

CURRENT REPERTOIRE

Toccata – McChesney
March of the Dwarfs – Grieg/Garee
Puer Natus Est – arr. Jergenson
Change Ring Prelude on 'Divinum
Mysterium' – arr. Gramann
The Stars Await – Mallory with I Wonder
As I Wander – Niles; Hopkins/Gramann
He Is Born, Hallelujah! – arr. Stephenson
Riu, Riu, Chiu – arr. Moklebust
Bugler's Holiday – Anderson/Morris
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring – Bach/
McChesney
March of the Toys – Herbert/Freeman
Margie's Silent Night – Grüber/Wiltse
Unto Us a Child Is Born – arr. Gramann
Jingle Bell Jazz – Pierpont/Greer
Christmas Eve (Sarajevo 12/24) –
O'Neill and Kinkel/Morris

CAPITAL CITY RINGERS

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Kim Finison, *Lorraine Finison,
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Ring Tones

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Fall

2011

UPCOMING CONCERT SCHEDULE

CCR's 28th Annual Holiday Concert, entitled "Twelve Bells of Christmas," features songs of the season, carols, and other handbell compositions and arrangements. The concert will highlight twelve selected bells and chimes in celebration of the holiday season. Our Lansing concerts will feature flutist Lisa Moore on several pieces.

Come join us at:

- **Presbyterian Church of Okemos**, 2258 Bennett Rd. (at Okemos Rd.), Okemos; Sunday, Dec. 4, at 5:00 p.m.
- **Judson Memorial Baptist Church**, 530 Vernon (at S. Cedar), Lansing; Monday, Dec. 5, at 7:00 p.m.
- **Geneva Presbyterian Church**, 5835 N. Sheldon Rd., Canton; Friday, Dec. 9, at 7:00 p.m.
- **St. Paul's United Methodist Church**, 620 Romeo Rd., Rochester; Saturday, Dec. 10, at 7:00 p.m.
- **St. Matthew's & St. Joseph's Episcopal Church**, 8850 Woodward Ave., Detroit; Sunday, Dec. 11, at 4:00 p.m.

A freewill offering will be taken at most CCR concerts. For directions and maps, go to the Concerts tab on our website, www.capitalcityringers.com.

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CCR is a nonprofit organization funded primarily by donations. 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.

Within the last year, donations from Friends of CCR have helped us to purchase:

- ◆ additional keyboard accessories.
- ◆ additional percussion instruments and accessories.

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 *Ring Tones*, and in our Lansing-area concert programs for the coming year.

2011 AREA 5 FESTIVAL

Members of CCR participated in the Area 5 festival of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers on March 25-26. We were especially impressed with guest ringers who performed using customized bell trees.

"Heart Dance Christmas"

The CCR concert theme for the fall of 2010 was *Heart Dance Christmas*. The concert intermission featured a special performance by a handbell sextet, *Le Petit Ensembell*. Six members of CCR (Corlie Eldred, Kim Finison, Lindsay Finison, Nancy Kindraka, Andrea Palomba, and Jessi Wortley Adler) played Nancy's arrangement of *Carol of the Bells*. Audiences loved it!

The concert included the Christmas classics *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*, *Pat-a-Pan*, *We Three Kings*, and *Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy*. We ended the concert with the crowd-pleasing *Wizards in Winter* of Trans-Siberian Orchestra fame.

We racked up a lot of miles on our fall tour. We travelled to Waukegan, Illinois, stopping to perform in Kalamazoo on the way there and in St. Joseph on the way back. Locally, in addition to our two traditional concerts in Lansing and Haslett, we also played at VanAtta's Christmas open house, Edgewood Retirement Center, and in Lyons-Muir.

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE

CCR was invited by the First Congregational Church of Battle Creek to perform on Feb. 27 as part of their concert series. The timing of the concert was a special challenge because it occurred during the time we normally would be preparing our spring music. We assembled a repertoire that was a mix of pieces from both our fall season and our spring season. The venue, a sanctuary which won an award for religious architecture, was outstanding, and we played to a very appreciative standing-room-only crowd.

"Showtunes Plus"

This spring, CCR reprised our showtunes theme from the previous spring. The repertoire largely consisted of music from motion pictures and Broadway shows, and featured music from several animated films, including *Beauty and the Beast*, *Aladdin*, *Pinocchio*, and *The Lion King*. The highlight of the concert was a medley of songs from *Wicked* arranged by our very own Jane Wright. Her arrangement challenged the ringers like few pieces ever have.

On April 9 and 10 we travelled to Brooklyn and Wyandotte, Michigan. At Brooklyn Presbyterian Church, members of the group conducted workshops for ringers from the area. We performed an evening concert there and again at the early worship service the next morning. Then we travelled to Wyandotte, where the group had lunch at Lions, Tigers, and Beers, which features a continual showing of *The Wizard of Oz*. We timed our concert at Wyandotte United Methodist Church to coincide with the first one-day heat wave of the season, resulting in an afternoon performance in a non-airconditioned church with outdoor temperatures in the 80s. After finishing *Wicked*, the interior temperatures felt like triple digits!

The day after returning from tour, we performed at the Holt Senior Care & Rehab Center. Our local concerts were held on April 29 at Judson Memorial Baptist Church and on April 30 at the Presbyterian Church of Okemos. We were accompanied at the Okemos concert by guest vocal soloist, Matthew Eldred, son of ringer Corlie Eldred, on *The Impossible Dream*.

MEET CCR'S NEWEST RINGER

Aggie Steiner (a.k.a. *Syllabell*) began ringing in 2008 at Mt. Hope UMC, and immediately became a huge fan of CCR. So, she auditioned for the group in 2010, joined in the winter of 2011, and has been incredibly challenged since. Aggie was born in Poland and moved to the U.S. with her family when she was eight. After learning English, she couldn't stop, so she learned German and French, too, and eventually went to MSU for degrees in International Relations and Forensic Chemistry. Those come in very handy now that she's a stay-at-home mom when she needs to negotiate with her lovely preschool-aged daughter Kate or identify mystery stains. Her college fencing experience hasn't come in handy yet, but that is where she met her husband Paul. Aggie also enjoys reading, gardening, sewing and knitting, and volunteers with an animal rescue group.

CCR TRANSITIONS

- **Susan Speers** married Michael Mahoney on Jan. 23, 2011, and former ringer and current board member **Lisa Biasi** married Rod Beals on Feb. 19, 2011. Congrats!
- Stella Josephine was born to **Lindsay Finison** on June 3, 2011. Again, congrats!
- Welcome back, returning ringers **Scott Beck** and **Jessi Wortley Adler**!
- We miss ringers **Rosalyn Butler**, **Corlie Eldred**, **Lindsay Finison**, and **Susan Mahoney**, who are currently on sabbatical.

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