

September 14, 2018

Dear Handbell Enthusiasts;

The Milwaukee Handbell Ensemble is excited to announce that we will be hosting our second bi-annual handbell festival on **Sunday March 24, 2019**. We invite you to participate in this festival as a local handbell choir or individual ringer. Choirs will be separated by the level of music they are able to play for up to level 2 music and level 3.

This will be an all-day event for the choirs with rehearsal beginning at 1:30 in the afternoon and concert open to the public at 7:00 PM. A meal will be available for purchase with details to be announced later. The event will take place in the gym at St. John's Lutheran, Glendale, WI.

Registration per choir is \$50.00. If you don't have a full choir to ring with, you are welcome to join as an **Individual ringer for \$10 per ringer.** All will be responsible to purchase your own music and bring your own foam and bells (positions assigned at a later date for individual ringers).

The festival will be co-directed by MHE Director, **Dr. John Behnke** and MHE Associate Director, **Suzanne Hibbard**. We will have two groups of choirs plus massed pieces. Coppers will ring Level 2 music and Bronze choirs will ring Level 3 music with everyone ringing the massed pieces. We know budgets for new music can be tight so we tried to select some pieces that are older and hopefully already in your music library. We hope you are able to incorporate these pieces into your church schedule so that on the day of the festival we will be working on musicality and ringing together as one large choir.

COPPER

Glory	Linda Boice	AG35377	L2
Trinity Fanfare	Alex Guebert	AG35369	L2-

BRONZE

Exultation	Matthew Compton	AG35371	L2+
The Promise	John Behnke	#2133 (Hope)	L3

MASSED

Prelude on Holy Manna	Cathy Marker	AG35364	L2
Joyous Jubilee	Brian Heinlein	AG35367	L2
Peace in Our time (on chimes)	John Behnke	97-7719 (CPH)	L2
Alleluia Christ is Risen	John Behnke	AG35365	L2+

Space is limited and registrations will be taken on a first come, first served basis, so register early to be guaranteed a spot. **Registrations are due by Wednesday October 31, 2018.** Once you have registered your choir, you will receive more information; including details about dinner that will be

available, loading / un-loading, and the rehearsal schedule. We will also collect more information from you including how much space your choir needs. If you are an individual ringer, we will also follow up to find the best fit for you and where we need more ringers. Please make checks payable to Milwaukee Handbell Ensemble and address them to:

Milwaukee Handbell Ensemble
ATTN: Tracey Bowers
S31 W34730 Holland Lane
Oconomowoc, WI 53066

We look forward to our 2nd Bi-annual event and hope you will join us.

MHE Festival Committee,
Tracey Bowers, Chair
John Behnke
Suzanne Hibbard

Detach and Mail with payment

Choir or individual name(s) (to be listed in the program) _____

Director's Name _____ # of Ringers _____

_____ Bronze _____ Coppers # _____ Individual ringer(s)

Individual ringers position preference (enter name) Low Bass (C3-B3) _____

Bass (C4-A4) _____ Battery (B4-B5) _____

Treble (C6-C8) _____ 4-in-hand ____Y ____N

Email (for future contact/information) _____

Would your choir be interested in ringing a solo piece in the concert? _____ YES _____ No Thanks

Choir Registration \$ _____ Individual ringer(s) \$ _____ Total \$ _____

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Payment \$ _____ Date Rec'd _____ Check # _____