

CURRENT REPERTOIRE

In the Hall of the Mountain King – Grieg/
arr. Thompson
Shades of 'Forest Green' – Traditional
English Melody/arr. Waugh
Overture from 'The Nutcracker' –
Tschaikovsky/arr. McChesney
Danse Arabe (from The Nutcracker) –
Tschaikovsky/arr. Griffin
*Variations on a Mood: Scenes of Lake
Superior* – Wiltse
Réunir – Payn
William Tell Overture (Fanfare) –
Rossini/arr. Thompson
God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen –
Traditional English carol/arr. Morris
Joy to the World – ANTIOCH/arr. Parrish
Carol of the Wise Men – Puerto Rican
carol/arr. Gramann

Blue Christmas – Hays/Johnson/arr.
Morris
Northern Lights – Sioux Indian melody/
arr. Tucker
Sleigh Ride – Anderson/arr. Poreda
Wizards in Winter – O'Neill/Kinkel; arr.
Greer/Waugh

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Ring Tones

Newsletter of
The Capital City Ringers

Fall

2007

UPCOMING CONCERT SCHEDULE

CCR's Annual Holiday Concert, entitled
"Let Heaven and Nature Ring," features
songs of the season, hymn tunes, and a
mixture of classical and popular music. In
addition to handbells and handchimes, this
concert will include keyboard, clarinet,
trumpet, bass guitar, and assorted percus-
sion instruments. Come join us at:

- **East Lansing Winter Bowl**, Marriott
Hotel, 300 MAC Ave., E. Lansing;
Sunday, December 2 at 2:00, 2:45,
and 3:30 p.m.
- **St. Luke Lutheran Church**, 5589
Van Atta Rd., Haslett; Saturday,
December 8 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Judson Memorial Baptist Church**,
530 Vernon, Lansing; Sunday,
December 9 at 4:00 p.m.

At the East Lansing Winter Bowl, we will
perform a selection of Christmas music
repeated three times. Our performance
will be part of the overall festival, which
includes several activities. Sponsored by
the City of East Lansing and MSU's Uni-
versity Activities Board, the festival will in-
clude a chili cook-off, pictures with Santa,
a reindeer petting zoo, ice carving, and
horse and carriage rides.

All CCR concerts are free, though a free-
will offering will be taken at the Decem-
ber 8 and 9 concerts. For directions and
maps, go to the Concerts/Events tab on
our website, www.capitalcityringers.com

CCR FEATURED ENSEMBLE AT AREA V FESTIVAL/CONFERENCE

CCR was honored to present the open-
ing concert for the American Guild of En-
glish Handbell Ringers Area V Fall Festi-
val/Conference. It was held at the Lan-
sing Center on October 26 and 27, 2007.
The conference included over 425 ring-
ers from about 55 choirs. Participants
came from Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Ken-
tucky and West Virginia. The guest con-
ductor was the renowned Tim Waugh from
Bluefield, West Virginia.

CCR opened the festival on Friday
evening with a selection of pieces from
our fall repertoire. The climax of the per-
formance was *Wizards in Winter*, which
was co-arranged by Tim Waugh and Rima
Greer, formerly of the group Campanile.

We received many compliments from
the audience that evening and through-
out the conference. CCR previously per-
formed at the Area V festival in 1996.

BECOME A FRIEND OF CCR

CCR is a nonprofit organization funded primarily by donations. To continue our efforts to advance the art of handbell ringing and to bring the joy of handbell ringing to our audiences, we have established a "Friends of the Capital City Ringers" program. The expense of music, handbells, handchimes, percussion equipment, lights, tables, and travel is substantial. Just this fall, we realized a long-time dream with the purchase of a 12-foot trailer to haul our bells, chimes, and other equipment. The trailer was used during our fall tour and greatly expedited loading and unloading, and also reduced the number of vehicles needed.

Wish list items for the future include additional aluminum handbells from the lower 7th octave (really LOW bells!), additional handbells from the upper 7th octave (really HIGH bells!), and stage lighting equipment.

We need your help! 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 and in the *Ring Tones* and our Lansing-area concert programs for the coming year.

SPRING 2007 SEASON REVIEW: "SPIRIT OF AMERICA"

The Spring 2007 concert season included an assortment of titles reflecting American history. They ranged from sailing songs (*All Bells on Deck*) through the Civil War (*When Johnny Comes Marching Home*) to modern times (*Classical Gas*).

The concert featured some stunning visual images compiled by Kim Finison and projected behind the ringers. During *Commemoration of the Spirit*, the images included an assortment of American landscapes, monuments, and parks. *Variations on a Mood: Scenes of Lake Superior* showcased multiple scenes of Lake Superior, from crashing waves to quiet sunsets.

Crowds particularly enjoyed some of the faster pieces, like *Rodeo Jubilee*, *Washington Post March*, and *William Tell Overture*. The concert ended with *Salute to Our Military*, a medley of songs including *America the Beautiful* and anthems of the various military branches.

Our Spring Tour took us first to the United Church of Big Rapids, where we had a large audience. From there, we moved on to Petoskey United Methodist Church, where we played for a much smaller, but enthusiastic, crowd. On Sunday, we traveled in the early morning to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling. We participated in their morning mass and later that afternoon performed our full concert in front of a large crowd.

WEDDING BELLS

CCR performed at two weddings in 2007, the first on January 13 for Danielle Brophy and Thom Elder at the historic Hartland Music Hall in Hartland, Michigan. On April 28, we played for the wedding of Marie Deren and Jeffrey Schaper at the Alumni Chapel on the campus of Michigan State University. Best wishes to the newlyweds!

If you would like handbell music at your next wedding celebration, contact us!

FALL 2007

"LET HEAVEN AND NATURE RING"

Our program opens with *In the Hall of the Mountain King*. It goes on to tell the story of the mountain king and his travels. He visits his forests (*Shades of Forest Green*) and meditates along the lakeshore (*Variations on a Mood: Scenes of Lake Superior*). He is visited by a wandering troubador sharing stories from afar (*Overture and Danse Arabe* from "The Nutcracker"). The first half ends with a rousing rendition of the *William Tell Overture*. The second half consists of a variety of Christmas and seasonal tunes, ranging from the traditional (*God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen* and *Joy to the World*) to modern day (*Blue Christmas* and *Sleigh Ride*). A mystery guest will have you swiveling in your seat! Several songs are complemented by a computerized visual display created by Kim Finison.

We took this show on tour November 16-18, as we traveled north. We began at Trinity Lutheran Church in Midland, where we had an audience of about 100, despite competing against several major events in town. The next day we traveled on to Fremont, where we performed an evening concert in the magnificent Dogwood Center for the Arts. The following morning we participated in the worship service at Fremont United Methodist Church. After the service we hustled to Faith Lutheran Church in Whitehall for lunch and an early afternoon concert. The three concerts combined represented our most successful tour ever in terms of attendance and income.

MEET CCR'S NEW RINGERS

Jessi Wortley – a.k.a. *Tinkerbelle*. Jessi has been playing handbells since age 13 at Grand Ledge First United Methodist Church and joined CCR in January 2007. After the group discovered that she's also a percussionist, Jessi started splitting her time during performances between ringing and "making stuff up" on accompanying auxiliary instruments.

A graduate of Grand Ledge High School and Ferris State University (Go Dawgs!), she now earns her paycheck as communications director for a state senator. When she's not working or ringing, you can find Jessi volunteering for Relay for Life, or "going Jeepin'" in her bright yellow Wrangler. Also an avid Disney fan, she's appropriately named her cats Tinkerbelle and Wendy.

Scott Beck – a.k.a. *Little Ringer*. Scott has been ringing for 10 years, the last five years in Jane's choir at Westwood United Methodist Church in Kalamazoo. This fall he began his freshman year at Michigan State as a pre-med student. Unable to imagine life without ringing under Jane's direction, he immediately joined CCR this fall. He is also a member of the Men's Glee Club at MSU.

Scott plays piano, alto sax, and oboe. He was a drum major at Kalamazoo Central High School, and, while there, had leading roles in *Footloose* and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

He is excited to join CCR and hopes to be with us for a number of years.

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“Season of Wonder” (CD only), our newest recording, features songs of the Christmas season.

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

“It’s Showtime!” (CD or cassette tape) features show tunes of all eras, from George M. Cohan to Henry Mancini to John Williams.

“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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