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Area 11 Festival 2020  
Phoenix, Arizona

Be one of the lucky ones to  
ring with Ellie Hodder at our  
Area 11 2020 Festival this June 11-14!  
Register now! See page 3 for details!

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



# From the Chair:



Happy (almost) Spring! This is the time of year that I usually look forward to with anticipation, Warmer weather, less snow to shovel soon, and more sunlight. And what better way to celebrate spring than playing handbells! We all know playing handbells is a team sport and this is the time of year where we have even more opportunities to come together and experience that sense of community! I hope that many of you will be attending a spring ring. It's such a great opportunity to meet and work with new clinicians, see your friends from around your state and in general have a fulfilling day of handbells. In Colorado we have Brenda Austin running the event. Having seen her in action at National Seminar, I can tell you that she's amazing at creating music and I am personally looking forward to working with her. In Utah, Stephanie Rhodes is the clinician and she too is fun and able to get things out of a mass ring that are extremely rewarding. And finally in April, the Wyoming Ring has Michael Glasgow as the clinician. If you haven't worked with him, I strongly recommend going...he is

extremely creative and a blast to work with!

Then in June it's time for the Area Festival, Ringing Up 2020 in Phoenix. If you haven't attended a festival, it is an event that is 3 days of fun, learning, meeting new people and becoming a better ringer. This will be a festival that is focused on how to improve your ringing, so come either by yourself or with your choir and join us! I have yet to go to a festival where I don't make a new friend or learn something of use. And it's truly amazing how the music comes together. Registration is easy and online—you can find the link in this newsletter.

Another excellent way to connect with others is through involvement in the leadership of Area 11. As we approach elections and choosing new board members, please consider offering your services or saying yes if someone asks you to help. Your assistance is needed and always welcome. I talked in my last article about the things I have gotten out of serving as Chair of the Area, so I won't repeat all of that. Suffice it to say, it has been an extremely rewarding experience and if you have any thoughts at all about wanting to run, call me! I will fill you in on what it entails and the fun that I have had with it! Elections will be online in April, and the ballots will be sent by email from the HMA national office. I hope you will all vote.

So---see you soon at some event! And as always feel free to contact me if you have any thoughts or want to help out!

Happy Ringing,  
Lorrie Hart  
Chair, Area 11  
[Chair.area11@handbellmusicians.org](mailto:Chair.area11@handbellmusicians.org)





# Ringin' Up! Area 11 Festival 2020 in Phoenix June 11-14

*Hi Everyone –*

Ringin' Up! Area 11's biannual Festival Conference is coming up June 11-14 at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Tempe AZ! You will not want to miss it! Our Festival is built so that you can take the skills you have and find out what it would take to get to the next level. This is exciting as we all learn the music together in our respective ringing tracks. We will share our progress with a concert at the end of the Festival. It is so much fun! We have Ellie Hodder as our lead clinician this year. Ellie is wonderful at taking musicians from where they are to the next level! I am excited for you all to get to work with Ellie. Check out her bio [here](#).

When you are not rehearsing in your ringing track, you will have the opportunity to take classes from members of our very own Area 11. There will be classes on ringing basics, how to start a youth choir, 4-in-hand, weaving, music theory, rhythm, conducting and much more! If you have something you would like to teach, fill out the application for faculty located [here](#).

There is lots of information about Area 11 Festival 2020 Ringin' Up! Located [here](#).

**Register by March 23, 2020 to secure the \$350 registration rate! After March 23, 2020, a late registration fee of \$100 will be added. Register [here](#).**

If you have any questions about Area 11 Festival 2020 Ringin' Up!, please contact me at [events.area11@handbellmusicians.org](mailto:events.area11@handbellmusicians.org).

See you in June!!!

Thank you,

Shannon Casey

Past Chair

Area 11 Handbell Musicians of America



You'll even get to enjoy the famous Double Tree chocolate chip cookies!



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team

→ \$15 off New Memberships ←



### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

To become a member, go to:

<http://handbellmusicians.org/membership/join-the-guild/>

Enter code: Area11-G (group) or Area11-P (individual)

January 1– March 31, 2020

**Time is running out to take  
advantage of \$15 SAVINGS on  
NEW HMA memberships!**

This can be for your choir or  
individual.

Save money on your festival fees  
when you have a membership.

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Any questions, call/text  
Area 11 Chair-Elect at  
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# ***Bell Ringers, have you ever thought of starting a group at your school, church, or neighborhood?***



I had been playing bells for several years, when the thought hit me that I needed to be doing more to share the love of handbells. I talked to the principal of the school where my kids attended, and asked what he thought of starting up a chimes choir. He was very supportive. Then I applied for a chime loan grant from the Area 11 Handbell Musicians of America. That was how my teaching began. I'm now in my 8<sup>th</sup> year of directing a chime choir at school. After the chime loan was over, I was able to purchase 3 Octaves of my own, and we have since added a 4<sup>th</sup> octave, and another 2 octave set so we can accommodate more children.

If you want to try to start a choir, or add chimes to an existing choir, do not hesitate. Area 11 has 7 sets of 3 octave hand chimes to loan out, and we'd LOVE to see the next set go to you. Information and an application can be found on the Area 11 website, [Area 11 Chime Loan](#)

And there are many of us here who have started choirs if you have questions. Applications are due in May, so why not send one in today?

- Paige Erickson, Area 11 Chime Loan Chair



***From the Area 11 archives  
(March 2013 issue of the Area 11 newsletter)***

Pictures of Paige and her first chime choir performing with the chimes she borrowed through the Area 11 Chime Loan program during the 2012-2013 school year.



***A thank you note from a parent of one of the children in her first chime choir.***

"Thank you so much for teaching [my child] chimes. I was so impressed tonight at the concert. Talk about a proud Mom moment. I didn't realize how amazing chimes were, how beautiful they sound, how fun they are to watch, and how much they have all learned in such a short time. I was beaming. Thanks for all your hard work."



This beautiful thank you note brought tears to Paige's eyes. She thought, "This is why I am doing this! To bring the love of music and handbells to kids and parents."



# Our Super Bell Saturday VIII Annual Area-wide Read and Ring was held on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at several locations around Area 11!

It was a wonderful morning of gathering  
with 212 handbell friends at various locations  
in Area 11 to sightread handbell music together!



*We don't have pictures from every location,  
but here are a few!*



Ogden, Utah

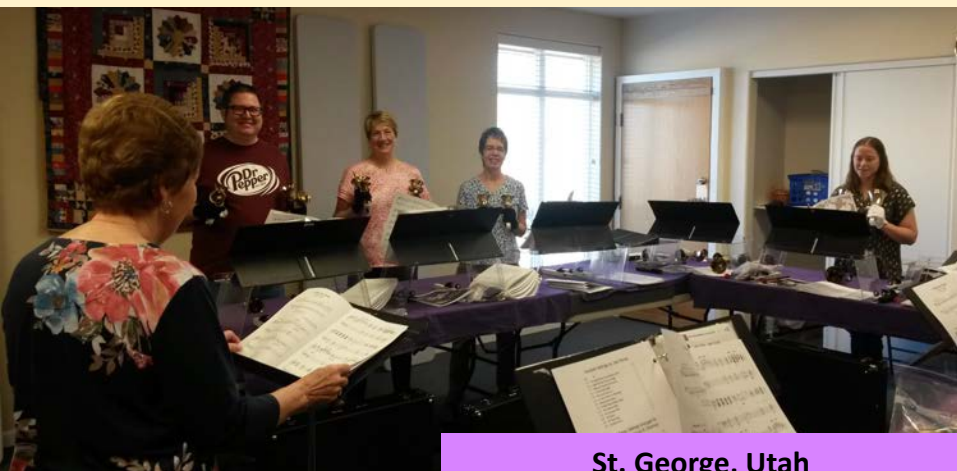


Thornton, Colorado





Centennial, Colorado



St. George, Utah



**Plan to join in  
on the fun next  
year at our  
Super Bell  
Saturday IX  
on  
February 6, 2021!**



**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/](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 also be found on the calendar page.*

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Save  
the  
Date!

# Young Ringers Camp 2021

*Sun, June 20 - Thursday, June 24, 2021*

**Clinicians: Matthew Compton and Marilyn Lake**  
**Snow Mountain Ranch in Colorado**

Hi, my name is Ashlynn Eskam and I have been ringing bells for almost 7 years and I love it. Bell camp is so much fun to attend. There are so many reasons you should go to bell camp. The main reason is, you get to play a ton of music from different genres. Another reason you should attend camp is that you get to hang out with people that have the same interests as you and you make new memories along the way. The one thing to keep in mind though is that you won't just be sitting in front of your binder the whole time. There are many activities that we do such as a summer tubing hill that everyone enjoys, an activity center filled with a swimming pool and roller skating rink, a peaceful campfire where you can relax and hangout with

friends, and my personal favorite a gorgeous hike for everyone to enjoy God's creation. Not to worry though there will be plenty of time to relax too we have a time where we regroup in our rooms and just hang out before going back to the workshop. One of my favorite activities with bells is the workshop we do. We have composers or teachers come in and teach us really cool skills with mallets and my favorite drums that are really just buckets that we bang on. All of this said bell camp is a perfect way to spend a week of your summer.





# UPCOMING AREA 11 EVENTS



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Area 11 Festival 2020  
Phoenix, Arizona

Dates: June 11-14, 2020

Location: DoubleTree Hotel Tempe, Arizona

Clinician: Ellie Hodder

Register [here](#)

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

## Utah Spring Ring

Date: Saturday, March 14, 2020

Clinician: Stephanie Rhoades

Location: Fremont High School in Ogden, UT

**Free Public Concert at 5:00 p.m.**

## Northern Colorado Handbell Festival

Date: Saturday, March 14, 2020

Clinician: Brenda Austin

Location: Immanuel Lutheran in Loveland, CO

**Free Public concert at 4:30 p.m.**

## Wyoming Spring Ring

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

Clinician: Michael Glasgow

Location: Ramkota Hotel in Casper, WY

**Free Public Concert at 2:30 p.m.**



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