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Area 11 Ringers Camp 2021

FOR ALL AGES! YOUTH AND ADULT! EVERYONE!

Date: Sunday, June 13 – Wednesday, June 16, 2021

Clinician: Monica McGowen

Location: YMCA in Estes Park, Colorado

That's right! We're having an ALL AGES Ringers Camp this coming summer 2021!

Join us in the mountains of Colorado and have a lot of fun ringing in a very relaxed atmosphere!



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Area 11 Website

area11.handbellmusicians.org

National Office Website

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Upcoming Area 11 Board Meetings

Sat, January 9, 2021 8:00 a.m.

Sat, February 6, 2021 8:00 a.m.

Sat, March 6, 2021 8:00 a.m.

If you would like to suggest a topic for us to discuss at our board meeting or have a question, you may submit those by [clicking here](#).

We are SO EXCITED to announce that we are COMBINING our Young Ringers Camp AND our Adult Ringers Camp into ONE SUPER FUN AREA 11 CAMP!

REGISTRATION IS OPEN! REGISTER BY MARCH 15, 2021!

[REGISTRATION INFORMATION](#) ♦♦♦ [REGISTER HERE](#)

From the Chair:



Advent – the season of waiting! Christmas-the season of celebration! And 2021- Happy New Year!

This 2020 year has certainly been strange the last nine months. As musicians and ringers, the holidays are normally the busiest for performances. Our bell choirs started meeting in October after construction finished on our new technology booth. We had small family groupings, with parents ringing with their kids and everyone spread out. We rehearsed a few times, then had a recording session for three to four songs each time.

My family loves to tease me about my lists... and list of lists! Of course all color coded and bulleted. I always have a “to do” list. Like a lot of directors, I am a planner and organizer. In 2020, my plan A became plan B then plan C then plan X, Y, Z. My daughter, Gwen is a high school senior and I’m trying my hardest to make her last year special any way I can.

So for 2021 we have more changes! Our board has been working overtime for creative ways to stay connected to our membership and our ringers. Planning large spring ring events is not currently possible. However, with the spring comes new life “ever springing up anew”.

In this newsletter, you will find lots of changes for our traditional events. And hopefully NEW things for you to look forward to! I can’t wait to see you soon at our Area 11 CAMP this summer! Please bring your family to enjoy Colorado and our Rocky Mountain National Park in Estes Park.

As always, you can reach us at: chair.area11@handbellmusicians.org

Happy New Year!
Anne Kleve, Area 11 Chair



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NATIONAL SEMINAR

National Seminar is coming to
Phoenix, Arizona this summer!
July 13-17, 2021



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2021 VIRTUAL SUPER BELL SATURDAY IX

Send us a video of your "Tried and True" or a "Favorite" handbell arrangement to be included in our Virtual Read and Ring!

How are we going to have our annual Super Bell Saturday Read and Ring when we can't get together to play through music and purchase if we want?!Here's how!

1. We're asking you to select a video of your choir performing a "tried and true" or a "favorite" piece.
2. Send Mary the link to the video (if it's a YouTube video) or contact her if it's not on YouTube, but you would still like to submit it. She will give you more information on how to share it with her.

Mary's email: communications.area11@handbellmusicians.org

Deadline to submit is Wednesday, February 10, 2021.

***Be sure you have permission from the publisher before you submit your video.**

The Virtual Event will be posted on Saturday, February 27, 2021.

3. Include the following information:

- ◆ Your name
- ◆ Your choir's name
- ◆ Where you are located
- ◆ Name of the piece
- ◆ Composer/arranger
- ◆ Publisher and item number in order for people to find the piece to purchase it if they would like.

4. Enjoy watching our Virtual Super Bell Saturday IX on Saturday, February 27th and make a list of the pieces you want to purchase for your choir.

4. Contact a music company to purchase the music!

We know it's not the same as getting together with other ringers in Area 11 and playing through some music packets, but we think you will still find some great music that you're introduced to through other groups' videos!



Gratitude

This year has given us many a reason to feel overwhelmed and discouraged. But while there have been many struggles we have kept moving forward. Many of you have started ringing again in your bell ensembles only to find that you have had to stop again for a while.

Perseverance and creativity in the set-up and rehearsal has shown what innovations can be thought of when circumstances dictate. We are all learning to adjust and look forward to a new way.

With all the varied emotions I have had during this time, two stand out.

One is hope for a great future of more caring and concerned individuals because of lessons learned during this pandemic and period of dissention and another is gratitude for those that have been steadfast and giving of themselves.

To our ringers, directors, and donors: thank you for your gifts. Thank you for your gift of caring and encouragement to others. Thank you for staying connected in a beautiful world that includes the art of handbell ringing. May you find moments to reflect on your own gratitude and know that you are there inspiring others to keep going.

Know that your Area 11 leadership is here to help you. We have many years of experience in handbell ringing between us and we want to help you through any situation or concern you may have.

LeAnna Willmore
Chair-Elect, Area 11



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<https://handbellmusicians.org/membership/>

Presented by The Raleigh Ringers

VIRTUOSO

An Extraordinary Performance Experience

Conductor: Dr. William Payn June 3-6, 2021 Raleigh, NC
Applications Now Being Accepted www.rr.org/events/virtuoso

If you missed the chance to watch these Virtual Concerts online during the Christmas season, no worries!
You can still watch them by clicking on the links provided by each group!

Mosaic Handbell Ensemble

Kath Wissinger

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSkEFBv9dHltWyisor6TP4A>

...and my 5th-8th grade school concert - requires this password MerryRCSxmas20

<https://www.redeemerclassical.org/2020-christmas-program>

Hong Kong Elite Youth Ringers

Kevin Mazimas Ko

Hong Kong

<https://youtu.be/FwOT57ufeFA>

<https://youtu.be/u9xQU3GRjC4>

Merrimack Valley Ringers

Kimberly Vars Whitehead

Join the Merrimack Valley Ringers for our first-ever online concert!

We're excited to bring you a selection of some of our favorite pieces

from the last few years -- and a few new pieces, too!

The concert will be available online through January 3, 2021.

<https://mvringers.us4.list-manage.com/track/click...>

Julie Turner

Music City Bronze 2020

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dOyCRiho3d0>

Queen City Bronze, A Christmas Concert

Jennifer Cauhorn

Cincinnati, Ohio

<https://youtu.be/EvDLaCXs26c>

Golden Bells of Atlanta's 25th Anniversary Concert

Judy Smith Willis

Help us celebrate our 25th anniversary from the comfort of your own home! We're bringing out some of our best pieces from 25 years of ringing to create a virtual concert, complete with interviews with a few of our ringers.

<https://youtu.be/nc3P3rgdZBM>



The Raleigh Ringers

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Let it Snow

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Bells of Joyful Sound "Let the Christmas Spirit Ring"

Mary Moffett

Utah
The Bells of Joyful Sound Let the Christmas Spirit Ring at their 2020 live streamed virtual Christmas concert, presented live on stage from Layton, Utah!

<https://youtu.be/aCPcKZ0CsJM>

Karen Laflin Carlisle

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=INd0wzLMcU8>

Shoreline Ringers

Feliz Navidad ~ At Home for the Holidays

Andrew McCauley-Wallace

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tUOWXmhHRxI>

VHC - Virginia Handbell Consort "Comfort and Joy"

Al Reese

Tidewater, VA

[-https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v-LAE9UNyFE&t=4s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v-LAE9UNyFE&t=4s)

Kalamazoo Ringers

Martha Stewart Matthews

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WMcyWu5DJXQ&t=439s>

Tintabulations Handbell Ensemble "Zooming Through the Holidays"

Barbara Walsh

A hybrid concert of live performance and pre-recorded pieces.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fDJobED1ls&t=208s>.



We're sorry to announce that we are currently unable to hold our Utah Spring Ring and our Wyoming Spring Ring this year. We're looking forward to 2022!

Area 11 Board Members

Title	Name		Email	Description
Past Chair (3 rd 2 yrs)	Lorrie Hart	Elected	pastchair.area11@handbellmusicians.org	Mentor
Chair (2 nd 2 yrs)	Anne Kleve	Elected	chair.area11@handbellmusicians.org	Leader In Charge ☺
Chair-Elect (1 st 2 yrs)	LeAnna Willmore	Elected	chairelect.area11@handbellmusicians.org	Membership
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Young Ringers Camp	Anne Kleve	Appointed	camp.area11@handbellmusicians.org	YRC Director
Events	Interim-Past Chair	Appointed	events.area11@handbellmusicians.org	Plans Area 11 Festival