre-Conference Solo/Ensemble Workshop: Thursday from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Opening Night Buffet & Opening Bell: Thursday @ 6:00 p.m.

Festival Concert & Closing Bell: Sunday @ 3:00 p.m.

**Ringing Up! Tracks:** If you are not sure which track to choose, consult with your director

Ringing Up! Copper-Lite to Copper (Level 2 - 3)

Ringing Up! Copper to Bronze (Level 3 – 4)

Ringing Up! Polished Bronze (Level 4+)

#### **Ringing Position:**

You will have up to three choices. We will do our best to accommodate one of these choices. If you do not request a ringing position, we will assign you where needed in the Ringing Up! Track you have chosen.

**Repertoire:** There is NO MUSIC to purchase! Music packets are included in the Registration Fee. You will receive the music packet for your ringing track when you check-in on June 9th in Cheyenne, WY. The music is yours to mark as needed and for you to keep. Yes, everyone will be sight-reading on Day 1.

**OPTIONAL Conference Choir:** This option is for Polished Bronze ringers only who can't get enough ringing! It will be a more concentrated, advanced ringing experience. You must also sign up and participate in the Ringing Up! Polished Bronze Track. Conference Choir rehearsals might take priority over class time. **Music (2 pieces) must be purchased by registrant and prepared in advance. Repertoire will be available by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Minimum of 12 registrants needed. Other than cost to purchase music in advance, there is no additional cost to registrant for this option.** 

**OPTIONAL** Pre-Conference Solo/Ensemble Workshop: Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., \$50.00. Lunch is available for \$15.00. Josh Fitzgerald will be our clinician for this workshop which is open to all solo/ensemble ringers, regardless of experience level. Come

prepared with a piece you are working on, or just come to sit in on the workshop and learn the tips and techniques for this style of ringing. *A minimum of 10 registrants is required by March 1<sup>st</sup> to avoid cancellation of workshop.* All Pre-Conference Solo/Ensemble Workshop participants are invited to stay through the evening for our Opening Night Buffet and the Feature Showcase Concert with Timbré. See Fee Options below.

#### **Opening Feature Showcase Concert:**

We're excited to announce the opening feature showcase concert by Timbré from California. They are one of the world's finest handbell ensembles. Tickets can be purchased by the general public at the door for \$10.00.

#### **OPTIONAL** Showcase Concert:

The Saturday Showcase Concert features performances by many of the Festival Registrants AND YOU! Perform as a choir, a small ensemble, or a solo. Participation is 'optional.' If you choose to participate, please come prepared! Rehearsal time is limited.

#### **Classes:**

Timbré will serve as our faculty teaching a variety of classes on topics from ergonomics-based techniques, to conducting, to assignment methods, as well as musical concepts for beginners and veterans alike. Timbré's artists are among the handbell world's most well-respected teachers!

#### **Handbell Musicians of America Membership:**

A current Handbell Musicians of America membership number must accompany every registration. This number can be found on your "Overtones" cover label. If you are not an Individual Member, you may use your Director's or Group's number. If a membership number is not provided, \$90 is added to the registration fee. Area 11 will enroll the Registrant and provide a one-year Handbell Musicians of America membership.

**HOTEL INFORMATION:** Registration fee **DOES NOT** include hotel accommodations. The Little America Hotel & Resort, 2800 West Lincolnway, Cheyenne, Wyoming, is the festival/conference headquarters hotel. *You must make you own room reservation by contacting the hotel.* **Reservations must be made by individuals no later than May 9, 2016.** Identify yourself by using AGEHR or Handbell Musicians of America group name. Call 1-800-445-6945 to make your reservation, or use the link below.

https://secure.cheyenne.littleamerica.com/reservations\_ows/flex/ReservationsOpera.html?hotelCode=LACHY&ratePlanType=G&ratePlanCode=0616AMGUIL&arrivalDate=2016-06-09&departDate=2016-06-12&groupEarliestArrivalDate=2016-06-04&groupLatestDepartDate=2016-06-14

Room rates: Room rates are exclusive of local taxes and fees.

Deluxe King - \$101.00 per night
Deluxe Queen - \$111.00 per night
Deluxe King Large - \$111.00 per night
Preferred King - \$121.00 per night
Preferred Queens - \$131.00 per night

#### **Off-Site Lodging Surcharge:**

Registrants who live outside a 50 mile radius from the hotel and choose not to stay at the Little America Hotel must pay an off-site lodging surcharge of \$100.00. This helps insure we meet our contracted room blocks, keeping all costs as low as possible.

**FESTIVAL REGISTRATION FEE** includes all concerts, workshops and classes, music packet for Ringing Up! Track, meeting space, and ringing equipment needed to participate (bells, chimes, tables, pads). Meals that are included with registration are Thursday opening night buffet, Friday lunch, Saturday lunch, Saturday evening Ring of Fame Banquet, and Sunday lunch.

#### **Registration Options:**

We have two methods for registering. Online registration and payment with credit card is available. A \$15 surcharge has been added when registering online. You can also register by snail mail and pay by check. Registration links for the method you choose are at the bottom of this instruction sheet.

| Full Festival Registration (postmarked on/or before March 1, 2016)   | \$380.00                                 |
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| Additional Late Registration Fee (postmarked between March 1, 2016 and May 1, 2016)  | \$100.00                                 |
| Non-Registrant Package (includes ALL concerts and Festival Meals) Must be postmarked before May 1, 2016  | \$200.00                                 |
| Saturday Evening Ring of Fame Banquet ONLY   | \$50.00                                  |
| Non-Registrant Feature Showcase Concert with <i>Timbré</i>   | \$10.00                                  |
| OPTIONAL PRE-CONFERENCE SOLO/ENSEMBLE WORKSHOP FEE OPTIONS:  |  |
| Pre-Conference Solo/Ensemble Workshop (postmarked before March 01, 2016) Thursday Lunch Opening Night Buffet Feature Showcase Concert with <i>Timbré</i> | \$50.00<br>\$15.00<br>\$25.00<br>\$10.00 |
| Handbell Musicians of America Membership Fee (if not a member)   | \$90.00                                  |

#### **Refund Policy:**

Refunds, minus a \$200 cancellation fee, will be allowed until June 1, 2016. After that date, if special circumstances prevent a registrant from attending, you may petition the Area 11 Executive Committee for a refund. Please contact the Area 11 Chair, <a href="mailto:chair.area11@handbellmusicians.org">chair.area11@handbellmusicians.org</a>.

#### **Festival T-Shirt:**

T-Shirts are available in a variety of sizes with the Festival logo printed in brown on the left as pictured. Short Sleeve Shirt is available in two colors only – Prairie Dust and Kiwi. Long Sleeve Shirt is only available in Sand color. Short Sleeve Shirt is \$12 per shirt. Long Sleeve Shirt is \$15 per shirt.



## You're ready to start! Select one of these two links to begin:

Mail-in Registration form with payment by check: Boots and Bells Festival Mail-in Registration Form

Online Registration with payment by credit card: <a href="https://bootsandbellsfestival.eventbrite.com">https://bootsandbellsfestival.eventbrite.com</a>