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Area 11 Festival 2020 Ringing Up!

June 11-14, 2020

DoubleTree Hotel in Tempe, Arizona

Ellie Hodder, Clinician

Registration is NOW OPEN!

See page 3 of this newsletter for all the
registration information and the
link to register!

Area 11 Website

area11.handbellmusicians.org

National Office Website

Handbellmusicians.org



From the Chair:



It's hard to believe it's the holiday season already, even though I seem to say that every year! I'm sure we all have Christmas music in our heads from all the practicing, which is fun until it becomes an ear worm! Still, it's not too early to plan spring events. We have several big events this year; in addition to our usual Spring Rings and Super Bell Saturday, the Area 11 Festival, Ringing Up! will be at the DoubleTree Hotel in Tempe, AZ from June 11th to the 14th. Our clinician is Ellie Hodder and our theme will be "raise your ringing to the next level"! Start planning to attend now! Keep your eyes open for calls for workshop ideas.

If you are accepted to teach a workshop, you will receive a discount on your registration.

One big change in registration for all our Area 11 events that you will notice is that everything can be done online now. You can fill out the form by clicking the registration link, link to all the music from the form and pay with PayPal.

Because of the fees PayPal charges, the cost is slightly higher to pay with a credit card. If you want to write a check and send that in, you are welcome to do that too. We hope this expedites registration for everyone. If you have feedback about this process, we'd love to hear it.

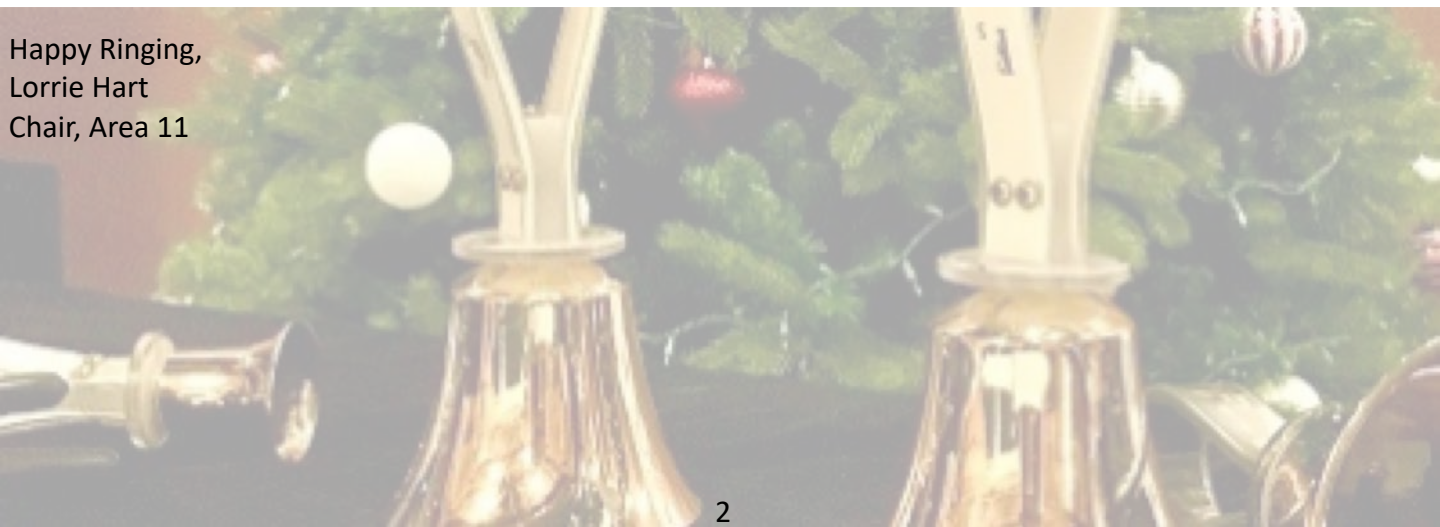
Your first opportunity to try this will be with the registration for Super Bell Saturday, which will be Feb. 1, 2020. We have locations around the Area and if you haven't been before, it's a chance for us to all get together at the same time and sight-read music, which is then available for purchase. It's just a great time to socialize, make music, practice sight reading, and ring more bells! We try to have a mix of different kinds and levels of music so that there is something for everyone.

Some of you may remember our fundraiser for the youth in September. I am happy to report that we raised \$630 to go toward Young Ringers Camp in 2021. Thanks to everyone who donated! We had the unique and fun experience last summer of having young clinician/composers from all over the country come up to Area 11 members at the National Seminar and ask if they can be involved in the youth camp! We have also had people from several other states wanting to sign up for the camp in 2021. It's very exciting to have so much support for the youth in bell ringing and that program is thriving!

I hope you have been thinking about getting more involved with the Area over the year. You can come to an event, host an event, run for office or just introduce yourself to one of the board members at any of the events. We look forward to meeting you and would love any help you can offer!

Hope all your concerts and performances for the season go well!

Happy Ringing,
Lorrie Hart
Chair, Area 11



Ringing Up! Area 11 Festival 2020

June 11-14, 2020

Doubletree by Hilton in Tempe, Arizona

Registration is OPEN
for our 2020 Area Festival in Phoenix, AZ

Lead Clinician: Ellie Hodder

Teachers for our classes and workshops:

Would you like to teach a class or workshop at our Festival? If so, please fill out and submit the Ringing Up! Faculty Application you can find here: [Area 11 Festival 2020 Ringing Up! Faculty Application](#)

We have two options for registration.

Option 1: Register online and pay a deposit by check, with the balance due later

Option 2: Register online and pay with a credit card (processing fees will apply.)

Registration fee (deadline is March 23, 2020) – \$350.00 If registering online with credit card, processing fees will apply.

Late Registration (between March 24, 2020-May 1, 2020) – \$450.00 If registering online with credit card, processing fees will apply.

You can register for the Ringing Up! Festival 2020 online here:
[Ringing Up! Area 11 Festival 2020 Online Registration](#)



Lodging is NOT included in this registration fee. You will need to contact the hotel to make reservations. Doubletree by Hilton Tempe is offering a special rate to those attending our Festival.

Registrants who live outside a 50 mile radius from the hotel and choose not to stay at the Doubletree by Hilton 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.

We hope to see you Ringing Up! with us in June!

**Super Bell Saturday VIII
Annual Area-wide Read and Ring
Saturday, February 1, 2020**

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

**There will be several locations around Area 11
Check the website frequently for updated locations.**



Registration Deadline is Sunday, January 13, 2020

Register by clicking the following link:

[Super Bell Saturday Online Registration Form](#)

What is Super Bell Saturday VIII?

This is our 8th annual Area-wide Read and Ring!

It's held the Saturday before Super Bowl Sunday each year, which is why it's called Super Bell Saturday! Set up begins around 8:30 a.m. and we start ringing through the music at 9:00 a.m. We wrap it up by 12:00 noon at the latest. Each location will vary depending on how quickly you play through the music. Some locations play through each piece more than once if the participants are interested in doing that. It's a wonderful time to get together with other handbell ringers near you in our area and sightread music sent by Jeffers Handbell Supply. At the end of the event, you are able to purchase any of the music you would like...and you'll save money since you don't have to pay shipping costs.

**Registration is only \$10 for members
or \$12 for non-members**

Join Our "Bell Bunch"
Seeking Nominations for Chair-Elect & Secretary/Treasurer!
Deadline for nominations is February 15, 2020



Pictured L-R Top row: Anne Kleve, Chair-Elect; Lorrie Hart, Chair; Shannon Casey, Past-Chair & Events
Middle: Janet Lake, Mountain (CO, UT & WY); Katie Gant, Desert (AZ & NM)
Bottom: Mary Moffett, Communications; Paige Erickson, Chime Loan; Sandy Barstow, Secretary/Treasurer

We are so excited to complete our Bell Bunch with one of you! If you would like to nominate someone you think would be a perfect fit for Chair-Elect or Secretary/Treasurer, please fill out the nomination form! [Area 11 Board Member Nomination Form](#)

Accepting Nominations for the Area 11 Ring of Fame Award

The Area 11 2002-2004 Board established the Ring of Fame for those who have made outstanding contributions to the art of Handbell/Handchime ringing.

Area 11 Ring of Fame recognizes exceptional service and commitment to handbell/handchime ringing in general.

Service and commitment may include:

- Contributions as an Area 11 or Sub-Area elected officer.
- Volunteer work accomplished at Area 11 or Sub-Area level.
- Achievement of National recognition for contributions to Handbell Musicians of America, Inc.
- Development of materials or methods specific to handbells/handchimes.
- Extended teaching/conducting that has raised the musical standards for ringing.
- Compositions for handbells/handchimes.
- Efforts to expand the art of handbell/handchime ringing into new areas Educational, Community, Church, or other populations.



The Area 11 Ring of Fame is awarded every two (2) years at the Area 11 Festival/Conference.

There may be no more than four (4) recipients per festival. The award may be presented posthumously.

Qualifications for Ring of Fame Nominees:

- The candidate should be a current member of Handbell Musicians of America, Inc.

However, exceptions may be approved by the Area 11 Board of Directors.

- The candidate must have made significant contributions in one or more of the areas listed above.

If you would like to nominate someone to receive this prestigious award at our Ringing Up! Area 11 Festival 2020 in Phoenix, Arizona, please use the nomination form found here: [Ring of Fame Nomination Form](#)

Send your submission to Chair-elect Anne Kleve at
chairelect.area11@handbellmusicians.org

Deadline for submitting nominations is February 15, 2020

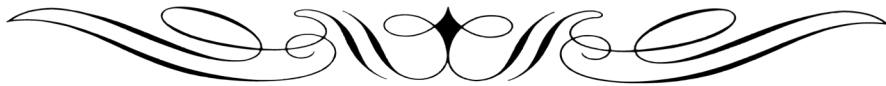
Area 11 Spring Ring 2020 Clinicians

Northern Colorado Handbell Festival, March 14, 2020



Brenda E. Austin is a dynamic and energetic conductor, clinician and composer. She has served as the Artistic Director for the Detroit Handbell 2016. Under her baton, DHE was honored to open the Handbell Musicians of America National Seminar in 2018. In 2019, Brenda joined the team at Hope Publishing Company in Carol Stream, IL as Editor in charge of the Handbell Catalogue. Additionally, she has served First United Methodist Church in Eaton Rapids, MI, as Director of Worship and Music since 2003. She is also active in the community directing Children's musical theatre and handbell choirs of all levels. Brenda graduated with degrees in Vocal Performance from Western Michigan University and a Master of Music in Choral Conducting from the University of Missouri – Kansas City. She has studied with Craig Arnold, Steve Zegree and Eph Ehly. Brenda is in demand as a handbell clinician throughout the year and has been the conductor and clinician at numerous festivals and workshops including HMA National

Seminar and the AREA 5 Spring Festival. Additionally, she has had more than 50 titles published for handbells since 2014.



Utah Spring Ring, March 14, 2020

Stephanie Rhoades earned her BA in Music from Yale University and then immediately came to Dallas to attend Southern Methodist University where she received her Master of Sacred Music degree with a concentration in Choral conducting.

She served as Director of Music at First United Methodist Church of Coppell for six years, directing both vocal and handbell choirs for adults, youth and children. She then served as Associate Director of music at Grace Presbyterian Church in Plano for five years, working primarily with children and youth handbell choirs and children's vocal choirs.

She began playing the violin and trumpet at an early age and then learned to play the piano and handbells in addition to her choral training.

Stephanie has been a guest clinician and handbell festival conductor for events from Las Vegas, Nevada to Montreat, North Carolina. Her leadership experience includes serving as President of the Dallas Chapter of Choristers Guild, President of the Greater Dallas Handbell Association, and chair of Area IX of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers.

She has taught 1st & 2nd grade music at Parish Episcopal School for five years. In addition to teaching, she conducts an auditioned community handbell ensemble, Concert Bells of Fort Worth. She loves learning almost as much as she loves teaching, and has a passion for sharing her knowledge and enthusiasm with others.



Wyoming Spring Ring, April 17-18, 2020

Michael J. Glasgow owns a LOT of black clothing. His work is legendary in church music, advertising, and supermarket-food-demonstrations (it was a dark time for him, but little old ladies still talk about his pioneer efforts with cutting-edge bagged salad).

In addition to his work at North Raleigh UMC, Michael is the Bass Section Leader for the NC Master Chorale. Heralded for his “abundant melodic gift” (New York Concert Review), Michael is an award-winning composer of organ, handbell and choral works, and keeps busy with commissions (as well as pet projects that will never sell, but which he enjoys).

Michael made his Carnegie Hall debut conducting his *Requiem* for chorus and orchestra in June 2017, and conducted its European premiere in Vienna two years later. He is proud to have served as the inaugural conductor for the *Anthornis* and *Anthornis North* advanced-ringing events in Minneapolis and Fargo; and to have conducted thrice in England (where they really use the word “thrice”). Additional international engagements include Hong Kong, Singapore, Canada, and on a cruise ship in the Eastern Caribbean.

While he'll never be on Facebook, Michael is a member of Mensa, ASCAP, FUMMWA, American Composers Forum and several other professional organizations. Visit www.michaeljglasgow.com, or check out @MichaelJGlasgow on Twitter and YouTube.



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Would you like to attend a Handbell concert near you?

Check out our Concert Listing on our Calendar tab
on our Area 11 website.

<http://area11.handbellmusicians.org/about-us/calendar/>

*You may also submit your concert information to be
included by completing the website submission form which
can be found on the calendar page as well.*

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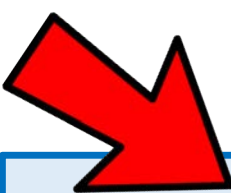
[@RaleighRingers](https://www.instagram.com/RaleighRingers)

Want to be more involved in Area 11?

How about one of the following?

Contact Lorrie at chair.area1@handbellmusicians.org
or anyone on the board and we will help make it happen!

- ★ Forward this email with the newsletter to a bell friend who is not on our mailing list
- ★ Like our Facebook page
- ★ Attend an event
- ★ Volunteer for an event committee
- ★ Host an event
- ★ Nominate someone to run for office or run for office yourself
- ★ Nominate someone for Ring of Fame
- ★ Help us organize fundraising, does your place of employment have matching donations? Or grants?
- ★ Work on the newsletter or social media
- ★ Donate to the Silent Auction at the Festival
- ★ Donate money to further the Young Ringers Camp
- ★ Apply to teach a class at Ringing Up!



**Look for our 2020 Area 11 Membership Drive
coming this January-March and Join our Team!**

If you join during our membership drive, you'll be able to enter a code
to save \$15 off your membership fees!

Welcome to our new or renewing Area 11 HMA members in 2019!

Jeffrey Anthony
Allyn Baker
Clayton Bowman
Karen Conde
Jackie Huber
John Neve
Connie Anderson
David Burrows
Ronald Seggerman
Leila Norris
Zacary Wilson-Fetrow
Kirsten Richards

Reaching for Bronze: An Event for Intermediate Handbell Musicians Aspiring to Become Bronze-Level Ringers.

**February 28-March 1, 2020 •
New Bern, North Carolina**

Have you wanted to apply for Distinctly Bronze but worry you are not yet at the skill level to be accepted? Then this is the event for you. Scheduled concurrently with Distinctly Bronze East, this event will give participants the opportunity to learn three pieces from the DB East rep list under the direction of master teacher and conductor Monica McGowan and perform them with the DB musicians on their final concert.

For more information, visit

<http://handbellmusicians.org/events-networking/events/rfb2020/>

UPCOMING AREA 11 EVENTS



Handbell Musicians of America



Ringing
Up!

Area 11 Festival 2020
Phoenix, Arizona

Dates: June 11-14, 2020

Location: DoubleTree Hotel Tempe, Arizona

Clinician: Ellie Hodder

Register here: [Ringing Up! Area 11 Festival 2020 Online Registration](#)

*For additional information and registration forms for each event ,
visit our Area 11 website at [Area 11 Events](#)*

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Date: Saturday, February 1, 2020

Locations: Several around Area 11,

listed on the Events page of the Area 11 Website

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Date: Saturday, March 14, 2020

Clinician: Stephanie Rhoades

Location: Fremont High School

Northern Colorado Handbell Festival

Date: Saturday, March 14, 2020

Clinician: Brenda Austin

Location: Immanuel Lutheran in Loveland, Colorado

Wyoming Spring Ring

Date: Friday-Saturday, April 17-18, 2020

Clinician: Michael Glasgow

Location: Ramkota Hotel in Casper



Young Ringers Camp 2021

Sun, June 20 - Thursday, June 24, 2021

Returning to Snow Mountain Ranch in
Granby, Colorado