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2013

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## Holiday Concerts

**Sunday, December 15: 4:00 pm**

**Monday, December 16: 7:30 pm**

*With special guest, WRAL meteorologist Greg Fishel*

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

Meymandi Concert Hall  
Raleigh, North Carolina

No, it's not a typo! Due to the unavailability of Meymandi Concert Hall on Saturdays in December, this year's holiday performances will be held on **SUNDAY and MONDAY!** Get your tickets early and join the hundreds of others who make The Raleigh Ringers' Holiday Concert a December Tradition.

Adults - \$19

Seniors/Students - \$17

Groups (10 +) - \$15

*All tickets are \$2 more at the door on the day of the show. Group-rate tickets are available only in advance. Ticket prices include a \$2 facility charge.*

"Early Bird" tickets are available directly from The Raleigh Ringers through November 30 for \$15. See the order form inside.

**COMING  
SOON!**

**a December  
Tradition**  
the raleigh ringers

**More  
Information  
Inside.....**

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



# 21st Annual Capital Area Young Ringers Festival

Saturday, February 22, 2014  
Millbrook United Methodist Church  
Raleigh, North Carolina

**Clinician:** Griff Gall

Griff Gall is an elementary music and movement specialist in the town of Danvers, Massachusetts. Since completing his undergraduate degree at Westminster Choir College of Rider University in Princeton, NJ, Griff has taught elementary and early childhood music education classes that engage students through singing, movement and a sense of play. In addition to his work with young children in the classroom, Griff is the founding artistic director of the Back Bay Ringers, a community handbell ensemble in Boston, Massachusetts, and is the handbell director at Salem State University in Salem, Mass.

## REPERTOIRE:

### TINS:

*Ring Together Fanfares*  
Arr. Karen Roth  
Jeffers, MJHS9426

*Shenandoah*  
Arr. Bill Ingram  
Composers Music Co, MCP7008

### COPPERS:

*Let Us Rejoice*  
Cynthia Dobrinski  
Hope Publishing Co, HP2553

*Timbrel and Dance*  
Kevin McChesney  
Choristers Guild, CGB290

### MASSED:

*I Wonder as I Wander*  
Arr. Cathy Moklebust  
Choristers Guild, CGB761

*Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho*  
Arr. Martha Lynn Thompson  
Hope Publishing Co, HP1880

Registration forms are available at [www.rr.org/Event/Festivals](http://www.rr.org/Event/Festivals)

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## Upcoming Concerts

**November 16, 2013 - 8:00 pm**

J.E. Broyhill Civic Center  
Lenoir, North Carolina

**November 17, 2013 - 4:00 pm**

Myers Park Presbyterian Church  
Charlotte, North Carolina

**December 7, 2013 - 7:00 pm**

Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church  
Bethesda, Maryland

**December 8, 2013 - 3:00 pm**

Turner Ashby High School  
Bridgewater, Virginia

**December 14, 2013 - 3:00 pm**

Edna Boykin Cultural Center  
Wilson, North Carolina

**December 15, 2013 - 4:00 pm**

Meymandi Concert Hall  
Raleigh, North Carolina

**December 16, 2013 - 7:30 pm**

Meymandi Concert Hall  
Raleigh, North Carolina

**April 12, 2014 - 7:30 pm**

City of Morganton Municipal  
Auditorium  
Morganton, North Carolina

**April 13, 2014 - t.b.d.**

The Brandermill Church  
Midlothian, Virginia

**May 3, 2014 - 7:30 pm**

First United Methodist Church  
Gainesville, Georgia

**May 4, 2014 - 3:00 pm**

Newberry Opera House  
Newberry, South Carolina

**June 8, 2014 - 4:00 pm**

Meymandi Concert Hall  
Raleigh, North Carolina

**June 12, 2014 - 7:30 pm**

Custer Road United Methodist  
Plano, Texas

**June 13, 2014 - t.b.d.**

Ardmore Convention Center  
Ardmore, Oklahoma

**June 14, 2014 - 7:00 pm**

First United Methodist Church  
Conroe, Texas

**September 6, 2014 - 7:30 pm**

Northumberland High School  
Heathsville, Virginia

**September 7, 2014 - 4:00 pm**

Thalia Lynn Baptist Church  
Virginia Beach, Virginia

**October 10, 2014 - t.b.d.**

Trinity Presbyterian Church  
Palm Coast, Florida

**October 12, 2014 - t.b.d.**

Moorings Presbyterian Church  
Naples, Florida

**October 13, 2014 - t.b.d.**

Palm Harbor United Methodist  
Palm Harbor, Florida

**November 1, 2014 - t.b.d.**

Skidaway Island United Methodist  
Savannah, Georgia

**November 2, 2014 - t.b.d.**

Carolina Civic Center  
Lumberton, North Carolina

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

Although handbells are not just for Christmas...  
In the hearts of thousands,  
The Raleigh Ringers' Holiday Concerts are

# a December Tradition

**Wizards in Winter** (Trans-Siberian Orchestra) *arr. Morris*

**Boughs of Holly** (Trans-Siberian Orchestra) *arr. Morris*

**Pat-a-pan** *arr. Gramann*

**Valse Brilliante** *Buckwalter*

**March of the Toys** *arr. Freeman*

**Coventry Carol** *arr. Eithun*

**You're A Mean One, Mr. Grinch** *arr. Morris*

**Little Fugue** (Fugue in G minor) *trans. Kastner*

**Farandole** *arr. Griffin*

**Linus and Lucy** *arr. Morris*

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** *arr. Raney and Sherman*

**Flight of the Bumblebee** *arr. Thompson*

**The First Noel** *arr. Moklebust*

**Good King Joy** (Trans-Siberian Orchestra) *arr. Morris*

**Stille Nacht** *arr. Garee*

**Livin' on a Prayer** *arr. Burt*

**Bohemian Rhapsody** *arr. McKlveen*

## **BONUS SONGS**

**Fiddle Faddle** *arr. Yoshida*

**Dueling Banjos** *arr. Morris*

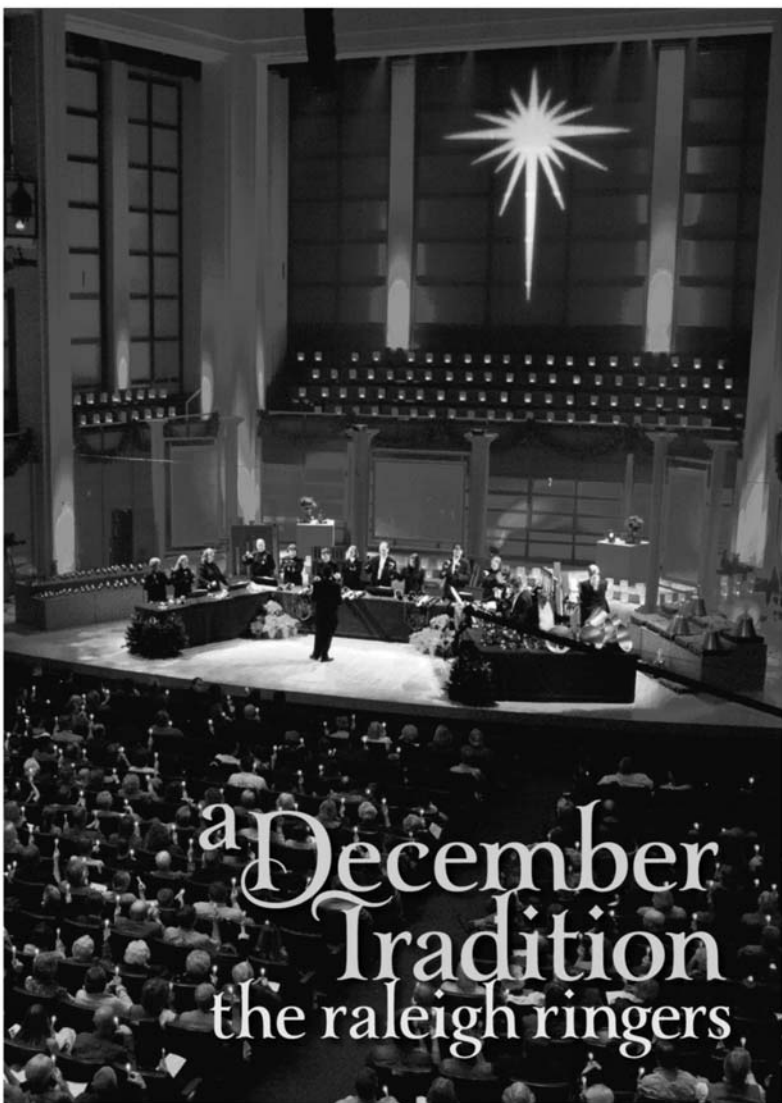
**Legends** *Payn*

**Yakety Sax** *arr. Krautheim*

**Malagueña** *arr. Thompson*

**Don't Stop Believin'** *arr. Burt*

**Firebird Finale** *arr. Smith*



Now this tradition can be  
yours, too. Available on  
Blu-ray and DVD.



# VIRTUOSO

An Extraordinary Performance Experience

By DEREK NANCE

For one weekend, 28 of the best ringers in the country descended upon Raleigh, North Carolina, to put on the performance of a life time, and I was lucky enough to be a part of it.

My brother Bryce and I grew up in Nevada, and from high school up through college we have been active in the handbell community on the West Coast. We even write a blog about handbells now ([HandbellBrothers.com](http://HandbellBrothers.com)). When we heard that The Raleigh Ringers were inviting ringers from around the country to perform with them we knew we had to try out. We ran to the post office on the last possible day to overnight our audition DVDs across the country, and two months later heard that we were invited. We got to Raleigh in early June, and the thing that struck me most when we first met up as a group was the diversity of participants. There were people in the group from ensembles famous in the bell world and there were people in the group who only did solo ringing because there was no ensemble in their area to ring with. Some of the people there were college students, while some made their livings working with bell manufacturers, while one was an actual rocket scientist for NASA. Sixteen states in total were represented at the event.

Virtuoso was designed to be a performance experience, not just another handbell clinic. Right from the start the guest conductor Dr. Payn pushed us to be performance ready, assuming that we had worked out the bell changes and rhythms before the event started. The rehearsals on Friday and Saturday were some of the most mentally exhausting ringing I have ever done and each night I got back to the hotel with my brain fried. Unlike other advanced handbell clinics, the pressure of a big final concert kept us focused and made us pay attention to every detail. We had to work out choreography for moving bells between pieces smoothly, stage entrances and exits, and how to bow at the same time.

The Raleigh Ringers were amazing hosts. They took us under their wing and made sure we had everything we needed. They even let us perform "Wizards in Winter" with them (which required 360 bells to be set up on stage). The volume produced by 44 ringers playing "Wizards" at full volume was spectacular, and I tried to enjoy listening to it when I was not focused on trying to get my two notes into those insanely fast runs. They even let us help pack the big van! On Monday while we were waiting for

## VIRTUOSO (*continued*)

our flights home, Cindy from the Raleigh Ringers took some of us out for a true Southern meal complete with deep fried pork and banana pudding. We sat around laughing about stupid things we had done while ringing and gossiping about the latest episodes of Doctor Who like we had been a family for years.

Thank you so much to the Raleigh Ringers for hosting and organizing Virtuoso. It was exactly the type of challenge I was looking for as a musician. I left inspired to go home and push our bell group and myself even harder and farther. The experience is not for the faint of heart, but those brave enough to participate will come out better musicians in the end.

## Music Series

Playing challenging music is a wonderful way to improve individual ringer skills and develop as a group. **The Raleigh Ringers Series** is a joint effort with Jeffers Handbell Supply (Irmo, SC) to publish advanced handbell compositions and arrangements. Typically, music from The Raleigh Ringers Series requires something extra. Whether it's technical difficulty, dramatic musicality, or the use of more bells, The Raleigh Ringers Series will challenge and excite bell lovers—and listeners! The first composition in the series, *Carol of the Wise Men*, was arranged by Fred Gramann and published in 1995. The series now has 31 pieces from 17 different composers, the most recent addition being a gorgeous arrangement of *Coventry Carol* by Sandra Eithun.

This year The Raleigh Ringers partnered with Beckenhorst Press to create the **Virtuoso Series**, a new series of advanced music. The first piece in the series, written by Dr. William Payn for the inaugural Virtuoso ringing event, is simply titled *Virtuoso*. Future pieces may be added each time a new Virtuoso event is held.

## Auditions

Are you an experienced handbell ringer who wants to ring alongside other Bell-A-Holics? If so, you should audition for The Raleigh Ringers! Auditions for the 2014 season will be held in early January. If you are willing to learn and perform challenging music, travel near and far during weekend mini-tours and a weeklong tour, help others learn about handbells through workshops, and have a great time while doing it all, The Raleigh Ringers is for you! Contact David Harris at [rringer@rr.org](mailto:rringer@rr.org) if interested.

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## SPRING CONCERT

**Sunday, June 8, 2014 - 4:00 pm**

Meymandi Concert Hall  
Raleigh North Carolina

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## SILENT AUCTION

The Raleigh Ringers will hold a Silent Auction in conjunction with their Spring Concert in June 2014. Proceeds from the Silent Auction will be used to support the educational and outreach programs sponsored by The Raleigh Ringers, such as the chime and bell choirs at Raleigh's Community Music School and classes held at The Raleigh Ringers' building.

The Silent Auction event was a huge success in 2011 and a lot of fun for all who participated. At this time we are gathering donations for the 2014 auction. Please consider helping us out by making a donation of art, themed gift baskets, sports tickets, theater tickets, handmade items, sports memorabilia, gift certificates to local restaurants, vacation stays, etc. If you would like more information about the auction or if you would like to donate an item, please call 919-847-7574 or email [ruthannemayer@gmail.com](mailto:ruthannemayer@gmail.com).



2013 HOLIDAY CONCERTS AT MEYMANDI CONCERT HALL

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**NOTE:** All seats are reserved, but if you prefer to select exact seats, please purchase your tickets via the Duke Energy Center Box Office or Ticketmaster. If you choose to order tickets through The Raleigh Ringers, there are no refunds or exchanges. **All tickets will be mailed beginning in November.**



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