

Notes
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Spring
2016

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SPRING CONCERT & SILENT AUCTION

**Sunday, May 22
4:00 pm**

Meymandi Concert Hall
Raleigh, North Carolina

Adults - \$20
Seniors & Students - \$18
Early Bird or Groups (10 +) - \$16
Students—\$10

Tickets are \$2 more on the day of the concert.

Tickets are available at the Duke Energy Center Box Office and all Ticketmaster locations. "Early Bird" tickets are available directly from The Raleigh Ringers. Use the order form inside this newsletter or purchase online at www.rr.org.

**Duke Energy Center
for the Performing Arts**
Raleigh, NC

The Raleigh Ringers 2016



Front Row: (L to R):
Diane van Dijk, Heather
Duschl, Ruth Brown

Second Row:
Barbara Marley, Lisa
Ann Kelder

Third Row:
Sandra Hopson, Nancy
Ritter, Ann Lowe
Vodicka

Fourth Row:
Kristin Murphy, Cindy
Massey, Angela
Chiatello, Cathy Rowe

Fifth Row:
Jerri Bland, David
Harris, Erin Glendening

Back Row:
Kevin Quick, Doug
White, Keith Burt,
Andy Punch

**28th Annual
Capital Area Handbell Festival**

Clinician: Hart Morris
Saturday, November 5, 2016
(with optional workshop Friday night)

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

Repertoire:

Fanfare on Darwall's 148th - arr. Hart Morris
O Sing a Song of Bethlehem - arr. Judy Phillips
O Come, All Ye Faithful - arr. Michael Keller
Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming - arr. Sandra Eithun
This Little Light of Mine - arr. Hart Morris

Optional piece:

Crown Him With Many Crowns - arr. Matt Compton

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



Saturday, June 18, 2016
7:00 pm

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
Raleigh, NC

Tickets available online at www.rr.org

Embellish is a community handbell ensemble representing the greater Grand Rapids, Michigan area. Embellish was founded in the Fall of 1995 to be a professional level group that provides high quality musical experience for diverse audiences through performance and teaching the art of handbell ringing.

A Ton of Extra Baggage (well not quite a ton...)

It just isn't a concert by The Raleigh Ringers without all the unique extra "stuff"! And it isn't only going to be difficult to get the extra "stuff" overseas to deliver the same high-quality handbell experience to those audiences—it's going to be tough to fit those lowest aluminum bells in carry-on bags! Oversized baggage fees are so pricey on international flights that the group is even considering buying a seat for the larger cases (no pretzels for the G₁, please). Please consider helping The Raleigh Ringers with these fees as a **Virtual Roadie!**

(see page 6 for ways to support The Raleigh Ringers)

25th Anniversary Celebration!



The Raleigh Ringers turned 25 in 2015! To celebrate this exciting milestone, past and present members of The Raleigh Ringers came together to form a "super choir" for the December Holiday Concerts at Meymandi Hall. Alumni and their families were also honored at a gala with well wishes and congratulations from Fred Gramann, Bill Griffin, Dr. Bill Payn, and Hart Morris. It was a great weekend to catch up with old friends, share stories from the group's early years (and the great early 90's hairstyles!), and show appreciation to those who have worked so hard to make The Raleigh Ringers the successful organization it is today.



Did you know that Raleigh, North Carolina has sister cities? Several, in fact! Raleigh became associated with the Sister Cities program in 1986 and now has partnership with five cities: Kingston Upon Hull, England; Compiègne, France; Rostock, Germany; Xiangyang, China and Nairobi, Kenya.

The Raleigh Ringers will perform in Compiègne, France on June 6, 2016 during the 2016 European Tour (see page 4 for more details!) - a city most notably known as the place where Joan of Arc was captured during the Hundred Years' War and where the Armistice that ended World War I was signed in 1918. We are excited to share our music with the people of Compiègne and are looking for friends to sponsor this concert and our travel to this city! Please consider being a **Sister City Concert Sponsor**.

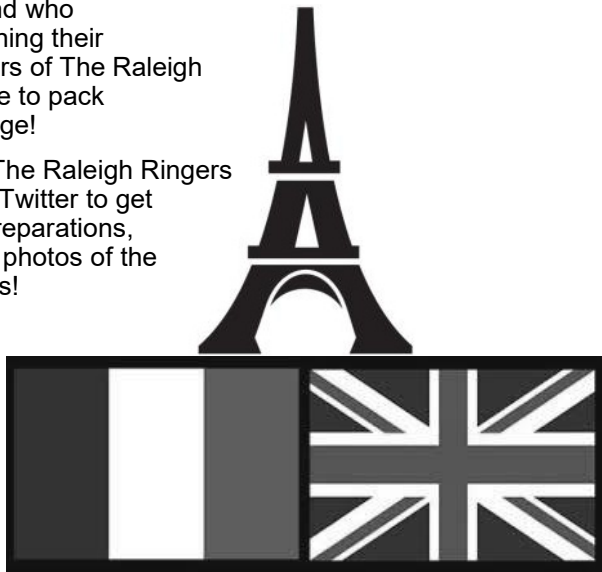
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The Raleigh Ringers Takes Europe - Summer 2016

Watch out France and England, The Raleigh Ringers is heading overseas this June to share the handbell love (and rock 'n' roll!) with new audiences in Paris, Compiègne, and London. The tour kicks off in Paris, France at the American Church in Paris to celebrate Fred Gramann's 40th anniversary as their Director of Music. From there, The Raleigh Ringers will travel to Compiègne, France (one of Raleigh's sister cities!) and then end the tour in London, England.

Anyone who has seen The Raleigh Ringers in concert before knows that the performance requires quite a bit of equipment - how in the world to get 29 1/2 octaves of bells and bell-like instruments all the way over to France? Thanks to Fred Gramann, Keith Rowland, and the folks at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry of England who are graciously loaning their bells sets, members of The Raleigh Ringers won't have to pack bells in their luggage!

Be sure to follow The Raleigh Ringers on Facebook and Twitter to get updates on tour preparations, travel stories, and photos of the group's adventures!



Newsletters

The Raleigh Ringers' 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 the **email** newsletter. Special announcements are sent via the email newsletter as well. Just go to www.rr.org and click on the "e-newsletter" signup on the home page.

You can also keep up-to-date with The Raleigh Ringers through Facebook and Twitter. See the most recent videos at [youtube/raleighringers.com](https://www.youtube.com/user/raleighringers)

If you have a change of address, either snail mail or email, please send the update to rradmin@rr.org.

Support The Raleigh Ringers

The Raleigh Ringers is a self-supporting, non-profit organization reliant on the contributions of people and businesses who value the group's mission.



The Raleigh Ringers can receive designated donations through any **United Way** agency in the United States.



The Raleigh Ringers is part of the **State Employees Combined Campaign (SECC)**, a workplace-based donation program for North Carolina state employees. Use code 1549.



This is a great way to support The Raleigh Ringers with everyday purchases! Visit www.iGive.com/RaleighRingers, join our network for free, and designate **The Raleigh Ringers** as your cause. Then shop (or browse!) online at any of the 1700+ stores in the iGive network and The Raleigh Ringers will receive a check for a percentage of each purchase.



Do you have loyalty points that you are not using? Convert those unused (and likely forgotten) credit card and airline points to dollars and donate them to The Raleigh Ringers! Sign up at www.pointworthy.com.



AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way to support The Raleigh Ringers every time you shop, at no cost to you!

Visit smile.amazon.com to select The Raleigh Ringers as your designated organization. The Raleigh Ringers will receive 0.5% of the purchase price from any item noted as "AmazonSmile eligible" (even Prime and Prime Now items!). Increase your donation by shopping Amazon Smile through iGive!!!

**** Capital Area Young Ringers Festival ****

Saturday, February 18, 2017
Highland United Methodist Church
Raleigh, North Carolina

Conductor: Michael Glasgow

Information will be available in September on the workshops page of www.rr.org

Bell Polishing Services!!

Members of The Raleigh Ringers are offering bell polishing services to groups (or individuals!) in the Raleigh and surrounding areas as one of the group's Paris fundraisers. Please consider letting some VERY experienced bell polishers make your bells shiny and new for you!

Price: \$50 an octave (3 octaves for \$150, 4 octaves for \$200, etc.)

Turnaround time is 1 - 2 weeks.

Drop off and pick up your own bells

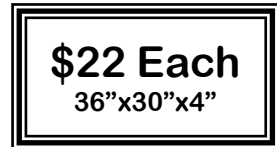
Or arrange to have the bells polished at your location

For more information, contact Lisa Ann
at RRKelder-polish@yahoo.com

New Product from The Raleigh Ringers!!

Handbell Foam Pad Covers!

- Ready to be placed on your handbell foam
- Hand-stitch it closed
- Protect your investment and keep your foam good as new
- Any color of your choosing
- 100% cotton pre-shrunk (Custom sizes available)



Contact Cindy
at cindymassey@mindspring.com to order

*Yes, I would like to make a DONATION to help The Raleigh Ringers as a
____ Virtual Roadie ____ Sister City Concert Sponsor
with my tax-deductible donation in the amount of:*

__ \$500 __ \$250 __ \$100 __ \$50 \$ _____

Name _____

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_____ My check is enclosed. _____ Please contact me to discuss my donation.*

**Donations may also be spread evenly over 12 months and auto-drafted using a credit card*

Credit Card #: _____ Exp: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail donation to: The Raleigh Ringers, 8516 Sleepy Creek Drive, Raleigh NC 27613



Item	Qty	Price	Total
NEW CD! <i>Passages</i> (double CD)		\$20	
DVD: <i>A December Tradition</i>		\$25	
Blu-ray: <i>A December Tradition</i>		\$30	
DVD: <i>One Winter Evening at Meymandi</i>		\$25	
NEW Boxed Set! Save \$10! <i>The three newest CDs are now available in a set: A Wintry Mix, Going to Extremes and Passages</i>		\$40	
Boxed Set #1: <i>Original three CDs available for a savings of \$10: The Raleigh Ringers, Impressions of the Season and More</i>		\$40	
Sub-total:			
Shipping: add \$3 per DVD/CD/Blu-ray, \$6 per Boxed Set (Max. \$12)			
NC Residents, add 6.75% Sales Tax:			
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:			

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(*Visa, MasterCard or Discover*)

To place an order, mail to:

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

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

Friends of The Raleigh Ringers

as of January 24, 2016

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Corporate Matching Grants

*Duke Energy * GA Financial * Hewlett Packard * IBM Corp. * XL America

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 at Meymandi Concert Hall. Donate by April 30 and receive ticket benefits beginning with the May 22 Spring Concert! For more information on the Friends program, email rradmin@rr.org or see the "Supporters" page of www.rr.org.

Artists in Schools

As a private nonprofit, United Arts has worked for more than 25 years to build a better Raleigh and Wake County through support of and advocacy for the arts. To do this, they provide various programs and services in addition to partnering with businesses, individuals, foundations and the government to raise funds and distribute grants to schools, arts organizations and local artists.

The Raleigh Ringers is proud to be an artist resource in the "Artists in Schools" program that is provided by United Arts. For more information about the Artists in Schools program, visit <http://www.unitedarts.org/programs/artists-in-the-schools>.

Members of The Raleigh Ringers are available to coach handbell rehearsals in the greater Raleigh area, as well as conduct mini-workshops at times other than regularly-scheduled rehearsal sessions. Contact Nancy Ritter at rradmin@rr.org or 919-847-7574 for more information on this program.



SAVE THE DATE!

June 9-11, 2017

Conductor: Dr. William Payn
Raleigh, North Carolina

Virtuoso is a unique opportunity for a small group of advanced ringers to participate in a professional performance experience. The 3-day event culminates in a featured performance on the concert stage as special guests during The Raleigh Ringers' spring concert in 2017. Application materials will be available in late summer. To be placed on the list to receive an application, please email rradmin@rr.org.



The Raleigh Ringers is holding a Silent Auction at the **Spring Concert on May 22!** Get ready to place your bids on some great local goods and services! Featured items include custom-decorated sugar cookies, museum tickets, and handmade jewelry. All proceeds from the auction will be used to fund The Raleigh Ringers' educational outreach efforts in the Triangle area.

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



Upcoming Concerts

April 2, 2016

7:30pm Concert
First Presbyterian Church
Greensboro, North Carolina

April 3, 2016

3:00pm Concert
The Lincoln Theatre
Marion, Virginia

April 23, 2016

4:00pm Concert
Seaside United Methodist Church
Sunset Beach, North Carolina

April 24, 2016

4:00pm Concert
700 Park Ave
Florence, South Carolina

May 22, 2016

4:00pm Concert
Meymandi Concert Hall
Raleigh, North Carolina

June 5, 2016

7:30pm Concert
American Church in Paris
Paris, France

June 6, 2016

8:30pm Concert
St. Paul des Sablons
Compiègne, France

June 9, 2016

7:30pm Concert
Harlequin Theatre
Surrey, England

June 10, 2016

7:30pm Concert
St. Luke's
London, England

June 25, 2016

7:00pm Concert
Luhrs Center for the Performing Arts
Shippensburg, Pennsylvania

June 26, 2016 - Open Date

August 27, 2016

7:00pm Concert
Peachtree City United Methodist Church
Peachtree City, Georgia

August 28, 2016

3:00pm Concert
First Baptist Church
Easley, South Carolina

September 24, 2016

1:00-4:00pm Workshop
7:30pm Concert
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
Columbia, South Carolina

September 25, 2016

3:00pm Concert
Myers Park Presbyterian Church
Charlotte, North Carolina

November 12, 2016

7:00pm Concert
Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church
Bethesda, Maryland

November 13, 2016 - Open Date

December 2, 2016

8:00pm Concert
Dunn Center for Performing Arts
North Carolina Wesleyan
Rocky Mount, North Carolina

December 3, 2016

7:30pm Concert
Willett Hall
Portsmouth, Virginia

December 4, 2016

3:00pm Concert
Washington High School
Performing Arts Center
Washington, North Carolina

Tentative Christmas Concert Dates:

December 17, 2015 - Time TBD

December 18, 2015 - Time TBD

Meymandi Concert Hall
Raleigh, North Carolina

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

RALEIGH SPRING CONCERT: May 22, 2016
EARLY BIRD TICKET OFFER

Orders must be postmarked no later than **May 12, 2016**.

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.

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 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 \$16 = \$ _____

Add 6.75% sales tax: \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Credit Card #: _____ Exp: _____

(*Visa, MasterCard or Discover*)

Signature: _____

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.

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