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The Raleigh Ringers

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2008

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Holiday Concerts

Meymandi Concert Hall
Raleigh, North Carolina

Saturday, December 20th
3:00 pm & 7:30 pm

Sunday, December 21st
3:00 pm



Progress Energy

Center for the Performing Arts

Tickets are available at all Ticketmaster Outlets and the Progress Energy Center Box Office.

Adults - \$18, Seniors - \$16
Groups (10 or more) - \$14
Students - \$14

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

Special Offer! Early Bird Tickets are available directly from The Raleigh Ringers for a limited time. See order form inside.

What a Difference a Year Can Make!

Flash back to September, 2007: The Raleigh Ringers takes a brave leap of faith with the signing of deed and mortgage documents. There's no turning back—we own a building! Now, how do we make it a cool, efficient space for rehearsals, business, community outreach, and more?

First, we embark on the "Opening New Doors" campaign to help fund this amazing endeavor. We marvel at the generosity of our many friends the first year—more than \$86,000 toward our \$150,000 goal! In response, we commission the building of a one-of-a-kind VIP wall unit to honor and thank our Diamond, Gold, Silver and Bronze donors. This donor wall becomes the highlight of our building's main reception room. Want to see your name engraved on a brick, too? It's not too late to donate. Diamond, Gold, and Silver pledges may even be spread over four years! Check out www.rr.org for more details.

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New Commissions

One of the most important tenets of The Raleigh Ringers' mission statement reads:

Encouraging handbell composers and arrangers to create works for advanced handbell choirs through commissions and other means.

2007 and 2008 have certainly been banner years in that regard, with the delivery of eight new commissions from four very talented composers.

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**20th Annual
Capital Area
Handbell Festival**

November 15, 2008
Kerr Scott Building,
NC State Fairgrounds
Raleigh, North Carolina

Clinician: Karen Buckwalter

**CAPITAL AREA HANDBELL
FESTIVAL CONFERENCE**



RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

Join us at 4:00pm for the final massed concert featuring all the choirs under the direction of Karen Buckwalter. The concert is free.

More information about the festival can be found on the Capital Area Handbell Festival website:

www.paulmcklveen.com/CAHFC/

The 21st Annual Capital Area Handbell Festival will be held on November 6-7, 2009.

Guest clinician will be
Dr. William Payn.

Did you Know?

The Raleigh Ringers has presented concerts in all but 16 of the United States! We now have a four-foot US map in our building with pins marking every city where we have performed. We would love to fill in some of our "blank" states: Washington State, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, Mississippi, Alabama, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Hawaii and Alaska.

2009 Auditions

The Raleigh Ringers will be holding auditions for next season in early January 2009. All ringing positions are open, which means even current members are required to go through the process. 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.

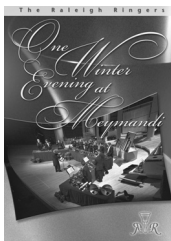
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David M. Harris, Director
8516 Sleepy Creek Drive
Raleigh, NC 27613
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Outreach Program

The Raleigh Ringers has joined with Raleigh's Community Music School (CMS) to offer a handbell/chime choir experience to selected students (ages 6 to 13) of the CMS. The Raleigh Ringers provides the equipment, music, gloves and instructors free of charge. The choir meets twice a month from September through May under the direction of Ruth Brown and other members of The Raleigh Ringers. The children are being taught ringing techniques, handbell music reading skills, and how to play in an ensemble. The group will be attending the 2009 Capital Area Young Ringers Festival and has several performances scheduled in the coming months.

More information on the Community Music School can be found at www.cmsraleigh.org

RECORDINGS



Item	Amt	Price	Total
CD: <i>Going to Extremes</i>		\$15	
DVD: <i>One Winter Evening at Meymandi</i>		\$25	
VHS: <i>One Winter Evening at Meymandi</i>		\$25	
CD: <i>The Raleigh Ringers</i> *		\$15	
CD: <i>Impressions of The Season</i> *		\$15	
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To place an order, mail to:

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

You may also fax this form to: 919-847-7574 or order online at www.rr.org

Friends of The Raleigh Ringers

Director's Circle: \$1000+

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As of October 1, 2008

The Friends of The Raleigh Ringers program began in 1995 and since that time has been instrumental in helping The Raleigh Ringers purchase equipment and fund commissions. Donors to this annual program receive complimentary tickets in prime seating areas for the spring & holiday concerts at Meymandi Concert Hall.

Friends of The Raleigh Ringers - Founding Friends

Anonymous	Richard & Elaine Mueller, <i>in memory of Betty Garee</i>
Jack & Sing Boddie	Sara Perkinson, <i>in honor of my family & The Raleigh Ringers</i>
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Doug & Connie Harris	In appreciation, Grace Community Church
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Barbara & Robin Marley, <i>in memory of Bob & Sarah Marley</i>	
Cindy Massey, <i>in memory of my Beatsy</i>	
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David Metz	

New Commissions

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When Director David Harris attended the premiere of *Heart Melodies*, Dr. William Payn's original work for handbells and orchestra, he was so taken with the first movement that he consequently asked Dr. Payn to arrange it for bells alone for The Raleigh Ringers. Little did we know when we received *Yearning* this spring that Dr. Payn had left no stone unturned in his arrangement. Before *Yearning*, our most bell-intensive piece used 90 bells — this one stretched our table space to the limits, requiring the use of a whopping 190 bells and handchimes!

In 2008, a newcomer joined the ranks of composers from whom The Raleigh Ringers has commissioned music: Jason Krug. Having recorded his works for Beckenhurst Press demos, we decided that his style would be a great fit with our programming. Jason's *Jingle Bells*, a romp through variations on the popular holiday tune, will definitely add a fun element to this year's holiday concert offerings.

We are always pleased to receive commissioned works that qualify for inclusion in The Raleigh Ringers Series, pieces published by Jeffers Handbell Supply to highlight original compositions and arrangements suitable for performance by advanced choirs. Cathy Moglebust's *O Little Town of Bethlehem* is one such work received in 2007, and it shares honors with her three other exquisite contributions to The Raleigh Ringers Series, *Barnum & Bailey's Favorite*, *Greensleeves* and *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*.

Hart Morris is undoubtedly one of the most prolific contributors to The Raleigh Ringers' music library. Not only has he added the third Vince Guaraldi tune, *Skating*, to last year's *Christmas Time Is Here* and the classic *Linus and Lucy* (1993), but he has indulged our appetite for more Trans-Siberian Orchestra arrangements, as well. Now, in addition to favorites *Christmas Eve (Sarajevo 12/24)* and *Wizards in Winter*, we look forward to programming *An Angel Came Down*, *Boughs of Holly*, and *Good King Joy* this year, and in years to come.

Read & Ring for Advanced Ringers

Sunday, November 16, 2008
1:00 - 5:00 pm
Raleigh, North Carolina

Here's your chance to ring advanced handbell literature using The Raleigh Ringers' equipment, in their new building, under the direction of David Harris. If you've ever thought about auditioning for The Raleigh Ringers or if you just love to sight-read challenging music, this is for you! Many ringers have moved to Raleigh to become members of The Raleigh Ringers, and this is the perfect opportunity to see if you have what it takes before making that leap.

Registration forms are available on our website at www.rr.org.

Attention Composers!

If you have a new or unpublished composition for advanced handbell choirs that you would like considered for The Raleigh Ringers' workshop, "Read & Ring for Advanced Ringers", please send 18 copies of your piece to:

David Harris, Director
8516 Sleepy Creek Drive
Raleigh, NC 27613

Deadline for submission:
November 8th

Newsletters

Our printed newsletter is mailed out twice per year, and sometimes concert dates and times can change between those mailings. The best way to stay up-to-date with The Raleigh Ringers is to subscribe to our email newsletter. Special announcements are sent via email as well. Just go to www.rr.org and click on e-newsletter signup. The Raleigh Ringers also has a Facebook "fan page" with recent photos and current events posted.

Donation Opportunities

The Raleigh Ringers are listed in the Additional Giving Options of the Triangle United Way website, and can also receive designated donations through any United Way Agency in the United States.



The Raleigh Ringers are part of the 2008 State Employees Combined Campaign, a workplace-based donation program for North Carolina State employees.



The Raleigh Ringers has been selected to appear in the 2008-2010 North Carolina Touring Artist Directory.

14th Annual

Capital Area Young Ringers Festival

February 28, 2009
Resurrection Lutheran Church
100 W Lochmere Dr
Cary, North Carolina

Clinician: Greig Ashurst

Repertoire:

- Cantad al Senor - arr. Susan Geschke
- Fanfare Festiva - Barbara Werner
- Second Suite for Handbells (2nd movement) - Michael Helman
- Simple Gifts - arr. Lloyd Larsen
- Dry Bones - arr. Hart Morris

Registration forms are available on the workshops page of our website, www.rr.org



HOLIDAY CONCERT TICKET OFFER

Complete this form to order tickets for The Raleigh Ringers' Holiday Concerts. Orders must be postmarked no later than **November 28th**

Include a check made payable to **The Raleigh Ringers**
or complete the credit card information below.

**INCLUDE A SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED BUSINESS SIZE
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The Raleigh Ringers, 8516 Sleepy Creek Drive, Raleigh, NC 27613

Please select a concert:

Saturday, December 20th: ___ 3:00 pm ___ 7:30 pm

Sunday, December 21st: ___ 3:00 pm

Number of Tickets _____ x \$14 = \$ _____

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\$1 will be added for postage & envelope if you fax your order to 919-518-0974

NOTE: All seats are reserved, but if you prefer to select exact seats, please purchase your tickets via the Progress Energy Center Box Office or Ticketmaster. If you choose to order tickets through The Raleigh Ringers, there are no refunds or exchanges. *Your tickets will be mailed to you in early December.*

Upcoming Concerts

November 8, 2008

7:30 pm Concert
College of the Albemarle
Elizabeth City, North Carolina

November 9, 2008

3:00 pm Concert
Virginia Beach United Methodist
Virginia Beach, Virginia

December 6, 2008

7:30pm Concert
Glema Center for the Arts
Madisonville Community College
Madisonville, Kentucky

December 7, 2008

2:00 pm Concert
First Presbyterian Church
Nashville, Tennessee

December 20, 2008

3:00 pm & 7:30 pm Concert

December 21, 2008

3:00 pm Concert
Meymandi Concert Hall
Raleigh, North Carolina

April 18, 2008

Seaside United Methodist Church
Sunset Beach, North Carolina

April 19, 2008

Garber United Methodist Church
New Bern, North Carolina

May 2, 2009

Peachtree City United Methodist
Peachtree City, Georgia

May 3, 2008

Charlotte area, North Carolina

June 7, 2009

Meymandi Concert Hall
Raleigh, North Carolina

Late June 2009

Featured Concert
AGEHR Area II Festival
Scranton, Pennsylvania

September 11, 2009

Dunn Center
Rocky Mount, North Carolina

September 12, 2009

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
Columbia, South Carolina

November 12-15, 2009

Florida Tour: Lakeland, Gainesville,
Bonita Springs

December 5, 2009

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Late June 2010

Featured Concert
AGEHR Area VIII
Topeka, Kansas

www.rr.org

Touring News

The Raleigh Ringers announce with pleasure very special plans to join the Madisonville Community College Chorus in Madisonville, Kentucky, on December 6 as part of that institution's annual Christmas Concert. This unique performing opportunity will mark only the second time that The Raleigh Ringers have performed in tandem with a choral group.

The Raleigh Ringers' portion of the concert will follow a number of choral selections, and the grand finale will feature both groups in combined performance of several holiday selections.

On the following day, December 7, The Raleigh Ringers will round out the weekend with a 2:00 pm concert at First Presbyterian Church in Nashville, Tennessee before heading home to Raleigh to prepare for the annual holiday concerts at Meymandi Concert Hall.

What a Difference a Year Can Make!

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Then we get down to the business of transforming the blank canvas of concrete and drywall into our “home.” But before we can move operations from Springmoor, our long-time host, we have the following To-Do List:

- *Remove one of the back windows and replace with a large roll-up garage door for ease in loading/unloading
- *Install a security system
- *Install black-out tint on all exterior doors and plantation blinds on all windows
- *Install a 10'-wide vinyl tile floor across the back and matching carpet in the remainder of the space
- *Enlist an army of friends to help move all of our “stuff!”

Mission accomplished, and we move in record time for October rehearsals. But what's that racket? It's the HVAC unit, roaring over our heads in heat-pump fashion. Out it goes! (Not completely—just relocated from the back room to over the dropped ceiling in the front room, with the finished wall extended to the roof between the two areas. A huge project, but problem solved!)

Now it's time to spice up the decor a notch, to take it from utilitarian to as close to dream-come-true as we can. First, we need comfortable seating, for us and for visitors. Thirty matching chairs do the trick. (Back home go the assorted personal lawn chairs!) And what rehearsal space would be complete without kitchen facilities? More renovation ensues, thanks to timely bargains from a local cabinet shop, and the result is beautiful: not only do we gain a fully-functioning corner kitchen, but we're able to install cabinets in the bathroom and a desk in the office, as well!

We decide we need some color. We paint the front room several shades of blue to match the carpet and to show off the VIP unit to its best advantage. We paint a couple of the office walls that same blue. We paint the bathroom. We paint an 8' X 20' (yes!) dark blue script logo on the wall behind the rehearsal tables. Last, but not least, we install six large tie-dyed sound panels around the rehearsal room. The building's getting there!

We give it a name: Raleigh Ringers Central (RRC, for short). We buy a bit more furniture: an eight-foot-long mahogany conference table, a couple of side tables, and some lamps. But the best is yet to come, a very generous donation of IBM's surplus equipment: horizontal file cabinets for the music library, executive conference chairs, reception chairs, a kitchen table, tables that line the back wall to hold equipment cases, wardrobe cabinets, rolling storage trunks, credenzas, art—all we want and need, plus some!

Now it's September, 2008: time for an Open House. We attend to every detail, framing and hanging pictures that have long needed a home, displaying plaques chronicling AGEHR performances and RR Series commissions, and poking pins in maps to show every city in every state we've visited. We invite one and all to share our space, our accomplishments, our passion. We're so proud!

A lot can happen in a year. We can't wait to see what the next one will bring!

“Opening New Doors” Capital Campaign Donors

Diamond - \$20,000 **Malmark, Inc.**

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(payable over four years)

One private concert for sponsor *plus*
6”x12” engraved brick on RR VIP Wall

Gold - \$5,000+

(payable over four years)

4.5”x9” engraved brick on RR VIP Wall

Silver - \$1,000+

(payable over four years)

3”x6” engraved brick on RR VIP Wall

Bronze - \$500+

Engraved listing on RR VIP Wall

Donor – up to \$499

All contributors will have their names listed
on The Raleigh Ringers' website

Diamond-, Gold-, Silver- and Bronze-Level Contributors

will also have their names displayed by level at The Raleigh Ringers' Meymandi concerts and in The Raleigh Ringers' concert programs through December 2010

Open House

The Raleigh Ringers held an Open House at our new building, "Raleigh Ringers Central" (RRC) on Sunday, September 28th, almost exactly one year from the date we purchased it! The turnout was great and we enjoyed chatting with everyone that came by to see our new home.

We'd like to thank photographer Mark McCoy for the great pictures of the event. (markmccoy.com)

Photos of the Open House can be viewed on The Raleigh Ringers' Facebook page. You do not have to have a Facebook account to view the pictures; just type the entire following link into your web browser:

www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=62547&id=8101004253



Yes, I would like to help The Raleigh Ringers "Open New Doors" with my tax-deductible donation in the amount of:

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