

## CURRENT REPERTOIRE

*Canticle* – Sherman  
*A La Ru* – arr. McFadden  
*In the Hall of the Mountain King* – Grieg/  
Thompson  
*We Three Kings* – Hopkins/Raney  
*Blue Christmas* – Hayes & Johnson/Morris  
*Cold December Flies Away* – arr. Boyer  
*Sing We All Noël* – arr. Gramann  
*Riu, Riu, Chiu* – arr. Moklebust  
*A Classical Christmas* – arr. Wissinger  
*Believe (from The Polar Express)* – Ballard &  
Silvestri/Eithun  
*Up on the Housetop* – arr. Sherman  
*Christmas Eve Sarajevo* – O'Neill & Hinkel/  
Morris  
*Sleigh Ride* – Anderson/Thompson

## CAPITAL CITY RINGERS

Director: Nicole Leppala

Ringers: Natalie Blunt, Shari  
Dann, Ashley Dickins, \*Corlie  
Eldred, Kim Finison, \*Lorraine  
Finison, David Hafey, \*Rick  
Hobrla, Marcia Hollopeter, Gary  
Masters, Laura Sparks, Shannon  
Spasova, Kristin Stroble, Stuart  
Talsma, and Jessi Wortley Adler

Narrator: Rich Weingartner

Concert Coord.: Lindsay Finison

\*section leaders

## CCR TRANSITIONS

- In January we welcomed **Cory Payne-Drueke**, who recently had moved to DeWitt from Miami, FL, with her husband Richard Drueke. She replaced **Marty Herman**, whose new job didn't allow her the flexibility of Monday evenings off. Very unfortunately, Cory suffered a medical emergency in August and was unable to return to ringing this fall. We hope she will be able to return in the not too distant future.
- Our concert coordinator, **Lindsay Finison**, is taking a couple terms off from ringing after the birth of Lorelei Joel Smith on Jan. 16. Fortunately, CCR alum **Jessi Wortley Adler** was able to return to ring for Lindsay. Congrats, Lindsay, and thanks, Jessi!

**Take Note!** We've gone green! Except for Friends of CCR and those who request paper copies, we have switched to email communications only. Send an email to [info@capitalcityringers.com](mailto:info@capitalcityringers.com) to provide your email address or to be removed from our list. Call (517) 321-3221 or send a note to Capital City Ringers, 1104 Alexandria Dr., Lansing, MI 48917, if you need to receive paper mailings or need any other assistance.



# Ring Tones

Newsletter of  
**The Capital City Ringers**

Fall

2018

## UPCOMING CONCERT SCHEDULE

CCR's 35th Annual Holiday Concert, "A Storybook Christmas," presents holiday songs and favorite carols told in storybook form. See the repertoire list on the back page of this newsletter. In addition to handbells and handchimes, the concert features dulcimer, keyboard, viola, bass guitar, trap set, and a variety of percussion instruments. Come and join us for some holiday music and entertainment at these venues:

- **MSU Community Music School**, 4930 S. Hagadorn Rd., E. Lansing 48823; Sunday, Dec. 2, at 3:30 p.m.
- **St. James Catholic Church**, 1010 S. Lansing St., Mason 48854; Monday, Dec. 3, at 7:00 p.m.
- **St. Paul Lutheran Church**, 3383 E. Lake Lansing Rd., E. Lansing 48823; Saturday, Dec. 8, at 4:00 p.m.

Donations will be gratefully received at our Lansing-area concerts. For directions, maps, and complete concert information, go to the Concerts tab on our website, [www.capitalcityringers.com](http://www.capitalcityringers.com).

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### **BECOME A FRIEND OF CCR**

CCR has **seven** octaves of Malmark handbells, the largest set in the area and one of two sets that we know of in Michigan. While we still plan to purchase the lower 7th octave handchimes (C2 to F#2), costing about \$6800, we started the process of producing a new CD last spring, which is a very costly undertaking.

We appreciate the donations of our many Friends. Please consider becoming a Friend of CCR, if you aren't already. We have enclosed a form for your tax-deductible contribution. Your name(s) will be listed on our website, in the **Ring Tones**, and in our Lansing-area concert programs.

### **WE'RE RECORDING A CD!**

On Saturday, May 18, we spent the day in the recording studio laying down the tracks from our audience-pleasing spring concerts, *Pop, Rock, and All That Jazz!* It was an exhausting day, made even more so by the fact that everything had to be hauled up to (and later, down from) the third-floor recording studio in a mansion near the Lansing Country Club.

Many of you know how much equipment we have, and it's pretty much all heavy! No elevator, of course! Needless to say, we hired some wonderful help so we wouldn't be too tired to play! It all worked out very well.

The editing and post-production process will take awhile, but we hope to have the CD ready by the time of our spring concerts. We know you will enjoy it!

### **Ringling in the Season**

The title of our 2017 holiday concert season was inspired by an original piece in our repertoire, *Winter Carillon*, composed by Mitchell Eithun, one of two new CCR ringers last fall, and it made extensive use of CCR's large aluminum bells. The repertoire featured many Christmas standards, including *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*, *The Holly and the Ivy*, and *Still, Still, Still*. Between pieces, narrator Rich Weingartner entertained audiences with candid advice for beginning handbell ringers and little known (or perhaps well-known) secrets from the Handbell Ringers Code of Ethics. The grand finale of each concert was a thundering rendition of Trans-Siberian Orchestra's *Wizards in Winter*.

The travel schedule for the season featured three local concerts bracketed by longer trips. CCR's first performance was at Faith United Methodist Church in Coleman (northeast of Mt. Pleasant). The next performance was at University Lutheran Church in East Lansing. In an accident of timing, the concert started just prior to a Michigan State University basketball game down the street at the Breslin Center. Afterwards, MSU basketball coach Tom Izzo complained to CCR that our concert cut into the attendance at his game! Next up were concerts at St. James Catholic Church in Mason and Asbury United Methodist Church in Lansing. The season ended with a private performance for the Grand Rapids First Assembly in Wyoming, Michigan.

### **Pop, Rock, and All That Jazz!**

The CCR concert theme for the spring of 2018 was *Pop, Rock, and All That Jazz!* The repertoire had a modern feel and lent itself to lots of accompaniment from keyboard, bass guitar, and particularly drums. The show opened with the song that inspired our title, *All That Jazz* from the Broadway hit, *Chicago*. Also included were hits from the 1950s right up to 2016 which were originally recorded by well-known musical acts such as Frank Sinatra, the Beatles, the Beach Boys, Leonard Cohen, ABBA, and Coldplay. Two of the numbers, *City of Stars* and *Hallelujah*, featured our guest vocalist, Carly Mossner. The program climaxed with tie-dyed gloves and a rousing version of *Dancing Queen*.

While the repertoire was demanding, the travel schedule was not. The season opened with concerts at Faith Lutheran Church in Okemos and Central United Methodist Church in downtown Lansing. Next up was a concert at our most distant venue, Lyons-Muir Church in Muir. We closed the season at Hope Lutheran Church in DeWitt, but before that, CCR performed a fascinating joint concert with the DeWitt Community Concert Band (also directed by CCR's director, Nicole Leppala) and the MSU Community Music School Jazz Band. Since CCR ringer Kim Finison also plays trumpet in both of the other musical groups, he got no rest and was one tired puppy at the end of the night!

### **MEET CCR'S NEWEST RINGERS**

**Shari Dann** (a.k.a. *No-bell Prize*) joined CCR at the middle of the Spring 2018 season to replace a ringer who had to leave the group suddenly. That was a big challenge, but she was equal to the task! Shari started ringing in the Pilgrim Ringers of the United Church of Christ in Sherburne, a rural community in central New York. This group released an album and toured in a wide area around Sherburne. As an adult, Shari rang in and directed the handbell choir at First Congregational in Laingsburg. She also plays clarinet and piano. Shari loves her work with MSU students in the Dept. of Community Sustainability and is continually inspired by each incoming group of students. In her personal life, she is the proud parent of two daughters, a niece, and her dog, Scooby Doo. In her spare time, Shari enjoys quilting, crafting, making jams, and growing lavender.

**Kristin Stroble** (a.k.a. *Stro-bell*) joined CCR in the fall of 2018 after moving to East Lansing. She was an emergency replacement for another one of our new ringers from the spring of 2018, Cory Payne-Drueke, who had a medical emergency just before the fall season started. CCR was glad Kristin was able to step in at the last minute. Kristin has been ringing bells since she was 12 years old and directed a church handbell choir while in college. She received her Bachelor of Music Education degree from the College of Wooster in Wooster, OH, with a focus in choral music. She then received her Master of Divinity degree from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA. Kristin is the pastor of Eastminster Presbyterian Church in East Lansing. In addition to musical interests, Kristin loves to read, travel, hike, bike, and visit the national parks.

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