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The Raleigh Ringers

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20th Annual Holiday Concert

Special Guest:
The Sanderson Sandpipers

Meymandi Concert Hall - Raleigh, NC

Saturday, December 19
3:00 pm & 7:30 pm

Sunday, December 20
3:00 pm



Progress Energy

Center for the Performing Arts

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

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

"Early Bird" tickets are available through November 30th. See order form inside.

The holiday concerts have become a favorite tradition for many families in the triangle and beyond, with over 4,000 people attending the three concerts. This year, the concerts will include selections performed by The Raleigh Ringers and special guest, the Sanderson Sandpipers. The Sandpipers is an auditioned mixed choral group of talented singers from Sanderson High School in Raleigh. Get your tickets now - the holiday concerts have sold out in past years.

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

This project is funded in part by the City of Raleigh based on recommendations of the Raleigh Arts Commission.



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COMMISSION

Pinnacle Returns!

"Pinnacle," the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers' signature event for performing handbell ensembles, has been brought back by popular demand and is scheduled to run from July 18 to July 21, 2010, in Nashville, Tennessee. The Raleigh Ringers are thrilled to accept an invitation to present the final concert of the event, to be held on the evening of Wednesday, July 21, on the General Jackson Showboat. Although this will be the third time The Raleigh Ringers will perform a "Pinnacle" headline concert, it will definitely be the first time on a floating venue! The concert is open to the general public, as well as event attendees, so come join us!

Who Are The Raleigh Ringers?

As we come to the end of another performance year, thoughts turn to upcoming auditions. 70+ ringers have donned the “clonewear” designating them as a member in the 20 years since The Raleigh Ringers formed. Each and every one of those 70+ ringers left his or her mark on the group in some fashion, and The Raleigh Ringers would not be where it is today without the commitment, sacrifice and hard work of every past and present member.

Who really are The Raleigh Ringers? Their stories have, for the most part, remained untold to our audiences.

We are people who have rung handbells for over 35 years and people who have rung fewer than 10 and everything in between.

We are people who moved here to audition for the group and people who have lived in Raleigh all our lives.

We are professional musicians, amateur musicians, and “handbell only” musicians.

We are people who came to the group knowing every advanced technique that exists and people who had never handled more than two bells and their accidents.

We are lawyers, teachers, scientists, accountants, engineers, artists, nurses, homemakers, computer programmers, and students.

We are people who love to ring handbells and bring the joy of this wonderful art to audiences around the country.

We are the people who ring beside you in your bell choir, the people you direct, and the people who direct you.

We are YOU.

So what are you waiting for? Take a chance and AUDITION!

Education Program

Now that The Raleigh Ringers own a building, we repeatedly ask ourselves: "How can we more fully utilize our wonderful facility and emphasize community outreach?"

The answer? Let's hold classes at Raleigh Ringers Central!

Our plan is to offer educational workshops on a variety of topics at various times during the day or evening, depending on desired content and teacher availability.

We'd like YOUR help with this project! What classes would be of interest to you or your ringers? Which days and times would be most convenient for you?

All suggestions are welcome; just email them to RR.Survey@rr.org. We look forward to sharing our knowledge (and building!) with you!

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	
CD: <i>More (double CD)</i> *		\$20	
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To place an order, mail to:

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You may also fax this form to: 866-914-7578 or order online at www.rr.org

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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 and holiday concerts at Meymandi Concert Hall. For more information on the Friends program, email rrmgdir@nc.rr.com or go to the "Supporters" page of www.rr.org

Happy Anniversary!

Well, almost -- Our 20th year is fast approaching!

We are excited to announce that plans to celebrate this miles will include presenting the 2010 Spring Concert on May 23 (time tbd) in our favorite retro venue, Stewart Theatre on the campus of NC State University. At this event, "Friends of The Raleigh Ringers" will enjoy not only complimentary tickets and preferred seating, but also a 20th Anniversary Gala in honor of our "Friends," "Opening New Doors" building campaign donors, and members of The Raleigh Ringers, past and present.

Save the date now, and make plans to join us as we celebrate 20 great years of ringing!

Have a favorite piece from the past 20 years? Send an email to RR.Survey@rr.org and you just might get to hear it next year!

Capital Area Young Ringers Festival

Saturday, February 27, 2010
Resurrection Lutheran Church
Cary, North Carolina

Clinician: Ed Tompkins

*Third Suite for Handbells,
Movements 1 & 2
(Processional & Aria)*
Michael Helman, AGEHR AG23027

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Bill Ingram, Composers Music
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A Grand Celebration
Derek Hakes, AGEHR AG 35271

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Arr. Carlos Rivera-Aponte,
From the Top 20221

Registration forms are available on
The Raleigh Ringers' website
www.rr.org.

Donation Opportunities

The Raleigh Ringers is 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. Designation Code is 4505.



Triangle United Way

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



iGive.com—it's free, it's easy, and every purchase you make generates a donation to The Raleigh Ringers! Shop online at any of the 700+ stores in the iGive network and The Raleigh Ringers will receive a check for up to 26% of each purchase! Just go to <http://www.iGive.com/RaleighRingers>, join free, and designate The Raleigh Ringers as your cause.

New Music

Two newly commissioned pieces joined the ranks of "The Raleigh Ringers Series" (published by Jeffers Handbell Supply) in 2009. "Tarantella," a lively arrangement by Martha Lynn Thompson of the traditional Italian folk dance, incorporates melodic lines rung on Silver Melody Bells and Whitechapel bells throughout the piece for added texture.

"Toccatà Allegro," by Mallory Ferraro, Julie Turner and Jefferey A. Hall, was commissioned as the direct result of Dave Harris having been favorably impressed with several of Hall's works (which The Raleigh Ringers recorded for handbell demonstration CDs.) The following quote from Julie Turner describes how this catchy tune came to be:

"I composed the melodies and framework for the various sections of the piece, and then Jeff worked his magic by incorporating additional color, texture, tension, excitement and brilliance. Here's the twist, however: prior to introducing it to Jeff, my 16-year old daughter Mallory heard me working on the piece and became intrigued by it. Soon, Mallory was adding HER touch to the piece (a first!), which made it even more exciting to forward to Jeff for his reaction & input!"

Both of these new compositions have been very well received in concert this year, and we look forward to programming them again in the future!

The Raleigh Ringers

HOLIDAY CONCERT TICKET OFFER

Complete this form to order tickets for The Raleigh Ringers' Holiday Concerts.
Orders must be postmarked no later than **November 30th**.

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

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WITH YOUR ORDER, and mail to:

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Or fax the order to 866-914-7578. Faxed forms **must** include credit card information and e-mail address, and will be charged an additional \$1 per order for envelope and postage.

Please select a concert:

Saturday, December 19th _____ 3:00 pm _____ 7:30 pm

Sunday, December 20th _____ 3:00 pm

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

Name: _____

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(Visa, MasterCard or Discover)

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.

Upcoming Concerts

November 12, 2009

7:30 pm Concert
The Village Church
Fort Myers, Florida

November 13, 2009

7:30 pm Concert
First Presbyterian Church
Bonita Springs, Florida

November 14, 2009

7:30 pm Concert
First Presbyterian Church
Gainesville, Florida

November 15, 2009

2:30 pm Concert
The Lakeland Center
Lakeland, Florida

December 5, 2009

7:30 pm Concert
Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

December 6, 2009

7:30 pm Concert
Leffler Chapel & Performance Center
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Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania

Holiday Concerts

December 19, 2009

3:00 & 7:30 pm Concerts

December 20, 2009

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

April 17, 2010

PraisRing Festival
Hickory Grove Baptist Church
Concord, North Carolina

April 18, 2010

2:30 pm Concert
Smoky Mountain Center for the
Performing Arts
Franklin, North Carolina

May 1, 2010

Trinity Lutheran Church
Joppa, Maryland

June 19, 2010

Huntsville, Alabama

June 20, 2010

First United Methodist Church
Gulfport, Mississippi

June 21, 2010

First Baptist Church
Calhoun, Louisiana

June 22, 2010

Custer Road United Methodist
Church
Plano, Texas

June 23, 2010

The Orpheum Theatre
Wichita, Kansas

June 25, 2010

AGEHR Area VIII Featured Concert
Grace Cathedral
Topeka, Kansas

July 21, 2010

Pinnacle
Nashville, Tennessee

August 28, 2010

7:30 pm Concert
Roswell United Methodist Church
Roswell, Georgia

August 29, 2010

Lincolnton, North Carolina

September 12, 2010

Salisbury, North Carolina

November 13, 2010

Boone United Methodist Church
Boone, North Carolina

November 14, 2010

The Lincoln Theatre
Marion, Virginia

For the most current information
about our upcoming concerts,
festivals, and workshops, please visit
our website: **www.rr.org**

Remembering David R. Davidson 1948-2009

His arm slides around my shoulder and gives a wonderful side-hug, and he says, "It's so good to see you here." That's my favorite memory of David Davidson.

On Saturday, September 5th, David lost his two-year battle with cancer. David was an Honorary Life Member in AGEHR, active in the guild for over 20 years.; he was maestro extraordinaire at Distinctly Bronze and other events. His presence will be greatly missed and forever honored. Additionally, David directed the Dallas Symphony Chorus and served as Director of Music and Arts at Highland Park United Methodist Church in Dallas, TX.

David's leadership both from the podium and in the life he lived was inspirational. With wisdom, vision, and unflappable calm, he made the music soar under his direction. He often spoke of "the musical line" and had a way of pulling out that voice and making the emotion of a piece speak to the musician. His smile and laughter were infectious and will remain in the memories of those who were privileged to know him.

The Raleigh Ringers were honored to have been hosted by David twice—in 2004 at Highland Park Presbyterian Church, and in 2007 at Highland Park United Methodist Church. David also provided several private workshops for us when he was in Raleigh. Always professional and very complimentary, David encouraged us to grow musically and shared our enthusiasm for our art.

Our director, Dave Harris, was able to attend the funeral service for David Davidson in Dallas. The service was a glorious celebration of the life of an incredible musician and person, and was highlighted by orchestral and choral presentations of music by Handel, Brahms and Mendelssohn.

I will forever remember those encouraging words David spoke to me, and will do my best to live up the expectations I believe he had for us all. On behalf of The Raleigh Ringers, our sympathies are extended to David's wife, Judy, to his children Chris and Jena, and to his mother, siblings, and grandchildren. His memory remains with us and we will be forever grateful for having known him. And in his memory, I give this poem:

The heavenly choir rejoices as David leads them in song,
And the bells peal in mourning all the day long.
Your smile, your laughter, your true joy for life,
The strength of your will, and the love for your wife.

Great power you showed in the battle well fought,
So much we have learned from all that you taught.
These treasures you left for us to discern,
And to pass on to others for love in return.

Prayers for your family both near and far,
Look up to your glorious heaven-bound star,
For there's where we find it, and knew all along,
In you was the spirit—the great maestro of song.

— Lisa Phillips

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Bronze - \$500+

Engraved listing on RR VIP Wall

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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

Summer Tour 2010

The Raleigh Ringers will be traveling to Topeka, Kansas next summer to present the featured concert and teach classes at the AGEHR Area VIII Festival. We had a wonderful time at the Area VIII festival in 2004 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and are excited to return. We will be taking a bit of a circuitous route to Kansas on the week-long tour that leads up to the festival. After leaving Raleigh, we will be presenting a concert in Huntsville, Alabama, followed by concerts in Gulfport, Mississippi, Calhoun, Louisiana, Plano, Texas and finally Wichita, Kansas before we cruise into Topeka. This tour will add two brand-new states to our list of states we've performed in, bringing the total to 36!!

We'd like to thank all of the "Opening New Doors" donors who have so generously supported our capital campaign. We have raised almost \$90,000 towards our goal of \$150,000. But we still have a long way to go to reach the goal and pay for our building.

We have extended the campaign one more year, through December 2010, and have expanded it to include pledges payable by monthly installments. We hope you will consider making a donation or pledge in 2010 to the "Opening New Doors" campaign in celebration of The Raleigh Ringers' 20th anniversary.

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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