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Spring
2014

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Spring Concert

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Silent Auction

Sunday, June 8 4:00 pm

Meymandi Concert Hall
Raleigh, North Carolina

Duke Energy Center
for the Performing Arts

Raleigh, NC

In conjunction with the Spring Concert, The Raleigh Ringers conduct a Silent Auction to benefit our community educational programs. This exciting event will begin at 3pm (one hour before the concert) and the final bids will be accepted at intermission. Successful bidders will pick up their items at the conclusion of the concert. If you have goods or a service you would like to donate, please contact Ruth Brown at 919-610-1692 or ruthannemayer@gmail.com

Beginning in 2014, the state of North Carolina is taxing the sales of tickets. While we have kept our ticket prices the same for the past several years and continue to do so, ticket buyers will now be required to pay tax on both the facility fee and the ticket price itself.

Spring Concert ticket prices: (all ticket prices include the \$2 facility fee)

Adults: \$19 (\$20.29 with tax)

Seniors(60+)/Students: \$17 (\$18.15 with tax)

Groups of 10 or more: \$15 (\$16.02 with tax)

Tickets will be \$2 more at the door/day of the concert.

“Early Bird” tickets are available directly from The Raleigh Ringers through May 24 for \$15 plus taxes. To order Early Bird tickets please see the order form inside this newsletter.

VIRTUOSO

An Extraordinary Performance Experience

I participated in Virtuoso '13, and had the time of my life! We had 2 days of full-blown rehearsals with the great Dr. William Payn—and if you haven't had the chance to ring under Dr. Payn, then you are missing out! I could certainly feel the music whenever he directed us. After 2 days of intense rehearsals, the Virtuoso participants got to see and help with the behind-the-scenes preparations required to put on a fantastic handbell concert on a professional stage.

Lucky for you, The Raleigh Ringers are doing it again!!! The next Virtuoso will be held **June 12-14, 2015** in Raleigh, North Carolina under the direction of Dr. William Payn. Advanced ringers can apply for the event beginning August 1, 2014. For information, see <http://www.rr.org/Event/Virtuoso>. Email rradmin@rr.org for application material if you plan to apply. (Note: the date has changed since original publicity about this event).

-Kevin Quick, Virtuoso 2013 member and member of The Raleigh Ringers 2014

26th Annual Capital Area Handbell Festival

Clinician: Michael Helman
Saturday, November 8, 2014
(with optional workshop Friday night)

Kerr Scott Building, NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, North Carolina

Repertoire:

A Rejoicing - Arnold Sherman

Crown Him with Many Crowns - arr. Michael Helman

In the Bleak Midwinter - arr. Michael Helman

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear - arr. Lloyd Larson

Nocturne No. 4 in C - Michael Helman

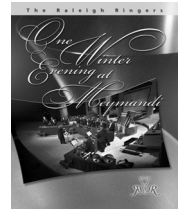
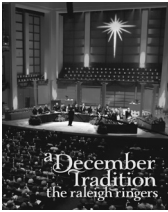
Optional piece for advanced choirs:

Good King Wenceslas - arr. Jason Krug

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

The Raleigh Ringers is funded in part by the City of Raleigh based on recommendations of the Raleigh Arts Commission.





Item	Qty	Price	Total
NEW!!! Blu-ray: <i>A December Tradition</i>		\$30	
NEW!!! DVD: <i>A December Tradition</i>		\$25	
CD: <i>A Wintry Mix</i>		\$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	
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.

The Raleigh Ringers Series

The Raleigh Ringers Series is an ever-expanding collection of advanced handbell music published by Jeffers Handbell Supply to highlight original compositions and arrangements suitable for performance by the advanced choir. Two new pieces will be added in the near future bringing the total of selections in this series to 33:

Don't Stop Believin' - the first Rockin' Raleigh Ringers piece to be published! Arranged by Keith Burt, a 10-year member of The Raleigh Ringers, this piece is sure to be an audience favorite.

The Irish Washerwoman (from the "Irish Suite") - a rollicking arrangement by Hart Morris of a favorite Leroy Anderson piece. The Raleigh Ringers will be presenting the debut performance of this piece in a concert this spring. (*See more about this piece below*)

The Raleigh Ringers is grateful to Jeffers Handbell Supply for creating this series in 1995, and to the 18 composers who have contributed to this collection:

*Cathy Moglebust & Martha Lynn Thompson - 5 pieces each

*Dr. William Payn - 3 pieces

*Sandra Eithun, Fred Gramann, Hart Morris, Kevin McChesney, and Douglas Floyd Smith - 2 pieces each

Composers who have one piece featured in The Raleigh Ringers Series:
Keith Burt, Michael Glasgow, William Griffin, Hal Hopson, Dale Jergensen, Michael Joy, Michael Kastner, Jason Krug, Gregory Pysh, and Mallory Ferraro/JulieTurner/Jefferey Hall.

In October 2013, the Raleigh Ringers were saddened by the passing of Brenda Byrd Powell, who was a ringing member of the group from 2000 to 2006. The Raleigh Ringers was humbled to be chosen by Brenda's family as the designated recipient for memorial gifts, which were subsequently used in the commission of The Irish Washerwoman. The dedication line on this new piece reads: "In Memory of Brenda Byrd Powell, a proud member of The Raleigh Ringers whose life was dedicated to the loving and making of music."

A December Tradition

Since the release of the first DVD and UNC-TV special, *One Winter Evening at Meymandi*, fans and audience members have been asking when another one will be available. The wait was finally over with the release of *A December Tradition* in December of 2013. UNC-TV teamed up with The Raleigh Ringers to produce this new UNC-TV special, DVD, and Blu-ray. Intense recording in December of 2012 and many months of post production made the release of the DVD and Blu-ray available in time for the holidays in 2013.

On November 18, a DVD release party was hosted at “The Little Dipper” restaurant in Durham, NC. The restaurant was decorated in typical RR fashion with the RR logo, lava lamps, and a selection of handbells. Decorations made from the DVD cover graphic were displayed on each table. The Blu-ray played in HD throughout the evening. Guests of the release party were presented with an advance copy of the DVD or Blu-ray on their way in.

On December 7, UNC-TV aired a special version of *A December Tradition* as part of their Winterfest Pledge Drive. Later in December, the hour-long UNC-TV special was aired several times in North Carolina, with director David Harris providing comments in between songs about the instruments, music and group. We hope that this UNC-TV special will be televised nationwide in the coming years; this is something our fans can ask their local stations to provide. We may be asking for your help to contact your local PBS station in the near future and request “Holiday Handbells” (the name of the TV program). The DVD and Blu-ray of *A December Tradition* is available to purchase at www.rr.org.

Not able to see The Raleigh Ringers in person? Check out the next best thing, our YouTube channel!



www.youtube.com/raleighringers

The Raleigh Ringers seeks to accommodate people of all abilities in our programs. If you have an accommodation request or question about the accessibility of our venues please call us at 919-847-7574 for more information.

Our printed newsletter is mailed twice per year (spring and fall) and contains some articles that are not included in our e-newsletters. A good way to stay completely informed about The Raleigh Ringers is to subscribe to both the snail mail and **email** newsletter. Special announcements are sent via the email newsletter. Go to www.rr.org and click on the “e-newsletter” sign up form 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 5100+ Facebook fans and be the first to see new photos.

The Raleigh Ringers 2014



Back Row (left to right): Kevin Quick*, Keith Burt, David Metz, Andy Punch

Fourth Row: Kathy Baker, David Harris, Karen Schreiner, Erin Glendening

Third Row: Sandy Hopson, Cindy Massey, Lisa Ann Kelder, Jennifer Stearns

Second Row: Barbara Marley, Diane van Dijk, Ann Lowe Vodicka, Nancy Ritter

Front Row: Ruth Brown, Katie Houghton*, Heather Duschl

*new members

The Raleigh Ringers has enjoyed performing in unusual venues over the years, such as a tiny radio station studio or on a riverboat cruising down the Ohio River. The group has also had the pleasure of ringing for the Crystal Cathedral's Hour of Power, The Chautauqua Institution's Sacred Song Service, and the Best of Our State Weekend Celebration of North Carolina.

This fall, The Raleigh Ringers will perform for another unique event—the 65th annual meeting of the Musical Box Society International. The convention will take place from October 7-12 in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. The MBSI is a non-profit organization passionate about the care and enjoyment of mechanical instruments. Underpinning their society is a love of music of all types, and The Raleigh Ringers looks forward to performing at this year's gathering.

Touring handbell groups to perform in Raleigh

Arsis Youth Ensemble (<http://www.arsis.ee/about-arsis/>)

Since their creation in 1993, the Arsis handbell ensemble from Estonia has traveled all over the world promoting handbell music. Arsis has grown into a main group of 8 adults as well as youth ensembles and handbell schools in Estonia. The conductor of Arsis ensembles is Aivar Mäe, who has conducted and organized numerous seminars and classes of both choral and handbell music in several countries, including Estonia and the US.

Through contests in 2006 and 2008, a 12-member youth ensemble was selected from the Arsis handbell school students. This ensemble has had the opportunity to give concerts, not only in Estonia, but in several countries around the world, including Finland, Lithuania, Poland and Russia. In 2013 they were invited to play in the classical musical festivals in Poland and Finland and also performed a solo piece Handbell Symphony by Estonia composer Peeter Vähi. This piece was performed with Torun Chamber Orchestra and Riga Chamber Orchestra.

This summer, the Arsis youth ensemble will be sharing their music and talents with the US. Arsis will be performing for the Concert Series at North Raleigh United Methodist Church on Monday, July 21 at 7:00 pm. Suggested donation \$15.

North Raleigh UMC's Concert Series will also be presenting another handbell group, Tintabulations Handbell Ensemble from Reno, Nevada. (<http://tintabulations.com/>) This energetic group performed one of the showcase concerts at the Handbell Musicians of America national seminar in Portland, Oregon in 2013. The Tintabulations concert will be held on Monday, June 30 at 7:00 pm; free-will offering will be taken.

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as of April 4, 2014

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To the Riordan family, in memory of
Stuart H. Riordan, given by a friend

*The Friends of The Raleigh Ringers program began in 1995 and has been instrumental in helping The Raleigh Ringers purchase equipment, assist with operating costs, and fund commissions. Donations of \$100 or more to this annual program receive complimentary tickets in prime seating areas for the Spring and Holiday Concerts at Meymandi Concert Hall. Donate by **May 1** and receive ticket benefits beginning with the June 8 Spring Concert! For more information on the Friends program, email rrmgdir@nc.rr.com or see the "Supporters" page of www.rr.org.*

Community Education

The Raleigh Ringers strive to help the community with handbell education in as many ways possible. Members of the group teach youth bells & chimes at Raleigh's Community Music School. The Raleigh Ringers teach classes at our building twice a year on a variety of topics. Many members of The Raleigh Ringers are available to "sub" in handbell groups that are missing ringers for performance.

In March 2014, members of The Raleigh Ringers spent a day at Cary Academy in Cary, North Carolina, presenting handbells workshops to youth grades 5 - 12. The Raleigh Ringers brought handbells of all types to the school and taught basic ringing, handbell techniques, and a little about the different types of handbells the group owns.

If you are interested in The Raleigh Ringers giving workshops at your church or school, please contact us at rringer@rr.org or 919-847-7574.

Upcoming Concerts

May 3, 2014
7:30pm Concert
First United Methodist Church
Gainesville, Georgia

May 4, 2014
3:00pm Concert
Newberry Opera House
Newberry, South Carolina

June 8, 2014
4:00pm Concert
Meymandi Concert Hall
Raleigh, North Carolina

June 12, 2014
7:30pm Concert
Custer Road United Methodist Church
Plano, Texas

June 13, 2014
8:00pm Concert
Ardmore Convention Center
Ardmore, Oklahoma
Concert for Summit 2014 festival

June 14, 2014
7:00pm Concert
First United Methodist Church
Conroe, Texas

August 23, 2014
7:00pm Concert
St. Matthews United Methodist Church
Annandale, Virginia

August 24, 2014
3:00pm Concert
Harrisonburg High School
Harrisonburg, Virginia

September 6, 2014
7:30pm Concert
Northumberland High School
Heathsville, Virginia
*Sponsored by the Rappahannock
Concert Association*

September 7, 2014
4:00pm Concert
Thalia Lynn Baptist Church
Virginia Beach, Virginia

October 10, 2014
7:00pm Concert
Trinity Presbyterian Church
Palm Coast, Florida

October 12, 2014
4:00pm Concert
Moorings Presbyterian Church
Naples, Florida

October 13, 2014
7:00pm Concert
Palm Harbor United Methodist Church
Palm Harbor, Florida

November 1, 2014
7:00pm Concert
Skidaway Island United Methodist
Savannah, Georgia

November 2, 2014
3:00pm Concert
Carolina Civic Center
Lumberton, North Carolina

December 14, 2013 - 4:00pm
December 15, 2013 - 7:30pm
Meymandi Concert Hall
Raleigh, North Carolina

Classes at Raleigh Ringers' Central
Saturday, October 4, 2014

Class offerings may include Treble
Techniques (Beginning & Advanced),
Techniques A-Z, Battery Skills, Bass
Bells, Change Ringing, Solo Ringing,
and Bells for Beginners. Registration
forms will be available in June 2014.

Virtuoso
June 12-14, 2015
Raleigh, North Carolina
www.rr.org/Event/Virtuoso
*(note: this is a different date than
originally scheduled for 2015).*

Complete information on all concerts
and events can be found at
www.rr.org

RALEIGH SPRING CONCERT: June 8, 2014
EARLY BIRD TICKET OFFER

Orders must be postmarked no later than **May 24, 2014**.

All seats for the concert are Reserved.
Early Bird tickets are the best seats available at the time that we go down to the Box Office to purchase them. Specific seat requests are not possible through the Early Bird ticket program. If you would like to select specific seats, please purchase tickets at the Box Office or through Ticketmaster.

All Early Bird Tickets will be mailed by June 1, 2014.

To purchase Early Bird tickets, please fill out the form below.

Include a check made payable to The Raleigh Ringers or complete the credit card information. **Please include a business-size, self-addressed, stamped envelope with your order**, and mail to:

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

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

Number of Tickets _____ x \$15 = \$ _____

Add 6.75% sales tax: \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Name: _____

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