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# The Raleigh Ringers®

Spring  
2011

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## Spring Concert

**Sunday, June 5  
4:00 pm**

Meymandi Concert Hall  
Raleigh, North Carolina

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

*Tickets are \$2 more at the door on the day of the concert. Group tickets only available in advance at the box office.*

“Early Bird” tickets available through May 20. See the order form inside this newsletter or purchase online at [www.rr.org](http://www.rr.org).



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### Silent Auction Coming!

Where: Meymandi Concert Hall

When: June 5, 2011 - during The Raleigh Ringers' Spring Concert

Bring your cash, checks, or credit cards, and be ready to take home some cool stuff! All proceeds benefit The Raleigh Ringers' education outreach programs. If you have a product or service to donate for the auction, please let us know!

### Classes Held at RRC

On March 19, 44 ringers and directors gathered at Raleigh Ringers Central for a variety of popular handbell classes taught by members of The Raleigh Ringers. Students learned a little of “everything handbell” in the Techniques A to Z class, developed weaving skills sufficient to ring a solo tune in the Solo & Ensemble class, and enjoyed employing specialized skills discussed in Bass and Treble Classes. Directors heard tips from Dave Harris on advancing Musicianship in Handbells. A large group of ringers attended charter ringer Sherry Graham’s class on How to Be a Better Ringer, which included ideas for developing that all-important “bell brain!”

Participants throughout the day shared comments such as “I wish my whole bell choir had come to hear this stuff!” Now they’ll have the chance! Another session of classes will be held on Saturday, October 15, with more possibly scheduled in the future. Watch our newsletter or website for the next opportunity to increase your handbell skills through classes at RRC!

## IT'S TIME FOR A "FRED FIX"!

You've asked (over and over and over again!) and we are delivering! Fred Gramann, Organist/Composer/Clinician Extraordinaire, will be flying across the pond from Paris, France in November to lead the 23rd Annual Capital Area Handbell Festival in Raleigh. Fred was last with us in 2003, and we are so excited that he has agreed to be our Guest Conductor again this year. Repertoire information and Registration Forms are up on our website, so excuses like "We didn't have time to learn the music" are not valid! Don't delay - make plans now to attend Capital Area Handbell Festival on Saturday, November 5 (and the optional Workshop on Friday night) - and be sure to send in your registration early, as space will fill up fast. We can't wait to see you, Fred!

## 23rd Annual Capital Area Handbell Festival

November 5, 2011

*(with optional workshop Friday November 4)*

Kerr Scott Building,  
NC State Fairgrounds  
Raleigh, North Carolina

Clinician: Fred Gramann *(from Paris, France)*

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

**CAPITAL AREA HANDBELL  
FESTIVAL CONFERENCE**



RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

Repertoire:

*Celebration* - Fred Gramann

*Ding, Dong, Merrily on High* - arr. by Fred Gramann

*Do You Hear What I Hear?* - arr. by Kevin McChesney

*Sarabande* - Jason Krug

*They'll Know We Are Christians* - arr. by Jeffrey Honoré

Optional Bronze piece:

*On This Day Earth Shall Ring* - arr. by Fred Gramann

Information about the festival can be found on the Capital Area Handbell Festival website: <http://cahf.paulmcklveen.com/current.php>

### **Did you Know?**

*The Raleigh Ringers has presented concerts in all but 14 of the United States! We have a four-foot United States map in our building with pins marking every city where we have performed. The only "blank" states left are: Idaho, Utah, Washington State, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, New Mexico, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Hawaii and Alaska.*

*If you'd like to see The Raleigh Ringers perform in **your** hometown, just have a representative from your favorite venue (Artist Series, Concert Hall, Church) call or e-mail us to start the ball rolling!*

## RECORDINGS



Item	Qty	Price	Total
<b>NEW CD!! A Wintry Mix</b>		\$15	
CD: <i>Going to Extremes</i>		\$15	
DVD: <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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## Other Upcoming Concerts

**May 14, 2011 - 7:30 pm**

Thalia Lynn Baptist Church  
Virginia Beach, Virginia

**May 15, 2011 - 3:00 pm**

Pritchett Auditorium, Averett University  
Danville, Virginia

**June 18, 2011 - 7:00 pm**

Grace Lutheran Church  
Knoxville, Tennessee

**June 19, 2011 - 8:00 pm**

Opening Concert for Music Week  
Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

**June 20, 2011 - 7:30 pm**

Warren Performing Arts Center  
Indianapolis, Indiana

**June 21, 2011 - 7:30 pm**

Grandville High School  
Grandville, Michigan

**June 22, 2011 - 8:15 pm**

"The Chautauqua on Lake Erie"  
Lakeside, Ohio

**June 24, 2011 - 7:30 pm**

Umstadd Performing Arts Hall  
Canton, Ohio

**June 25, 2011 - 7:30 pm**

Christ Church United Methodist  
Charleston, West Virginia

**June 26, 2011 - 4:00 pm**

First Baptist Church  
Greensboro, North Carolina

**August 27, 2011 - 7:00 pm**

Dunwoody United Methodist Church  
Dunwoody, Georgia

**August 28, 2011 - 3:00 pm**

The Foundation Performing Arts Center  
Isothermal Community College  
Spindale, North Carolina

**September 17, 2011 - 7:00 pm**

Croatian High School  
Newport, North Carolina

**November 19, 2011 - 7:30 pm**

Thalian Hall  
Wilmington, North Carolina

**December 3, 2011 - 7:30 pm**

Soldiers & Sailors Hall  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**December 4, 2011 - 3:00 pm**

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Hagerstown, Maryland

**December 10, 2011: 3:00 & 7:30 pm**

**December 11, 2011: 3:00 pm**

Meymandi Concert Hall  
Raleigh, North Carolina

Complete information on all concerts  
can be found at [www.rr.org](http://www.rr.org)

## Summer Tour 2011

This summer's tour will take The Raleigh Ringers back to some favorite Midwest cities and venues, as well as a few destinations new to the group. The tour will start on June 18 in a new city for The Raleigh Ringers - Knoxville, Tn. The group will then travel to Lake Junaluska, NC, where it will present the opening concert for the Music & Arts week. Next stop - Indianapolis; then Grandville, Michigan (near Grand Rapids), and on to another new venue and city for The Raleigh Ringers - "The Chautauqua on Lake Erie" in Lakeside, Ohio, on June 22. After having performed at Chautauqua in New York several times, the group is very excited to experience the Chautauqua in Ohio! Following a day of "rest" (or maybe an amusement park?), the concert tour will resume in Canton, Ohio, on Friday, June 24, then head to Charleston, West Virginia for the FestivALL 2011 on June 25 and will end on Sunday, June 26, in Greensboro, North Carolina, where The Raleigh Ringers will present a feature concert for the American Guild of Organists Region IV convention.

## “Opening New Doors” Capital Campaign Donors

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based on recommendations of the Raleigh Arts Commission.*

## Read & Ring for Advanced Ringers

Sunday, November 6, 2011  
1:30 - 5:30 pm  
Raleigh Ringers Central  
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!

Registration forms are available on our website at [www.rr.org](http://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:  
October 25th

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### Beginning Ringers Workshop

October 22, 2011  
Highland United Methodist Church  
Raleigh, North Carolina

### Clinician: Greig Ashurst

This workshop is designed for people who have never rung handbells before, or for ringers having less than two years of experience. There will be a session for youth in the morning and for adults in the afternoon. Registration forms will be available on our website in June.

## Donation Opportunities

Donations to United Way campaigns anywhere in the United States can be designated to The Raleigh Ringers.

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



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### Newsletters

Our printed newsletter is mailed out twice per year (spring and fall), and concert information occasionally changes 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 the email newsletter as well. Just go to [www.rr.org](http://www.rr.org) and click on the "e-newsletter" sign up on the home page.

You can also keep up-to-date with The Raleigh Ringers through our Twitter and our Facebook page! Join our other 2950 Facebook fans and be the first to see new photos and hear audio clips.



*If you have a change of address, either snail mail or email, please send the update to [rradmin@rr.org](mailto:rradmin@rr.org).*



## The End.

Twenty years ago, The Raleigh Ringers laughed at the thought. A building of our own? Puleeze! We had too many other “must haves” ahead of that particular piece of pie in the sky.

Sixteen years later, that proposition didn't sound nearly as outrageous. Bolstered by unbelievable good fortune, the RR Board pulled itself up by the bootstraps and said, “We can do this.”

And so they did—buy a building, that is—with generous donations from hundreds of friends and family members who gave selflessly to the “Opening New Doors” campaign.

The campaign itself is now complete; the massive VIP wall boasts the names of its top contributors. But the best realization is this: While our organization may soon hold the title to this piece of real estate, Raleigh Ringers Central (RRC, as it is affectionately known) is really the property of all who have donated to its existence, all who pass through its doors to make beautiful music, all who look forward to learning the art of handbell ringing within its walls.

The End? Only of the building campaign itself. Opportunities for community enrichment and member growth have just begun!

## A Wintry Hit!

*“What a stunning recording! How grateful I am for your excellence and efforts to raise the standard of handbell ringing.” - Donald Allured*

The above quote was made in regard to The Raleigh Ringers fifth CD, “A Wintry Mix”. Released in May 2010, this latest recording offers a wide variety of holiday inspired settings, including six arrangements of Trans-Siberian Orchestra pieces, three arrangements of Vince Guaraldi songs from “A Charlie Brown Christmas”, and an arrangement of Elvis Presley's rock-and-roll holiday classic “Blue Christmas”. The long-awaited release of this second holiday CD has been received with great acclaim: over 3,000 copies were sold the first year.

## Community Outreach

The Raleigh Ringers is pleased to continue in its third year of partnering with Raleigh's Community Music School (CMS), which offers music education to children (ages 6-15) from low-income families. The CMS handbell choir meets twice a month from September through May under the direction of several members of The Raleigh Ringers and enjoys the use of RR music, equipment and gloves free of charge.

## NEW in Fall 2011:

The Raleigh Ringers will be offering handbell workshops at Raleigh Ringers Central on Tuesday mornings for home-schooled children in the Raleigh Area. Details will be posted on [www.rr.org](http://www.rr.org) in June.

## Remembering Donald E. Allured 1922-2011

On Monday, February 28, the handbell world was deeply saddened by the passing of Donald E. Allured, arguably the world's "Father of Handbells." Many ringers and directors came to know Don through his publications, specifically his most recent *Mastering Musicianship in Handbells*, which is often referred to as "the encyclopedia of handbells." We also treasure his legacy of fine compositions, purportedly written in "self defense," because he couldn't find music that was challenging enough for his ringers.

In 1978 Don began an annual ringing event in Bay View, Michigan, where musicians were privileged to ring under his baton during this "Week of Handbells." Affectionately known as "The Don," he strove to bring true musicianship to our instrument, often reminding ringers that "ringing the right bell at the right time is only the beginning, not the end."

Dave Harris often states that "hearing his Westminster group in Chapel Hill, NC was one of the motivating factors behind (the formation of) The Raleigh Ringers. Up until that point, I had no idea what could be done with this instrument, and I wanted some of that! There is no one, and there will never be anyone with more of an impact to our art."

Maestro Don served as President of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers from 1973 to 1975. He was awarded the distinction of Honorary Life Membership in the Guild and was given the Guild's highest certifications of "Master Teacher" and "Master Conductor."

### Holiday Concerts

This year's holiday concerts will once again be held the second weekend in December, so mark your calendars for **December 10 & 11**, and come enjoy The Raleigh Ringers with special guest, members of the Raleigh Civic Symphony & Chamber Orchestra. The group, directed by Dr. Randolph Foy, is based at North Carolina State University. The Raleigh Ringers has performed with a brass ensemble, vocal ensemble, marimba, and Glass Armonica at previous holiday concerts, but this will be the first time our biannual featured guest artist will be such a large group of instrumentalists. Tickets for the holiday concerts will go on sale September 1st.

### Demonstration Recordings

Publishers of music often create "demonstration recordings" to provide an opportunity for directors to listen to new music before deciding what to purchase. For over 15 years, The Raleigh Ringers has recorded many of the pieces on the Jeffers Handbell Supply's demo recordings. For the past six years, The Raleigh Ringers has also had the privilege of recording pieces for Beckenhorst Press. A perk of doing these recordings is hearing the work of new composers, such as Jason Krug. We are very grateful to these two handbell music publishers for giving us the opportunity to do this work for them several times a year.

## \*EARLY BIRD TICKET OFFER\*

Orders must be postmarked no later than **May 20**.  
Include a check made payable to **The Raleigh Ringers** or complete the credit card information below. **INCLUDE A BUSINESS-SIZE, SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE WITH YOUR ORDER**, and mail to:

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

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