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# The Raleigh Ringers

Fall  
2005

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December is just around the corner, and so are The Raleigh Ringers' Holiday Concerts! Attending these concerts is a favorite tradition of many people in the Triangle area and beyond, as evidenced by last year's record-breaking crowds! This year's concerts will include Sleigh Ride, arranged by Toshikazu Yoshida (who also arranged Fiddle-Fiddle and Waltz of the Flowers), and a Hart Morris arrangement of "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch!" We will also be performing a few selections with special guest Carolina Brass. Founded in 1997, this group has quickly become the Southeast's premiere brass group. For more information:

[www.carolinabrass.com](http://www.carolinabrass.com)



## Holiday Concerts

**Saturday, December 17th - 7:30 pm**  
**Sunday, December 18th - 3:00 pm**

Meymandi Concert Hall

Progress Energy Center for the Performing Arts  
Raleigh, North Carolina

Tickets available at the Progress Energy  
Center Box Office or Ticketmaster.

**Adults - \$14 Seniors/Students - \$12**  
**Groups (10 or more) - \$10**

All tickets \$2 more at the door

Group tickets available only in advance at the Box Office

For a Limited Time Only  
Special Ticket Offer!

See inside for information on ordering tickets  
directly from The Raleigh Ringers!  
Deadline is November 30th

## National Live Radio Performance - The Bob and Tom Show

What do you get when you crowd 7 six-foot tables, 7 octaves of handbells, 16 tie-dyed-shirt-wearing ringers, and a long-haired director into a 9' x 13' studio?

A LIVE performance by The Raleigh Ringers on the "Bob and Tom Show" ! *(The "Bob and Tom Show" is a morning radio program that features*

*comedians and musical guests, and is broadcast in over 150 markets nationwide).*

From the moment Dave Harris got word that The Raleigh Ringers were invited to join this FM morning show in Indianapolis on June 22, the name of the game was FUN. Did we ever consider not doing it for lack of space? No!

Because we'd have to trade in our scheduled day off and make a detour? No! Because we'd have to set up at their new studio before 6 AM? No!

The crew of the show was amazed as we kept bringing in cartload after cartload of equipment from our truck.

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## Friends of The Raleigh Ringers

### Director's Circle: \$1,000+

- \* BP Studios
- \* Karen & Gil Brock
- \* Allan & Ellen Dickson
- \* David & Kristina Harris
- \* Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Hollowell
- \* Barbara Kuekes
- \* Sandra Mason
- \* Richard & Elaine Mueller

### Benefactor: \$500-\$999

- \* Bayer Foundation
- \* David & Ruth Brown
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### Sustainer: \$250-\$500

- \* Albert & Mary P. Dornseif
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- \* Juan & Susan Urzaa

*\*\*Donors as of November 1st*

The Friends of The Raleigh Ringers program began in 1995, and since that time, has been instrumental in helping the group fund purchases of new equipment and manage administrative expenses.

In early October, The Raleigh Ringers purchased the upper 5th octave (G#7—C8) of Petit & Fritsen Dutch handbells. This new equipment purchase brings our total "count" to 30 octaves of handbells - 366 individual instruments! We are also still on the hunt for the upper 4th octave of Petit & Fritsen handbells.

In late October, The Raleigh Ringers purchased a 15-passenger van to transport the ringers to concerts. We are very excited to have nearly eliminated the need to rent vehicles! We are very grateful to Springmoor Retirement Center for allowing us to park both vehicles in their lots, along with their generosity in giving us space to store our ever-increasing amount of equipment!

### Donor: \$50-\$99

- \* Anonymous
- \* Nanci & Loren Burch
- \* Angela Chiatello
- \* Bill & Sandra Clark
- \* Stephen Dibble
- \* Carlton Moseley
- \* Vickie Odom
- \* Deborah Tew
- \* Howard Underwood
- \* Bob & Ellie Van Valkenburgh
- \* Chien-Hsin Wagner
- \* Barbara Windom

### Contributor: \$25-\$49

- \* Kay Auer
- \* James Bustrack
- \* Cindy Cothran
- \* Sharon Rose Donald
- \* Nancy Greer
- \* Sonja Olsen Kinard
- \* Jeanine Lueke
- \* Lisa Olson
- \* Gail Till

### Patron: \$100-\$249

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- \* Susan & Glenn Grigg
- \* Mr. & Mrs. Paul Heidepriem
- \* Anne & John Hines
- \* Sue King
- \* Bob & Mary Jo Lassiter
- \* Ann LeGarde, *in honor of The Raleigh Ringers' work with the Farmington Woods IB/PYP Magnet Elementary School Handbell Choirs*
- \* Frances McMillan
- \* John & Peggy Musselwhite
- \* Norman & Vernice Punch
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- \* Robert Sutter
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- \* Allan & Mary Anne Wenck
- \* Dick & Judy Whitehouse
- \* William & Jane Wilken



**\*\*EARLY BIRD TICKET OFFER\*\***

You may purchase tickets for The Raleigh Ringers' Holiday Concerts by completing the form below. Orders must be postmarked no later than **November 30, 2005**.

Include a check made payable to The Raleigh Ringers or complete the credit card information.  
**INCLUDE A SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE** with your order, and mail to:  
The Raleigh Ringers, 8516 Sleepy Creek Drive, Raleigh, NC 27613

\_\_\_ Saturday, December 17: 7:30 pm      \_\_\_ Sunday, December 18: 3 pm

Number of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10 Early Bird Price = \$\_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed  
Note: no additional processing fees added!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Visa, MasterCard or Discover #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: If you choose to order tickets through The Raleigh Ringers, you will receive the best available seats, and there are no refunds or exchanges. If you prefer to select exact seats, please purchase your tickets via the Box Office or Ticketmaster.

**Friends of The Raleigh Ringers - Founding Friends**

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| * Jack & Sing Boddie                                | * Mr. & Mrs. George McGregor   | * In memory of H. Hawkins Bradley  |
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| * John & Amy Gaydos                                 | * Richard & Elaine Mueller, in memory of Betty Garee   | * To the Riordan Family, in memory of Stuart H. Riordan, given by a friend |
| * David & Kristina Harris                           | * Sara Perkinson, in honor of my family & The Raleigh Ringers                                |  |
| * Doug & Connie Harris                              |  |  |
| * Theodore & Marsha Havens                          | * Linward & Beverly Shivers  | <b>Corporate Donors</b>  |
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| * Barbara & Robin Marley, in memory of Sarah Marley | * In honor of David M. Harris and his many years of dedicated service to The Raleigh Ringers | * Square D Company   |
| * In appreciation, Grace Community Church           |  | * The Children's Place   |
|   |  | * United Technologies  |

Just when you thought you had heard it all... And seen it all...  
The Raleigh Ringers have done it again! And this time, they're

## **GOING TO *EXTREMES*!**

Cover of  
Going to Extremes  
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(black & white)

*"Those of us in the handbell world have been looking for a long time for a handbell choir which transcends the growing pains we have had as performers... Now finally comes along a group, The Raleigh Ringers, who epitomize the finest in professional concert performance."* Donald E. Allured

The Raleigh Ringers have been looking, too ... for new answers to old questions: Where do the limits lie for making music with English handbells? How far can those limits be pushed?

The Raleigh Ringers are proud to announce this fourth addition to their acclaimed CD lineup:

### **GOING TO *EXTREMES***

From the creative output of fine composers comes a selection of handbell music that takes both ringer and listener in directions that once seemed forbidding, if not impossible. Indulge your sense of adventure with 78 minutes of classics old and new, the latest in handbell originals, and

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**EXTREME FANFARE** Jason Graves  
**ENTRY OF THE GLADIATORS**

*arr. William Griffin*

**PSALM 42** Karen Buckwalter

**YAKETY SAX** *arr. Kryn Krautheim*

**VISIONS** William Payn

**DUELING BANJOS** *arr. Hart Morris*

**DORIAN DANCE** Michael Joy

**LITTLE FUGUE IN G MINOR**

*arr. Michael Kastner*

**FIDDLE-FADDLE** *arr. Toshikazu Yoshida*

**TUMULT AND TRANQUILITY** Hal Hopson

**A WALK IN THE PARK** Karen Buckwalter

**FLIGHT OF THE BUMBLEBEE**

*arr. Martha Lynn Thompson*

**FAITH** Paul McKlveen

**BUGLER'S HOLIDAY** *arr. Hart Morris*

**FIREBIRD FINALE** *arr. Douglas Smith*

**MATERNA** *arr. Betty Garee*

**I LOVE ROCK 'N' ROLL**

Joan Jett & the Blackhearts

**COME SAIL AWAY** Styx

**ROCK YOU LIKE A HURRICANE** Scorpions

**FREE BIRD** Lynyrd Skynyrd

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This ongoing search has taken us to ***EXTREMES***.

We hope that your listening experience will be ***EXTREME*** as well!

To purchase, use the order form on the following page, or purchase online at [www.rr.org](http://www.rr.org)

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## RECORDINGS

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Here:

To purchase The Raleigh Ringers' CDs or DVD/VHS, use the order form below or order online at [www.rr.org](http://www.rr.org). The website also offers our other merchandise, including T-shirts, cradles, mousepads, and of course, the immensely popular tie-dyed gloves. Gloves make great holiday gifts for the ringers in your life. Order early to receive by Christmas!

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to fill most of  
this space)

Item	Amt	Price	Total
CD: <b>NEW in 2005!!! Going to Extremes</b>		\$15	
DVD: One Winter Evening at Meymandi		\$25	
VHS: One Winter Evening at Meymandi		\$25	
CD: The Raleigh Ringers		\$15	
CD: Impressions of The Season		\$15	
CD: More (double CD)		\$20	
CD: Boxed Set: (original 3 CDs) save \$10!!		\$40	
Shipping: add \$2 for each CD, \$3 for each VHS or DVD and \$5 for each Boxed Set:			
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Credit Card #:		Exp:	

To place an order, mail this page to:

**The Raleigh Ringers, 8516 Sleepy Creek Drive, Raleigh, NC 27613**

*Or order online at [www.rr.org](http://www.rr.org) or fax this page to 919-518-0974*

**The Bob and Tom Show** (continued from page 1)

Fortunately, we had taped off floor space and rehearsed in cramped quarters at Springmoor the week before tour, and all the bells and ringers fit to a "T" (well, except for a certain bass ringer who had to keep reappearing from the hallway!)

Performing on the other side of the plate-glass window that separated the small studio from hosts Tom (Bob had another gig that morning), Kristi Lee, Chick McGee, and studio guest, Tim Bedore, The Raleigh Ringers wowed their audience with *Yakety Sax*, *Dueling Banjos*, *Flight of the Bumblebee*, and more. We could tell from the emails and listener calls that our rendition of the *Chick McGee Sports Theme* was a hit, too! (Thanks to Derek Hakes of St. Luke's Methodist Church in Indianapolis, for arranging the piece for us at the last minute!)

Three hours later, the show wound down, we repacked the truck, and we hit the planned tour trail again, clutching our souvenir T-shirts and goody bags. We had been promised the gig of a lifetime, and the Bob & Tom crew certainly delivered!

Please place the  
"Stairway to Heaven"  
Photo here  
(emailed to Karen 10/27/05)

The Raleigh Ringers performing "Stairway to Heaven" on  
The Bob and Tom Show on June 22, 2005

**13th Annual  
Capital Area Young Ringers Festival**

**Clinician: Tim Waugh**

Saturday, March 4, 2006  
Edenton Street United Methodist Church  
Raleigh, North Carolina

Each year The Raleigh Ringers sponsor a handbell festival intended for younger ringers (ages 9-14). The 2006 festival begins at 9am on Saturday with the final concert at 3:45 pm. The repertoire for the festival is:

*How Beautiful* - Twyla Paris, arr. Lloyd Larsen  
*Entrata and Exuberance* - Margaret Tucker  
*LondeLirenen* - Tim Waugh  
*Processional and Bell Chime* - Margaret Tucker  
*Cadenzato* (optional bronze piece) - Tim Waugh

Registration forms are available on the Events page of [www.rr.org](http://www.rr.org). For more information, email [Education@rr.org](mailto:Education@rr.org)

### **Frosty Clark**

The Raleigh Ringers were deeply saddened by the sudden passing of our dear friend and recording engineer, Forest Clark, on August 11, just one day before the final recording session of *"Going to Extremes"*. "Frosty" was not only a huge fan of the arts, but a huge supporter of The Raleigh Ringers as well. Frosty recorded all of our CDs, local concerts, and demonstration recordings (Jeffers, Beckenhorst, etc). Since his retirement, Frosty had devoted his life to his recording gigs and work at WCPE 89.7, Raleigh's classical radio station. Frosty was an incredible person; always upbeat, supportive and compassionate, and his audiophile expertise was second to none. We will miss Frosty, but he will live on as the voice announcing The Raleigh Ringers at the beginning of all our concerts.

### **2006 Auditions**

Are you an experienced handbell ringer who wants to ring alongside 15 other "Bell-a-holics"? If so, you should audition for The Raleigh Ringers! Auditions for the 2006 season will be held in early January. If you are willing to learn and perform challenging music, travel near and far during weekend mini-tours and a week-long summer tour, help others learn about handbells through workshops, AND have a great time while doing all these things, this group is for you! See our website or contact David Harris for more information.

### **New Website Design**

In late October we unveiled a new look for [www.rr.org](http://www.rr.org), created by BP Studios, a company that has done several projects for us over the past few years, such as creating our professional marketing CD. BP Studios is an award-winning Internet and multimedia development firm that specializes in the architectural design, development, and delivery of e-business software and interactive media applications. The new website design has some great features, including a secure online sales area. We hope you will take a look!

### **Summer Tour 2006**

In June 2006 we will be returning to the Chautauqua Institution in Chautauqua, New York to play for a sacred song service (June 25) and also present our own full concert on June 26. There are still some open dates on our tour to the Northeast, which will run June 24th through July 2nd. If you are interested in hosting The Raleigh Ringers for a concert in your town, please contact David Harris at [rringer@rr.org](mailto:rringer@rr.org) or 866-717-7464.

### **Holiday Special on PBS again in 2005**

"The Raleigh Ringers: One Winter Evening at Meymandi - A Holiday Special" will be shown on American Public Television stations throughout the United States for the third year in a row!

We'd like to thank all the people who called or wrote their local stations to encourage them to program us. Check our website for a listing of stations who have notified us of the air dates & times for our program.



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### Other Upcoming Concerts

December 2, 2005  
8:00 pm Concert  
Louisburg, North Carolina  
For tickets: 866-773-6354

December 3, 2005  
7:30 pm Concert  
Morganton, North Carolina  
For tickets: 800-939-7469

December 4, 2005  
5:00 pm Concert  
Greensboro, North Carolina  
For tickets: 336-478-4711

December 17, 2005 7:30 pm  
December 18, 2005 3:00 pm  
Meymandi Concert Hall  
Raleigh, North Carolina

April 8, 2006  
Hagerstown, Maryland

April 9, 2006  
3:00 pm Concert  
Chesapeake Arts Center  
Brooklyn Park, Maryland

June 11, 2005  
4:00 pm concert  
Meymandi Concert Hall  
Raleigh, North Carolina

SUMMER TOUR:  
June 24 - July 2, 2006

June 24, 2005  
Workshop & Concert  
Euclid, Ohio

June 25, 2006  
Sacred Song Service  
Chautauqua Institution  
Chautauqua, New York

June 26, 2006  
8:00 pm Concert  
Chautauqua Institution  
Chautauqua, New York

July 1, 2006  
7:00 pm Concert  
Scottish Rite Auditorium  
Williamsport, Pennsylvania

July 2, 2006  
2:00 pm Concert  
The Whitaker Center  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

For more information on these  
concerts plus a complete listing  
of upcoming concerts, see our  
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