

Notes From



The Raleigh Ringers

Fall 2004

8516 Sleepy Creek Drive • Raleigh NC • 27613

SummerChimes 2004: An Experiment

The generosity of The Raleigh Ringers provided a three octave set of choir chimes, a bunch of music folders, and three sections of two-inch foam to Sherry Graham and Cindy Massey so they could begin a new outreach project.. The intent was to bring the benefits of musicianship to a group of young people who might not otherwise have such an opportunity. Now, all they needed was the group of young people.

Through the Wake County Communities in Schools program, not one, but two groups were provided. All Sherry and Cindy had to do was travel to the Mayview and Heritage Park communities two mornings a week from June 9 through late July, and teach the new musicians a thing or two about chimes... And a thing or two about reading music, counting, listening to each other, cooperating, stage presence, and the great pleasure of performing.

Most of the kids had never played any kind of musical instrument, and only one or two could read music. But, after only six classes, they were able to perform at a commemoration of the closing of the Chavis Heights Community Center. One group performed a change ringing processional/demonstration, after which the other group played a song. They performed very well for an appreciative audience.

At the end of the SummerChimes program, having added another, more difficult piece to their repertoire, the fledgling musicians had other opportunities to perform: Mayview at the Tammy Lynn Center, and Heritage Park at their own center's end-of-summer program. With the success of the 2004 SummerChimes program, we look forward to the opportunities 2005 might hold.



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7:30 PM

Sunday, December 19, 2004
3:00 PM

Order tickets early and save...see p. 2

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Meymandi Concert Hall
Raleigh, North Carolina



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You may purchase tickets for The Raleigh Ringers Holiday Concerts by completing the form below. Envelopes must be postmarked no later than **December 1, 2004**.

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Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your order and mail to:

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 Sunday, December 19th - 3:00pm
Preferred Seating Area: Main Floor Balcony
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***Note: If you choose to order tickets using this form, seat preferences can not be guaranteed. You will receive the best available seats, and there are no refunds or exchanges. If you prefer to choose your exact seats, please purchase your tickets via the BTi Center Box Office or Ticketmaster.

The Raleigh Ringers Remember Jerry Jones and Doug Smith

This past summer The Raleigh Ringers lost two great friends and fellow handbell enthusiasts who will be sorely missed throughout the handbell world.

Jerry D. Jones, minister of music at Ridge Road Baptist Church in Raleigh, lost his battle with pancreatic cancer on July 7, 2004. Although when diagnosed he was given only three to six months to live, he rallied for 20 months, continuing to minister to those who knew him. The song "Faith" was commissioned by Ridge Road Baptist Church, The Raleigh Ringers and composed by Paul McKlveen to help raise money for Jerry's medical treatments. Through the many donations from churches and the numerous festivals that featured the song, "Faith" brought in over \$10,000 to help Jerry in his fight.

In addition to the funds raised, "Faith" also brought Jerry into contact with a number of people whose lives were also touched by cancer. Jerry wrote these words a few months before his death:

"The numbers of persons I have heard from in both current and former churches, organizations of which I have been a part, business associates, family and friends, all sharing the influence I have had on their personal Christian walk has been both humbling and amazing. The quality of my life is now overall greater than before cancer."

Less than two weeks after Jerry's death, Douglas F. Smith tragically died in an automobile accident on July 17 at the age of 52. Doug was a gifted composer and arranger of handbell music. Shortly after The Raleigh Ringers played his arrangement of "Hava Nageela" several years ago, we commissioned him to arrange two more pieces for us, Rachmaninoff's "Prelude in C# Minor" and the Stravinsky "Firebird Finale" (which is on our program for the 2004 ringing season). Earlier this year he had started working on a third piece for The Raleigh Ringers.

Marketing Tools Upgraded

One never knows what good will come from time spent waiting in a lobby...

While waiting for an appointment at a local disc & tape replication company, Drew Robison found a copy of The Raleigh Ringers video "One Winter Evening at Meymandi" on a nearby table. He put the tape in the lobby TV/VCR and started watching, deciding soon thereafter to contact The Raleigh Ringers with a fantastic opportunity. BP Studios Productions is a full service multimedia marketing and communication company based in Research Triangle Park. Mr. Robison, president of the company, offers his company's services pro bono to 4 local organizations each year, and chose The Raleigh Ringers as an organization to work with, beginning in 2003.

BP Studios (www.bpstudios.com) graciously offered strategic branding services to The Raleigh Ringers, providing an improved and consistent appearance to our promotional print materials. As a result, our stationary and business cards have a new look, and in addition, our updated promotional information packets now include a new interactive business card CD.

Fall Mini Tours Keep Us Busy

Saturday, August 28 found us on the way to West Columbia, SC where we taught workshop classes in the afternoon and performed at Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church to the first of four sold-out crowds so far this fall. On August 29, we ended the weekend in Greenville, SC with a concert at the beautiful John Knox Presbyterian Church.

Not even the remnants of hurricane Frances could keep us home September 11 and 12 as we headed first to Peachtree City, GA for an afternoon of workshop classes before our "full house" evening concert at Peachtree City United Methodist Church. On September 12, though we were warned that there were roads closed due to mud slides and only bottled water to drink, we made our way to Asheville for an afternoon concert at the First Baptist Church as a part of their 175th Anniversary Concert Series.

See "Upcoming Concerts on p. 8 for other concerts scheduled through December and into 2005.

Friends of The Raleigh Ringers

The Raleigh Ringers appreciate the generosity of those who have supported the Friends program since its inception in 1995. Most donations have been used to expand our collection of bells and other bell-like instruments. For information on how you or your corporation can become a Friend of The Raleigh Ringers, visit our website at www.rr.org or email friends@rr.org.

List current through October 21, 2004

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Thank You, AGEHR!

In this 50th Anniversary Year, the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers (AGEHR) produced a promotional video to use in seeking outside corporate support for the work of the Guild. Created in 1954, AGEHR is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the musical art of handbell & handchime ringing through education, community and communication. AGEHR provides valuable educational resources and events for handbell/handchime ringers and directors, and currently represents over 9100 members, including churches, schools, community organizations and individuals.

The 15-minute video, "Bells of Hope", also serves as an educational tool as distinguished handbell composers and directors discuss the history of bells and chimes, skills involved in bell ringing, and educational outreach programs. The Raleigh Ringers would like to thank the Guild for choosing to use a significant amount of footage from our DVD, "One Winter Evening at Meymandi," to demonstrate the capabilities of handbells on the concert stage.

Mailing Lists

If you received this newsletter, you are on what we call our "snail mail" mailing list, which receives our bi-annual newsletter and special mailings once or twice a year. We also have an "email" mailing list, which receives concert and special announcements two to four times per year. NEW this year is a monthly electronic newsletter, which had its debut in September. In order to receive our electronic newsletters, you must subscribe-- we will not send it to you without your permission. This monthly e-newsletter is a great way to stay up to date with the activities of The Raleigh Ringers. If you would like to subscribe, please go to the Supporters/Mailing List section of our website (www.rr.org) or email radmin@nc.rr.com.

Capital Campaign

Once again we'd like to thank everyone who so generously donated to our Capital Campaign for our equipment truck. The truck has now been with us just a little over a year, and has traveled over 12,000 miles to 14 states. Although we did not reach our goal of \$50,000, we will be ending this Capital Campaign on December 31. We hope you will consider making one last 100% deductible donation to this fund to help us make the payments on the truck.

Attention Young Ringers

Energize your youth handbell program with an event that is sure to be the highlight of the year... and will have your ringers pawing at the door when it's time start back in the fall.

Mark your calendars for February 19, 2005! It promises to be another fun and challenging day. Michael Kastner will be our guest clinician for the Capital Area Young Ringers Festival. This event is tailored just for the young folks, complete with plenty of snacks and door prizes galore. Information and forms can be found at www.rr.org under Events and Festivals, or you may contact Ruth Brown for more information at CAYRF@rr.org or 919-676-3665. See you there!

Give It a Try

Auditions for The Raleigh Ringers 2005 ringing season will be held in January. During the audition, emphasis is placed on knowledge of handbell notation, rhythm exercises, multiple bell switching, sight-reading, form and commitment.

If you or someone you know enjoys...

- learning and performing challenging music,
- traveling near and far during weekend mini-tours and a weeklong summer tour,
- helping others learn about handbells through workshops,

...Contact David Harris at 919-847-RLRG or rringer@rr.org for more information.

Summer Tour 2004...A Journey to the Midwest

Early departures, authentic German food, family and friends, a giant sheet cake emblazoned with the RR logo, the Gateway Arch, Busch Stadium, enthusiastic audiences, Frank Lloyd Wright's Dana Thomas House, corn-corn-corn, fire alarms, Area VIII Festival, workshops... These are just a few of the things that come to mind when we remember Summer Tour 2004!

Our travels this summer took us to the Midwest where we added four new states to our "States Played In" list. Our hosts, hostesses, and roadies were some of the best we have ever encountered as they met us in the driveway when we arrived, pampered us while we were there, and helped pack the truck when it was time to leave.

Our concert stops along the way included:

- Spring Creek Church in Pewaukee, Wisconsin
- Benson Great Hall in St. Paul, Minnesota
- Full Faith Church of Love in Shawnee, Kansas
- Manchester United Methodist Church in Manchester, Missouri
- Center for the Arts in Springfield, Illinois
- Wesley United Methodist Church in Muscatine, Iowa.


Our final performance was the opening concert for the Area VIII Handbell Festival in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. We had the pleasure of performing in the beautifully renovated Paramount Theater to one of our most supportive and animated audiences ever. The Raleigh Ringers were also involved in teaching some of the classes available throughout the weekend to nearly 800 festival participants.

The Raleigh Ringers on TV

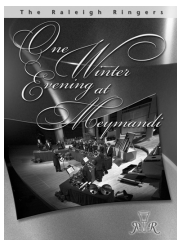
In December 2003, The Raleigh Ringers Holiday Special "One Winter Evening at Meymandi" was shown for the first time on over 250 public television stations in 44 states. This program will be available nationwide for stations to program for another nine years. We are thrilled to announce that many stations have already planned to air our program again this December! Check The Raleigh Ringer website at www.rr.org for a list of stations that will be showing our program.

Recordings

Over
30,000
sold as of
April 1,
2004



| Item | Quantity | Price | TOTAL |
|--|----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| DVD: One Winter Evening at Meymandi | | \$25.00 | |
| VHS: One Winter Evening at Meymandi | | \$25.00 | |
| CD: Boxed Set (all 3 CDs) (a savings of \$10.00) | | \$40.00 | |
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| CD: Impressions of the Season | | \$15.00 | |
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| CD: The Raleigh Ringers | | \$15.00 | |
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Upcoming Concerts

Saturday, November 13, 2004

8:00 PM Concert
Great Mills High School
Great Mills, Maryland

Sunday, November 14, 2004

3:30 PM Concert
National Presbyterian Church
Washington, DC

Saturday, December 4, 2004

7:00 PM Concert
Brock Performing Arts Center
Mocksville, North Carolina

Sunday, December 5, 2004

2:00 PM Concert
Rockingham County High School
Reidsville, North Carolina

December 18, 2004 – 7:30 PM

December 19, 2004 – 3:00 PM

Meymandi Concert Hall
Raleigh, North Carolina

Saturday, April 23, 2005

9:30 AM
Hickory Grove North Baptist Church
Concord, North Carolina

Saturday, April 23, 2005

7:30 PM
Sponsored by the Iredell Concert Assoc.

Sunday, April 24, 2005

3:00 PM
Hayworth Fine Arts Center at
High Point University
High Point, North Carolina

Saturday, May 14, 2005

7:30 PM
Stevens Center
Winston Salem, North Carolina

Sunday, May 15, 2005

2:00 PM
Kings Mountain Senior High School
Kings Mountain, North Carolina

Sunday, June 12, 2005

4:00 PM
Meymandi Concert Hall
Raleigh, North Carolina

Summer Tour June 18-26, 2005

Scheduling in progress
**June 24-26 Opening Concert for
Area V Youth/Adult Festival**
Greencastle, Indiana

November 12, 2005

Concert and Workshop
Dunwoody United Methodist Church
Dunwoody, Georgia

Note: If you are in the Midwest and are interested in hosting us during the June 2005 Summer Tour, contact Dave Harris at rringer@rr.org or call 919-847-RLRG.