



Newsletter



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From the Chair:



Hi Everyone! It has been a couple of weeks since the 2018 Area 11 Festival Conference in Albuquerque, NM. It was a really fun event with 151 people. Our Lead Clinician, Alex Guebert, was fantastic leading our massed ringing ensemble as well as the other ringing tracks. Our featured ensemble, Forte Handbell Quartet, did a great job teaching as well as gave us a fantastic two hour (plus a few more minutes) concert. Both the Pikes Peak Youth

Ringers and Denver Bronze did an excellent job at their concert offerings. This year was the first year that we had multiple groups give concerts and it went really well. If you attended the conference, please let us know what you would like to see stay the same for 2020 and what you would like to see change. We have already started the process for planning 2020 and want to incorporate any feedback that you may have.

Area 11 Website

area11.handbellmusicians.org

National Office Website

Handbellmusicians.org

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Elections will start on July 23rd and will be done via online voting through the same system that National uses. Please visit our website at <http://area11.handbellmusicians.org/about-us/election-2018/> for information about the candidates for Chair Elect and Secretary/Treasurer. We will be sending information out about how to vote to all members very soon. Voting will be open from July 23, 2018 through July 30, 2018.

In addition to voting on the officers, we will also be voting to change the Sub Area boundaries as required by the bylaws. The choices will be as follows:

Change the Sub Area boundaries to the following:

Mountain Sub Area – Colorado, Wyoming and Utah

Desert Sub Area – Arizona and New Mexico

Keep the existing Sub Area boundaries

Mountain Sub Area – Wyoming, Utah and Colorado north of Interstate Highway 70

Desert Sub Area – Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado south of Interstate Highway 70

It has been my pleasure and honor to serve as your Area Chair for the past two years. Lorrie Hart will do a great job as Chair starting September 1st.

Shannon Casey, Chair

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Area 11 2018 Festival/Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico

ALBUQUERQUE 2018!

Our 2018 Area 11 Festival/Conference in Albuquerque was a great success! Alex Guebert was an outstanding clinician and teacher! He even composed a special piece, "*Area 11 Summer Jam*" just for our festival! Our faculty consisted of members of Forté (Luke Nabeta, Megan Reishus, Dillon Ekle, and Tory Marting), Susan Hedgpeth, P.L. Grove, Doug Benton, Thomas Smith, Sue Hahn, Lorrie Hart, Mary Moffett, and Jeannine Holt. We were treated to a spectacular concert each evening. The Pinnacle ringers from Pikes Peak Youth Ringers presented a beautiful program *Celtic Crossing* on our opening night. Denver Bronze followed on Friday evening with a dazzling performance of old and new Broadway music in their program, *Bells on Broadway*. Forté, our Featured Festival Ensemble, amazed us all with their energy and artistry in *Rethink Possible*! Their performance was simply awe-inspiring!

We are so grateful to the many churches, community groups and individuals who allowed us to borrow equipment: Denver Bronze, Littleton, CO

Forté, Colorado Springs, NM

Sandia Baptist Church, Albuquerque, NM

First Baptist Church, Rio Rancho, NM

Eastern Hills Baptist Church, Albuquerque, NM

Faith Lutheran Church, Albuquerque, NM

Enchantment, Albuquerque, NM

Central United Methodist Church, Albuquerque, NM

Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church, Rio Rancho, NM

First Congregational Church, Albuquerque, NM

Wellshire Presbyterian Church, Denver, CO

Pikes Peak Youth Ringers, Colorado Springs, CO

Community United Methodist Church, Ogden, UT

Summit of Peace Lutheran Church, Thornton, CO

Monte Vista Christian Church, Albuquerque, NM

Albuquerque Public Schools, Lois Cook

Sonoran Bells, Tucson, AZ

La Mesa Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque, NM

Chapel of Our Savior Episcopal Church, Colorado Springs, CO

Del Norte Baptist Church, Albuquerque, NM

Village Seven Presbyterian Church, Colorado Springs, NM

Federated Community Church, Flagstaff, AZ

St. Tim's Episcopal Church, Centennial, CO

Sandia Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque, NM

We also thank Community United Methodist Church in Ogden, UT for offering printing services.

I want to thank the Festival Planning Committee who generously gave their time to help with the many tasks involved with putting on a Festival. Committee members were Lois Cook, Ira Pinkston, Larry Luna, Sue Hahn, Jeannine Holt, Stephanie Hartung. Ryan Erickson and Bill Rothwell were spouses who came and were always ready to offer assistance when needed. Your Area 11 Board worked hard throughout the festival manning the registration desk, setting up classrooms, and tending to many last minute details. I am so grateful for all of you!!

If you attended the Festival and have not yet returned a Festival Evaluation you can still do so. Go to the Area 11 website at: <http://area11.handbellmusicians.org/area-festival-2018/>

You can also email me at events.area11@handbellmusicians.org. Your feedback is always appreciated and will be useful as we move forward to plan the 2020 Area 11 Festival, which will be held in Phoenix, AZ. I look forward to seeing you all in Phoenix!

Claudette Rothwell



Area 11 2018 Festival/Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico

We had a wonderful festival in Albuquerque! Fabulous classes, fantastic concerts, and super rehearsals leading up to our closing concert! We'd like to give a huge thank you to Alex Guebert and Forté Handbell quartet! This newsletter issue will feature pictures from our terrific pre-conference workshop and the many classes taught during the festival. Future issues will feature our concerts, Ring of Fame Banquet, and rehearsals with Alex.



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<https://www.facebook.com/HandbellMusiciansofAmericaArea11>



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Area 11 2018 Festival/Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico



The Area 11 Festival was an amazing experience. It was my first time ever at a handbell festival; and needless to say it was an incredible way to get closer to my friends, make new friends, and improve my ringing skills as a whole.

The vendors were so kind and fun to be with. They were also very gracious as I loved testing the equipment. The directors were also very fun and they taught me exceedingly more about handbells. There was also an enormous social aspect to this event. All the other groups were so helpful and friendly. The location was magnificent. It was the best hotel I ever stayed in. The food was also delicious.

I encourage all handbell ringers to come to this festival. It not only improves skills on handbells, but also you meet more people that love handbells as well.

Sebastian, with help from Alissa



Area 11 2018 Festival/Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico



I attended the Handbell Festival in Albuquerque N.M. this past June 21 to the 24th. Although I have been playing handbells for a couple of years, I had never been able to go to a conference. My experience with playing the bells had been basically, "do you know how to read music? Great!" But I never got a chance to learn some of the techniques of the trade and what this and that meant, let alone, how to do it correctly.

The venue and accommodations were excellent. The rooms and the food and service were wonderful. Having the vendors to visit in between classes gave us all a chance to pick up needed items and see new items. The concerts were amazing and inspiring. My roommate, who has only been playing bells for six months, and I were a little overwhelmed by the music selected for us to play in the group mass ring. They were very difficult pieces especially with the time changes etc. So I cannot say that frustration did not set in, but understanding the purpose of challenging ourselves was the primary goal. Each time we rehearsed, we improved. Alex was very patient with all of us and did an outstanding job with such an enormous group. And by the time of the concert on Sunday afternoon, I believe we learned a lot about the music and about ourselves.

The teaching sessions were great. From "counting" to "weaving" to "presentation and professionalism", we did come away with new information to bring back home. And from our fellow bell ringers we gathered even more information and tips. So exciting to see the interest and enthusiasm of so many young bell ringers! And they are darn good!

I am so glad that I finally had an opportunity to attend a festival; my fellow bell ringers are just a wonderful group to be with and I believe I can say that we all had a fruitful and wonderful time.

*Grace and Peace,
Patricia Mondragon, Cabrini Bell Ringers
Littleton, Colorado*



VIRTUOSO

An Extraordinary Performance Experience

WHEN:

Friday, May 31 – Sunday, June 2, 2019

WHERE:

Raleigh, North Carolina

CLINICIAN:

Dr. William Payn



This event is being organized by
The Raleigh Ringers. Further information
will be released online.
www.rr.org/events/virtuoso

Space will be extremely limited.
Participants will be determined by audition.

Area 11 Upcoming Events



For additional information about each event on this page, visit our Area 11 website at <http://area11.handbellmusicians.org/events-4/events/>

Saturday, September 15, 2018: Ringers Roundup

Locations: Need host sites all around Area 11

****See following page for more information***

Friday - Saturday, November 9-10, 2018: WyoRing

***Location: Torrington, Wyoming Eastern Wyoming College
Fine Arts Auditorium***

Saturday, February 2, 2019: Super Bell Saturday Read and Ring

Locations: Need host sites all around Area 11

Saturday, March 9, 2019: Utah Spring Ring

Location: Jordan High School, Sandy, Utah

Clinician: Carlos Rivera

Saturday, March 29, 2019: Colorado Spring Ring

Location: Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church, Greenwood Village, Colorado

Clinician: Jason Krug

Saturday, March 30: Arizona Spring Ring

Location: Host needed

Saturday, March 30: New Mexico Spring Ring

Location: Host needed

Friday – Saturday, May 3-4, 2019: Wyoming Spring Ring

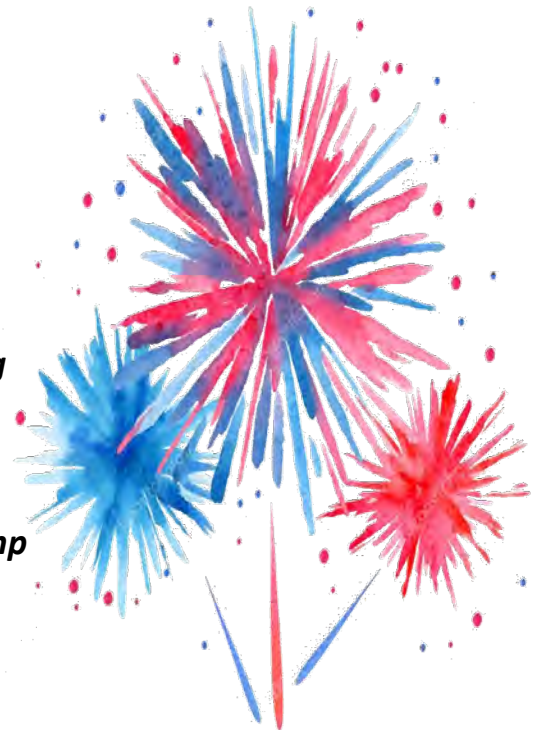
Location: Ramkota Hotel, Casper, Wyoming

Clinician: David Harris

Sunday – Thursday, June 9-13, 2019: Young Ringers Camp

Location: Snow Mountain Ranch, Granby, Colorado

Clinician: Marilyn Lake



PLAN TO ATTEND OUR
RINGERS
ROUNDUP

SEPT. 15, 2018 AT A LOCATION NEAR YOU

Debut of our new Area 11 event: Ringers Roundup!

This will be a 3½ hour workshop at various locations around Area 11. There will be a chance to learn handbell warm ups and stretches while ringing with lots of other Area 11 members near you.

This fall our focus will be on basic music and bell notations, weaving, ringing complex rhythms, and four-in-hand.

You will leave with skills that will be applied in your next rehearsal!

Cost will be \$10 for members, \$12 for non-members.

Join us! Fun will be had by all!

Accepting Submissions for Special Feature Articles

If you and/or your choir would like to share an event you have participated in or organized, we would love to feature you in our Area 11 Newsletters. If you would like to submit an article, send your submissions, including any pictures you have, to Mary Moffett at Communications.area11@handbellmusicians.org. We're looking forward to hearing about the wonderful things happening with the handbell ringers in Area 11! You may also write an article on a topic of interest to the members of our area.

Special Feature Articles may be sent at any time and will be included in any future issue of our Area 11 Newsletter. You will receive an email telling you in which issue your article will be featured.