

CURRENT REPERTOIRE

Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow – Spiritual/
arr. Dobrinski
Orinoco Flow (Sail Away) – Ryan and
Enya/arr. McChesney
A Calypso Christmas – Traditional carols/
arr. McChesney
Hark! Christmas Bells – arr. Behnke
The Skaters – Waldteufel/arr. Garee
Exultate – Bauder
Sing We Now of Christmas – French carol/
arr. McChesney
Away in a Manger – Murray/arr. Sherman
Sherekea Usafari! (Celebrate the Journey!)
– Moklebust
*A Scandinavian Christmas (A Medley of
Five Carols)* – arr. Tucker
March (from “The Nutcracker”) –
Tchaikovsky/arr. Callahan

Festive Dance (Farandole) – Bizet/
arr. McChesney
*Dance of the Reed Flutes (from “The
Nutcracker”)* – Tchaikovsky/arr. Griffin

CAPITAL CITY RINGERS

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Ring Tones

**Newsletter of
The Capital City Ringers**

Fall

2009

UPCOMING CONCERT SCHEDULE

CCR's Annual Holiday Concert, entitled
“Christmas Without Borders,” features
songs of the season, hymn tunes, and
songs from around the world. In addition
to handbells and handchimes, this con-
cert will include clarinet, French horn, bass
guitar, keyboard, and various percussion
instruments. Come join us at:

- **Lyons-Muir Church, 1074**
Olmstead Rd. (at M-21), Muir; Fri.,
Nov. 13 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Lake Harbor United Methodist
Church, 4861 S. Henry St.,**
Muskegon; Sat., Nov. 14 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Cedar Springs United Methodist
Church, 140 S. Main St., Cedar
Springs; Sun., Nov. 15 at 3:00 p.m.**
- **St. Luke Lutheran Church, 5589**
Van Atta Rd., Haslett; Fri., Dec. 4 at
7:00 p.m.
- **Judson Memorial Baptist Church,**
530 Vernon, Lansing; Sat., Dec. 5 at
7:00 p.m.

A freewill offering will be taken at most
CCR concerts. For directions and maps,
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As part of our 25th Anniversary celebra-
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BECOME A FRIEND OF CCR

CCR is a nonprofit organization funded primarily by donations. Despite the fact that the director and ringers are volunteers, the costs of operating a touring musical group are high. For example:

- ◆ replacing our music library would exceed \$15,000, and the cost of each new piece is about \$50.
- ◆ the replacement cost of our biggest bell, the aluminum C2, is \$4500.
- ◆ a music stand costs \$120; we have 13.

To advance the art of handbell ringing and to bring the joy of handbell ringing to our audiences, we established a "Friends of the Capital City Ringers" program several years ago. This year, Friends donations were used to pay the production costs and royalties for our new CD, *Aurora Bronzealis*.

Please consider becoming a Friend of CCR; we have enclosed a contribution form for your use. Contributions are tax-deductible, and your name(s) will be listed on our website, in the *RingTones*, and in our Lansing-area concert programs for the coming year.

"STILL RINGING AFTER ALL THESE YEARS"

CCR kicked off its 25th Anniversary season with the theme "Still Ringing After All These Years." We incorporated the number 25 in the introduction of each piece in the repertoire. This was done in a variety of ways from citing the weight of a euphonium to Norm Cash's uniform number.

We performed at Silver Bells in the City and VanAtta's Christmas open house, and as guests of the LCC percussion and guitar ensembles and the Mason Orchestral Society. We followed up with our traditional holiday concerts at St. Luke Lutheran in Haslett and Judson Memorial Baptist in Lansing. We ended the season with an abbreviated performance at Grandhaven Manor.

Audiences enjoyed Leroy Anderson's *Sleigh Ride* and *Christmas Eve (Sarajevo 12/24)* of Trans-Siberian Orchestra fame. They were also entertained by Gary Masters' non-musical performance during *Jazz Pizzicato*.

LAMB SPRING RING 2009

The Lansing Area Ministry of Bells celebrated its 25th anniversary last year, also. Since 1985, up to 25 church and community handbell groups from across Michigan have gathered each year for a day-long rehearsal/workshop, followed by a public concert. CCR director and LAMB founder, Jane Wright, served as conductor for the 2009 Spring Ring held on March 7 at Waverly H.S. One of the highlights of the concert was CCR's solo performance of *Rock Around the Clock*, which was also popular as our spring concert encore piece.

"ON TOUR WITH CCR"

In the spring CCR continued its 25th Anniversary celebration with the theme "On Tour with CCR." We interspersed our musical selections with tales of CCR tours past. The stories included our torrential "Ringing Wet" tour, our gig at the St. Louis correctional facility, a night without ice cream, and a breakfast of chocolate milkshakes.

On April 24-26 we took our longest trip in several years to the St. Louis, MO area. On Friday evening we performed at the Signal Hill United Methodist Church in Belleville, IL. The following morning we travelled to St. Paul United Church of Christ in Waterloo, IL, where we reconnected with former ringer Mark Babb, who was serving there as music director. Jane Wright directed, and CCR members assisted in, an all-day handbell workshop attended by several area handbell choirs. In the evening, CCR performed a solo concert at the church. We also participated in a worship service the following morning. Following the service, the group split up, with half the members making the long drive home while the other half spent the day sightseeing in St. Louis. Highlights for the sightseers were the Gateway Arch and the Anheuser-Busch Brewery.

In an unusual move, CCR split its Lansing concerts. The first concert at Judson Memorial Baptist was held the week before tour. The second concert at St. Luke Lutheran in Haslett was the weekend after tour. We ended the season with a short concert at Prestige Way Assisted Living Center in Holt.

"Celebration of Bells"

Jane Wright collaborated with Philip Roberts, director of Chicago Bronze, and Janet Van Valey, director of the Kalamazoo Ringers, to arrange a joint concert of the three groups at Second Reformed in Kalamazoo on April 18. The groups rehearsed the concert selections separately in advance, then came together the day of the concert to jointly rehearse the massed pieces.

The concert consisted of a mix of pieces played by one, two or all three groups. We particularly enjoyed the opportunity to work with the other directors and ringers and the chance to socialize during the day and after the concert. We look forward to similar opportunities to collaborate with these and other community ensembles.

MEET CCR'S NEW RINGER

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• **Stuart Talsma** – a.k.a. *Toll Road*. Stu
• joined CCR this fall, ringing in the bass
• section. He started ringing in junior high
• in the youth bell choir at South (Baptist)
• Church and has rung in the adult bell choir
• directed by CCR member Eileen Ellis for
• the last 15 years. He also works in the
• multi-media room during Sunday services.
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• Stu currently works as an analyst for the
• Mich. Dept. of State's Bureau of Elections,
• and previously worked for 12 years in the
• Mich. Dept. of Technology and five years
• in the Mich. Dept. of Transportation.
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• When he isn't ringing bells, Stu is an avid
• reader of history and is a collector of
• books. He also enjoys travel and music.
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“Aurora Bronzealis” (CD only), our newest recording taken from live holiday concert performances in 2006 and 2007.

“Season of Wonder” (CD only) features holiday songs/carols.

“Capital Classics” (CD or tape) includes both classical selections and popular handbell compositions/arrangements, featuring *Réunir*, our commissioned piece.

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“Capital Classic Recipes” is a collection of favorite CCR recipes, including many excellent desserts and snacks our audiences have enjoyed at post-concert receptions.

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