

Notes
From

The Raleigh Ringers

Spring
2005

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Summer Tour 2005

Saturday, June 18th
7:30 pm Concert
**Glenshaw,
Pennsylvania**

Sunday, June 19th
7:00 pm Concert
Greenville, Ohio

Monday, June 20th
7:30 pm Concert
Lexington, Kentucky

Tuesday, June 21st
7:00 pm Concert
Indianapolis, Indiana

Wednesday, June 22nd
7:00 pm Concert
Barrington, Illinois

Thursday, June 23rd
7:30 pm Concert
**Grand Rapids,
Michigan**

Friday, June 24th
8:00 pm Concert
AGEHR Area V
Summer Adult/Youth
Festival
Greencastle, Indiana

The Raleigh Ringers will also be teaching classes on Saturday June 25 and Sunday June 26 at the AGEHR Area V Festival.

Spring Concert

Sunday, June 12th - 4:00 pm

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

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Tickets available at the BTI Center
Box Office or Ticketmaster.

Adults - \$12

Seniors/Students - \$10

Groups (10 or more) - \$8

All tickets \$2 more at the door.

*Group tickets available only in advance
at the Box Office*

Special Ticket Offer!

See page 2 for information on
ordering tickets directly from
The Raleigh Ringers!

Demonstration Recordings

Publishers of handbell music often create "Demonstration recordings" to provide an opportunity for handbell directors to listen to new music before deciding what to purchase. For over ten years, The Raleigh Ringers have recorded many of the pieces on the Jeffers Handbell Supply's demonstration recordings. This spring, we were thrilled when

Beckenhorst asked if we would be interested in recording pieces for their demonstration recordings also! In April we recorded our first set of pieces for Beckenhorst. We are very-grateful to Jeffers Handbell Supply and Beckenhorst for the opportunity to do this work for them.

Friends of The Raleigh Ringers

Director's Circle: \$1,000+

- * BP Studios
- * Allan & Ellen Dickson
- * David & Kristina Harris
- * Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Hollowell
- * Barbara Kuekes
- * Sandra Mason

Benefactor: \$500-\$999

- * Bayer Foundation
- * Karen & Gil Brock
- * David & Ruth Brown
- * Emily & Byron Williams

Sustainer: \$250-\$500

- * John & Amy Gaydos
- * Harold & Lois Lauffenburger
- * Juan & Susan Urzaa

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.

In early May, The Raleigh Ringers purchased an unusual two octave set of handbells produced by the J.C. Deagan company. These bells are made of brass and are pear-shaped, and it is believed that they were cast sometime in the 1950's. This new equipment purchase brings our total "count" of individual bells to 361!

The Raleigh Ringers would like to thank all the people who have supported the Friends program over the years. Most of the levels receive local ticket benefits, so there's no easier way to get priority tickets to The Raleigh Ringers' local Spring & Holiday concerts than to join the Friends program. Donate \$100 or more before **June 1, 2005** and your ticket benefits will begin with the Spring concert at Meymandi Concert Hall on June 12th.

Donor: \$50-\$99

- * Angela Chiatello
- * Advanced Therapy/Brian Conly
- * Anonymous
- * Bill & Sandra Clark
- * Steve Dibble
- * Vickie Odom
- * Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Ritter, in honor of our daughter, Rosemary Kelly
- * Deborah Tew
- * Howard Underwood
- * Bob & Ellie Van Valkenburgh
- * Chien-Hsin Wagner
- * Allan Wenck
- * Barbara Windom

Contributor: \$25-\$49

- * James Bustrack
- * Cindy Cothran
- * Sharon Rose Donnald
- * Sonja Olsen Kinard
- * Jeanine Lueke
- * Lisa Olson
- * Gail Till

Patron: \$100-\$249

- * Doug Amaxopulos
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- * Frances Council
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- * Dana Rees Folley
- * Mark & Judy Gourley
- * Diane S. Grant, in memory of BC & Elizabeth
- * Glenn & Susan 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
- * Carl Loutzenheiser
- * Frances McMillan
- * John & Peggy Musselwhite
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- * John & Sue Stevenson
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- * Dick & Judy Whitehouse
- * William & Jane Wilken

***Current as of May 1, 2005*

****SPECIAL LIMITED TIME OFFER****

You may purchase tickets for The Raleigh Ringers Spring Concert by completing the form below. Orders must be postmarked no later than **May 31, 2005**.

Include a check made payable to The Raleigh Ringers or complete the credit card information. If mailing, **INCLUDE A SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE** with your order, and mail to: The Raleigh Ringers, 8516 Sleepy Creek Drive, Raleigh, NC 27613
You may also fax this form with credit card information to (919) 518-0974

Number of Tickets _____ x \$8 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 BTI Center 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
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memory of Betty Garee | * To the Riordan Family, in
memory of Stuart H.
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| * David & Kristina Harris | * Sara Perkinson, in honor of
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| * Doug & Connie Harris | * Linward & Beverly Shivers | Corporate Donors |
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my Beatsy | * In honor of David M. Harris
and his many years of
dedicated service to The
Raleigh Ringers | * Square D Company |
| * Barbara & Robin Marley, in
memory of Sarah Marley | | * The Children's Place |
| * In appreciation, Grace
Community Church | | * United Technologies |

**17th Annual Capital Area Handbell Festival
November 6, 2005
Raleigh, North Carolina
Clinician: Arnold Sherman**



The repertoire consists of the following pieces:

Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella - arr. Raney & Sherman
Ding Dong! Merrily on High - arr. Lloyd Larson
The First Noel - arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
A Jubilant Song — Judy Phillips
Thy Dwelling Place — Douglas Floyd Smith

Optional Work for Advanced Choirs:
Fantasy #1 in F Minor - Arnold Sherman

This year's festival will be held in the Kerr Scott Building on the North Carolina State Fairgrounds while the Raleigh Convention Center undergoes renovation and expansion. Registration forms and complete information is available on the Capital Area Handbell Festival website:
www.webcom.com/mcklveen/cahfc

**Beginning Ringers Workshop
Saturday, October 1, 2005**



Location TBD
Raleigh, North Carolina

This workshop is designed for people who have rung handbells less than one year. A morning session will be held for youth and an afternoon session for adults. More information will be available in early summer, so watch our Events page at www.rr.org. If you'd like to be put on the mailing list to receive a brochure, please email rradmin@nc.rr.com or call 866-717-7464.

Capital Campaign Ends

The Raleigh Ringers' first Capital Campaign began in June 2003, for the purpose of raising funds to purchase a 20-foot box truck to transport our ever-growing collection of equipment and supplies. Thanks to the generosity of so many people, we raised over \$12,000 towards the goal of \$50,000! Although we did not reach the campaign's goal, we were able to pay off the loan on the truck in February 2005. We truly appreciate all the people who generously donated to the campaign to purchase the truck - we couldn't have done it without you! For a complete list of contributors to the Truck Campaign, please see our website www.rr.org.



Touring Artist Directory

The Raleigh Ringers will once again be listed in the North Carolina Touring Artist Directory, this time in the 2005-2007 edition. The printed version will be available in the summer of 2005. This directory is currently available online at www.ncarts.org.

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Item	Amt	Price	Total
DVD: One Winter Evening at Meymandi		\$25	
VHS: One Winter Evening at Meymandi		\$25	
CD: Boxed Set: (all 3 CDs) save \$10!!		\$40	
CD: The Raleigh Ringers		\$15	
CD: Impressions of The Season		\$15	
CD: More (double CD)		\$20	
Shipping: add \$2 for each CD, \$3 for each VHS or DVD and \$5 for each Boxed Set:			
Sub-total:			
NC Residents add 7% Sales Tax:			
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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

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New in 2005! Consignment Sales Program

Want to raise some money for your organization? We now offer the opportunity for groups to sell our merchandise at festivals or events on a consignment basis. Wouldn't your ringers love the chance to buy tie-dyed gloves in person?! The Raleigh Ringers pay all shipping expenses and detailed instructions are provided with the merchandise. Groups receive a percentage on every item sold.

If you'd like more information about the Consignment program, please email rradmin@nc.rr.com or call 1-866-717-7464.

New Commissions

More than 70 pieces of music have been written or arranged for The Raleigh Ringers since we began our program of commissioning composers in 1992, and the list keeps growing!

Last spring Michael Kastner fulfilled our request for his expanded version of Bach's *Little Fugue*, which now features parts for our orchestra chimes and Silver Melody Bells, as well as Malmark handbells from G1 to C9 and four octaves of Choirchimes. We were treated to two new Karen Buckwalter compositions in 2004: the lovely and lyrical *Psalm 42* (available in 2005 from Beckenhorst Press) and the completely-out-of-character *A Walk In The Park*, which has quickly become an audience favorite!

Patrons of our 2004 Holiday Concerts heard three newly commissioned arrangements: the traditional *Pat-a-Pan*, by Greg Pysh; an inspired Trans-Siberian Orchestra rendition of *O Come All Ye Faithful/O Holy Night*, by Hart Morris; and of course, our annual Rock surprise, *I Love Rock 'n' Roll*, by Paul McKlveen.

The Raleigh Ringers' 2005 concert repertoire includes even more new compositions!

Remember "The Benny Hill Show"? Earlier this year, our own assistant director, Kryn Krautheim, arranged its familiar rowdy theme, *Yakety Sax*, which we premiered, along with *Psalm 42*, during last month's concert tour. Then we discovered we had a

composer among our ranks when rookie member Keith Burt presented us with his transcription of the Rachmaninoff *Prelude in G Minor, Op23 No 5*. We're also working on a great fanfare by Raleigh composer Jason Graves, better known for his movie scores as well as the background music of our DVD's "Behind the Scenes" feature. And Hart Morris has done it again. His magical ability to recreate instrumental titles for handbells is showcased in his arrangement of Leroy Anderson's *Bugler's Holiday*, which will be programmed later this spring.

Be sure to join us at a concert this year to hear all the exciting new music The Raleigh Ringers have in store for you!

SUMMER TOUR 2006

We have filled up our 2005 concert season and have begun scheduling concerts for 2006. Next June we will be returning to the Chautauqua Institution in Chautauqua, New York to play for a Sacred Song service on Sunday,

June 25th and will also be presenting a full concert on Monday, June 26th. We are looking for other venues to perform at during this tour, in locations such as Canada, New York and other north-eastern states. If you know someone who may be interested in booking The

Raleigh Ringers, please contact David Harris at rringer@rr.org or 866-717-7464.



Music Made in Heaven

The Raleigh Ringers recently learned of a very special handbell ensemble that has formed in the Raleigh area. In memory of children who have died, a group of parents created a handbell choir as an ongoing expression of love for God and joy in the gift of these children.

The 37 handbells used by the choir are individually donated by parents and inscribed with the name of their child. Each

ringer in the group is a parent who has lost a child. The music played with bells representing these children's lives creates a beautiful contribution they are continuing to make to the world. From this symbolism comes the name of the group: Music Made in Heaven. The message behind the music is one of faith, hope, joy and gratitude for the lives of these children, however long or short those lives were.

Parents can donate a bell for \$250. They may also participate as ringers.

For more information, please contact Elizabeth Barnes at 919-846-8843 or Sandra Smith at 919-467-3006.



The Raleigh Ringers' holiday special "One Winter Evening at Meymandi" was aired on over 250 stations in 40 states again in 2004. Thank you, American Public Television and all the ringers who called their local stations to request our program!



Thanks from The Raleigh Ringers

The Raleigh Ringers would like to thank the record number of people who attended our local Holiday concerts this past December. Some of the over 2,800 patrons traveled several hours to attend one of the concerts! It has been exciting to see such great attendance at so many of our concerts over the past few years and to be performing at such beautiful venues. In April, we presented a concert to a packed house at the beautiful Hayworth Fine Arts Center in High Point, and in May we performed to a sold-out audience at the 1400-seat Stevens Center in Winston-Salem. We truly appreciate all the Presenters and hosts who have taken the risk to include handbells on their Artist and Concert Series.

The Raleigh Ringers will be included in the **Triangle United Way** expanded donor choice program for 2005. We can also receive designated donations through any United Way.



We now have a monthly electronic newsletter, which is a great way to stay up-to-date on the activities of The Raleigh Ringers. In order to receive the electronic newsletter, you must subscribe - we will not send it to you without your permission. If you would like to subscribe, please email rradmin@nc.rr.com. If you received this newsletter you are on our "snail mail" list. If you would like to be removed from that list, please contact us at the same email address.

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our mailing list.
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Other Upcoming Concerts

August 27, 2005
7:00 pm Concert
Macon City Auditorium
Macon, Georgia

August 28, 2005
2:30 pm Concert
First United Methodist
Statesboro, Georgia

September 10, 2005
7:30 pm Concert
Madisonville, Tennessee

September 11, 2005
3:00 pm Concert
Parkwood Baptist Church
Gastonia, North Carolina

November 12, 2005
7:30 pm Concert
Manassas, Virginia

November 13, 2005
2:00 pm Concert
Mathews, Virginia

December 2, 2005
8:00 pm Concert
Louisburg, North Carolina

December 3, 2005
7:30 pm Concert
Morganton, North Carolina

December 4, 2005
5:00 pm Concert
Greensboro, North Carolina

December 17, 2005, 7:30pm
December 18, 2005, 3:00pm
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 25, 2006
Sacred Song Service
June 26, 2006
Evening Concert
Chautauqua Institution
Chautauqua, New York