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The Raleigh Ringers

Fall
2006

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Holiday Concerts

Saturday, December 16th

3:00 pm

Saturday, December 16th

8:00 pm

Sunday, December 17th

3:00 pm

Meymandi Concert Hall
Progress Energy Center
for the Performing Arts
Raleigh, North Carolina

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

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

Group tickets available only in advance
at the Box Office. All tickets \$2 more at the door.

Due to selling out one of last year's holiday concerts, The Raleigh Ringers have expanded to **three** performances at Meymandi this December! This year's concerts will feature the premiere of "Wizards In Winter," another Trans-Siberian Orchestra piece arranged by Hart Morris for The Raleigh Ringers. Of course, there will also be plenty of holiday favorites, the traditional candlelit finale, and the unveiling of our newest classic rock piece.

Tickets are available at the Progress Energy Center Box Office and Ticketmaster Outlets. For a limited time, "Early Bird" tickets are available directly from The Raleigh Ringers for \$10. See the Order Form inside this newsletter to purchase tickets by **December 2nd.**



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The Raleigh Ringers has accepted an invitation from The American Guild of English Handbell Ringers to perform the closing concert for the National Seminar in Dallas, Texas on July 21, 2007. Visit www.rr.org for details on additional concerts to be presented during this Texas tour. For more information on the National Seminar, see the AGEHR website: www.agehr.org.

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- * In honor of David M. Harris and his many years of dedicated service to The Raleigh Ringers
- * In memory of H. Hawkins Bradley
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**as of November 1, 2006

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- * Georgia Hosking
- * Abbey Jones, *to Ken, for Fathers Day*
- * Jane Mosley
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The **Friends of The Raleigh Ringers** program, begun in 1995, has been instrumental throughout the years in helping us to expand our equipment collection and to continue our mission of bringing the art of handbells to the widest possible audience. We would not be where we are today without our Friends, and we are extremely grateful to everyone who has supported us over the years. The Raleigh Ringers are unique among performing arts groups in that we do not receive any support from grants, which makes our Friends even more vital to our existence.

We hope you will consider participating in our Friends program in 2007. Most donation levels include ticket benefits to our Raleigh Spring & Holiday concerts, and we save the *best* seats in the house for our Friends donors! Donations can now be made online at www.rr.org, or by mail. Thank you for your support!

**14th Annual
Capital Area Young Ringers Festival**
for ringers ages 9-14

Clinician: Tim Waugh

Saturday, March 10, 2007
Edenton Street United Methodist Church
Raleigh, North Carolina

We are pleased to welcome Tim Waugh as our festival clinician next spring. The festival will include an optional challenge piece composed by Tim.

Registration forms are available on the Events / Workshops page of www.rr.org.

Repertoire for the festival:

Follow the Star - arr. Martha Lynn Thompson (CGB 450)
Kolyada - Tim Waugh (Jeffers JHS 9196)
Proclamation - Kevin McChesney (Jeffers JHS 9044)
This is My Father's World - arr. John Carter (Agape 1841)

Optional Challenge piece:

Commissioned piece by Tim Waugh (available Nov 2006)

For more information, email Ruth Brown at Education@rr.org

Notes from Summer Tour 2006

We had a great time this past summer on our 8-city, 9-concert tour through Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York. We'd like to thank all of our hosts for their hard work and hospitality, and we'd also like to thank the over 8,000 folks who came to our concerts.

Some memories...

-returning to our performance venue from dinner in Euclid, OH and not being able to get back into the parking lot because it was full of buses of concert-goers!

-driving through wine country in western Pennsylvania/New York and taking the opportunity to stop at one of the numerous vineyards along Lake Erie.

-participating in the season's first Sacred Song Service at Chautauqua, which opened with an "in-the-round" bell tolling and choir processional while a special reading, "Souls of Chautauqua," was shared from the very first Assembly gathering in 1874. The service's final piece, an amazing organ rendition of Handel's "Largo", gave us chills.

-the stunning "flag drop" done by the amazing stage crew while we performed *The Stars & Stripes Forever* during our evening concert at Chautauqua, and the rumbling noise from the several thousand people in the audience banging on the wooden seats during the two standing ovations.

-eating wings at the Anchor Bar in Buffalo, New York (home of the original chicken wings!)

-a personal tour of Malmark by Jake Malta.

-bringing our inflatable "Stanley Cup" on stage with us during our Honeoye Falls (near Rochester, NY) concert, and its not-too-warm reception by the Buffalo Sabres fans in the sold-out audience (go Canes!)

-the gorgeous restored Stambaugh Auditorium in Youngstown, Ohio and its incredible staff that fed us and treated us like royalty.

-driving from one end of Pennsylvania to the other (not a fond memory).

-the electrical storm during our concert in Morristown, PA that played havoc with our stand lights and the Melody Wave instrument.

-negotiating some detours around flooded areas to get to our New Jersey venue, where our traveling "Stanley Cup" and rendition of *Rock You Like a Hurricane* was once again met with some light-hearted "boos"

-a wonderful lunch at the Skytop Inn in the Poconos on our way to the Scottish Rite Auditorium in Williamsport, where we were spoiled by a fantastic dinner, superb roadies, and a crowd of over 900 people.

-another enthusiastic, sold-out crowd at the Whitaker Center in Harrisburg, PA (one of our all-time favorite venues) and the thrill of performing two pieces for their composer, Karen Buckwalter.

Plans for 2007 include two shorter tours instead of one week-long summer tour. Tentatively scheduled are concerts in Texas in July and in Florida in November.

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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 or fax this page to 919-518-0974

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

You may purchase tickets for The Raleigh Ringers' Holiday Concerts by completing this form. Orders must be postmarked no later than **December 2, 2006**.

Include a check made payable to **The Raleigh Ringers** or complete the credit card information below. *(if paying by credit card, you may fax your order to 919-518-0974)*

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Please select a concert:

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Saturday, December 16: 8:00 pm

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Number of Tickets _____ x \$10 Early Bird Price = \$ _____

Note: no additional processing fees added!

Name: _____

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

PBS Specials Broadcast Nationwide

Now you can see The Raleigh Ringers in two concert specials currently broadcast on American Public Television stations throughout the United States. The first special, "The Raleigh Ringers: One Winter Evening at Meymandi, A Holiday Special" is now in its 4th year of national syndication. The second special, "The Raleigh Ringers in Concert", became available for stations to program this past July.

We have enjoyed hearing from so many people around the country who have seen one of our programs, especially those who had never before been exposed to handbells. We hope you will continue to contact your local PBS stations, not only to request our programs, but to also thank them for airing The Raleigh Ringers. We are very grateful to UNC-TV and American Public Television for giving the art of handbells such great exposure by broadcasting our specials for so many years.



2007 AUDITIONS

The Raleigh Ringers will be holding auditions for next season in early January 2007. All ringing positions are open, which means even current members are required to go through the process again. Details can be found on our website www.rr.org; click on "About Us" and then "Auditions".

If you love performing challenging music in front of huge, appreciative audiences around the country (without having to quit your day job!), then consider auditioning for The Raleigh Ringers. Contact David Harris for more information.

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The Best of Our State

The Raleigh Ringers will be presenting a concert on Friday, January 5th as part of *Our State* magazine's "Best of Our State" winter weekend. This celebration of North Carolina music, history, storytelling, food, art & humor, will take place at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville. We are very honored to have been selected for this prestigious bi-annual event.



Beginning Ringers Workshop

Thank you, Greig Ashurst, for flying in from Louisiana to lead the 2006 Beginning Ringers Workshop in October! Around 100 children and over 50 adults (some who had never even touched a handbell before) spent several hours on a Saturday learning enough basic ringing skills to be able to end the session by performing a complete composition. The tentative date for next year's workshop is Saturday, October 13th.

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Other Upcoming Concerts & Events

December 1, 2006
8:00 pm Concert
Dunn Center
Rocky Mount, North Carolina

December 2, 2006
3:00 pm Concert
7:30 pm Concert
JE Broyhill Civic Center
Lenoir, North Carolina

December 3, 2006
3:00 pm Concert
Carolina Theatre
Greensboro, North Carolina

January 5, 2007
8:30 pm Concert
Grove Park Inn
Asheville, North Carolina
"Best of Our State" Weekend
SOLD OUT

March 10, 2007
Capital Area Young Ringers
Festival
Tim Waugh, Clinician
Raleigh, North Carolina

April 14, 2007
7:30 pm Concert
Stevens Center of the
NC School of the Arts
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

April 15, 2007
4:00 pm Concert
Keihin Auditorium
Edgecombe Community College
Tarboro, North Carolina

May 5, 2007
7:30 pm Concert
Skidaway Island Presbyrerian
Savannah, Georgia

May 6, 2007
Covenant Presbyterian Church
Augusta, Georgia

June 9, 2007
7:30 pm Concert
Meymandi Concert Hall
Raleigh, North Carolina

Saturday, July 21, 2007
National Seminar
Dallas, Texas

October 13, 2007 (tentative)
Beginning Ringers Workshop
Raleigh, North Carolina

November 3, 2007
Capital Area Handbell Festival
Hart Morris, Clinician
Raleigh, North Carolina

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