

CURRENT REPERTOIRE

Exaltation – Swearingen/arr. Poreda
Blue Rondo à la Turk – Brubeck/arr.
Benton & Thorneycroft
Waltz of the Flowers (from “*The Nutcracker*”) – Tchaikovsky/arr. Yoshida
Danse Macabre – Saint-Saens/arr. Keller
Sheep May Safely Graze – Bach/arr.
Thompson
Pizzicato Polka – Strauss/arr. Ivey
A La Ru (A Christmas Lullaby) – Hispanic
Folk Tune/arr. McFadden
Entry of the Gladiators – Fuèik/arr. Griffin
Sleigh Ride – Anderson/arr. Poreda
Silver Bells – Livingston/Evans/arr.
Dobrinski
Go, Tell It on the Mountain – Prokofiev/
arr. McKechnie
West Indies Carol – arr. Morris

Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming – 16th
Century German Carol/arr. Dobrinski
God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen – Trad.
English carol/arr. Morris
Christmas Eve (Sarajevo 12/24) – O'Neill/
Kinkel/Trans-Siberian Orch./arr. Morris
A Festival of Carols – arr. Wagner
Psalm Nine – Wiltse

CAPITAL CITY RINGERS

Director: Jane C. Wright

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Ring Tones

Newsletter of
The Capital City Ringers

Fall

2008

UPCOMING CONCERT SCHEDULE

CCR's Annual Holiday Concert, entitled “25 Years of CCR,” celebrates our Silver Anniversary and 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, euphonium, tuba, tubular bells and assorted percussion instruments. Come join us at:

- **Silver Bells in the City**, First Presbyterian Church, Molly Grove Chapel, 510 W. Ottawa (at Pine), Lansing; Fri., Nov. 21 from 5:00 to 5:45 p.m. and 7:45 to 8:30 p.m.
- **Van Atta Green House**, 9008 Old M-78, Haslett; Sat., Nov. 22, 2:00 p.m.
- Guests of **LCC Percussion and Guitar Ensembles**, Dart Auditorium, 500 N. Capitol Ave.; Sun., Dec. 7 at 3:00 p.m.
- Guests of **Mason Orchestral Society**, St. Mary Cathedral, 219 Seymour St. (at Ionia), Lansing; Fri., Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m.
- **St. Luke Lutheran Church**, 5589 Van Atta Rd., Haslett; Sat., Dec. 13 at 7:00 p.m.

- **Judson Memorial Baptist Church**, 530 Vernon, Lansing; Sun., Dec. 14 at 4:00 p.m.

CCR concerts are free, though a free-will offering will be taken at the Dec. 13 and 14 concerts. For directions and maps, go to the Concerts/Events tab on our website, www.capitalcityringers.com

CCR FEATURED IN TUBA BACH CONCERT SERIES

On Oct. 12 CCR was featured in the Tuba Bach Chamber Music Concert Series in Big Rapids. CCR Director Jane C. Wright served as the conductor for the concert entitled “Make a Joyful Noise - A Celebration of Psalms.” The concert included original music written by event organizer, Dr. Edward K. Mallett and local composers.

Vocals were provided by the Big Rapids Area Choir and High School Choir. In addition, the concert featured piano, organ, brass ensemble, percussion, Indian flute, and shofar. The shofar is made from a ram's horn and, according to the Bible, was used to bring down the walls of Jericho. The audience of 300+ rewarded the performers with a standing ovation.

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 enormous.

This summer, ringer Kim Finison put substantial effort into refurbishing the used trailer we purchased last fall. We spent about \$1600 replacing the axle, adding logos and lettering, and refinishing the interior. This fall, Friends donations were used to purchase four Port-a-Bell cases for our 5th and 6th octave chimes.

Our wish list items include additional aluminum handbells from the lower 7th octave (really LOW bells!), additional handbells from the upper 7th octave (really HIGH bells!), stage lighting equipment, Port-a-Bell cases for our other chimes, and a keyboard.

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 2008 SEASON REVIEW: "LETTERS FROM CAMP CCR"

For the Spring 2008 concert season ringers portrayed music students at the mythical Camp CCR. Music selections were introduced by ringers reading a series of let-

ters written from camp to relatives at home. Ringers survived a series of disasters, including poison ivy, snakes, spiders, food poisoning, storms, fires and floods. It was a busy week at music camp!

The concert opened with *The Great Gate of Kiev*, highlighted by the addition of our new Chinese gong. It featured several technically difficult pieces, including *Clair de Lune*, Bach's *Little Fugue*, and *Russian Sailors' Dance*. *Clair de Lune* (or "Clear the Room," as we called it in the letters from camp) was bought for us back in 1996 by Lorraine Finison's dad, Angelo Vassallo, and it's so difficult, it took all these years to work our way up to playing it!

Both the ringers and the audiences especially enjoyed *Tempest*, *Sabre Dance*, and the encore, *William Tell Overture*. Audiences whistled along to *Colonel Bogey March* (theme from *Bridge Over the River Kwai*).

Our Spring Tour took us first to Grace Lutheran Church in Hastings. The next day, we went to St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Grand Rapids, where we participated in the Fellowship of United Methodists in Music, Worship and the Arts. CCR members taught classes during the workshop and we performed for the attendees during lunch. That evening we presented our full concert there. On Sunday, we traveled to Westwood UMC in Kalamazoo, where our director, Jane Wright, is the Director of Worship and Fine Arts Ministries.

We wrapped up the season with a full concert at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Haslett on May 4, followed by an abbreviated performance at the Edgewood Retirement Center in Lansing on May 5.

CCR RELEASES NEW CD "AURORA BRONZEALIS"

CCR is pleased to announce the upcoming release of our first new recording since 2003. "Aurora Bronzealis" is a collection of songs from CCR's live holiday concerts in 2006 and 2007. It includes a mixture of mostly Christmas, classical, and sacred music. The title and cover were inspired by *Northern Lights*, a Sioux Indian melody arranged by Margaret Tucker. Christmas selections include *Christmas Eve (Sarajevo 12/24)*, *Carol of the Wisemen*, *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*, *Blue Christmas*, and *Joy to the World*. The CD also includes winter pieces *Winter Wonderland*, *Sleigh Ride*, and *Wizards in Winter*.

This CD and all other CCR recordings will be available at upcoming concerts, on our website, www.capitalcityringers.com, or by placing an order using the enclosed insert.

WEDDING BELLS

Two CCR ringers became engaged last summer. Katie Wharton, who finished up her CCR "career" last spring after six years with the group, announced her engagement to Rob Boes. A June 27, 2009, wedding is planned. Current ringer Jessi Wortley is engaged to Ari Adler. A late summer 2009 wedding is planned. Congratulations, Katie and Jessi!

CCR loves to play for weddings. If you would like handbell music at your next wedding celebration, contact us!

MEET CCR'S NEW RINGERS

Corlie Eldred – a.k.a. *Bell Amie*. Corlie comes to us from Williamston, where she has been involved in music ministry at Williamston United Methodist Church for over 30 years, and currently serves as organist and director of the handbell choir, "Joyful Noise." Other musical activities include teaching piano and accompanying students at area festivals and recitals. Having raised three sons, Corlie and her husband Keith now enjoy any chance they get to spend time with their two grandsons. They also enjoy traveling to places near and far, and weekends often find them competing in dog shows and agility trials with their two setters. On nice days, Corlie's favorite things to do are walking with her human or canine buddies, or working in her flower gardens.

Eileen Ellis – a.k.a. *AllureRing*. Eileen has served 14 years as Treasurer of CCR's sister organization, the Lansing Area Ministry of Bells, and has directed handbell choirs at South Church for over 30 years, in addition to being one of two organists. Eileen is a health care consultant with Health Management Associates, specializing in health care reimbursement and delivery systems. She and her husband, Jim, have one grown daughter, Shelley, who is the Associate Director of Campus Crusade for Christ at the University of New Hampshire. Jim retired from the State of Michigan and went to seminary, majoring in Old Testament. He graduated in 2001, and is now teaching for short periods overseas. Eileen travels with him when she can.

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CCR MERCHANDISE

The following CCR merchandise is available for purchase via the attached order form, at our concerts, or through our website (www.capitalcityringers.com):

“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.

“It’s Showtime!” (CD or 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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