

CURRENT REPERTOIRE

Blue Christmas – Hays & Johnson/Morris
A Calypso Christmas – Trad. Carols/
McChesney
Capriccio – McChesney
Christmas Carol Fest II – arr. Wagner
Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy –
Tchaikovsky/Gramann
Greensleeves – 17th Century English Melody/
Moklebust
Jubilant Praise – Black
Rondo Passacaglia – Dobrinski
Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer – Marks/
Wagner
Silver Bells – Livingston & Evans/Dobrinski
Sing We Now of Christmas – French Carol/
McChesney
We Three Kings – Hopkins/Raney
White Christmas – Berlin/Dobrinski
Winter's Waltz – Krug

CAPITAL CITY RINGERS

Director: Mark Loring

Ringers: Kyle Dymond, Sarah Dymond, *Corlie Eldred, Justin Farmer, Kim Finison, *Lorraine Finison, *Rick Hobrla, Tammy Nott, Cory Payne-Drueke, Shannon Quinn, Jen Scholes, Laura Sparks, Kristin Stroble, Stu Talsma, and Jane Wright

Narrator: Keith Eldred

Concert Coord.: Lindsay Smith

*section leaders

CCR TRANSITIONS

- Two long-time CCR ringers, Dave Hafey and Dave Wright, have retired from the ensemble. They are both low bass ringers, so you can bet they will be called upon to sub from time to time. We will be glad to see them!
- Congratulations to ringer Rick Hobrla on his retirement from the State of Michigan's Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy on March 31, 2023. He had over 47 years of service (wow!). Rick has been a member of the Capital City Ringers since Fall 2001. Immediately upon retiring, he bought a new car and soon embarked on a major trip through the South and West with his wife, Deb.

Take Note! Except for Friends of CCR and those who request paper copies, we have switched to email only. Send an email to 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. Thanks!



Ring Tones

Newsletter of
The Capital City Ringers

Fall

2023

UPCOMING CONCERT SCHEDULE

Under the baton of our Music Director, Mark Loring, CCR's 40th Annual Holiday Concert, "*The Many Colors of Christmas*," is a family-friendly concert of carols and holiday favorites--our present to you! In addition to handbells and handchimes, the concert features a variety of percussion instruments, drums, bass guitar, and keyboard. Come and join us for some holiday entertainment at these venues:

- **Eastminster Presbyterian Church**, 1315 Abbot Rd., E. Lansing 48823; Saturday, Dec. 9, at 7:00 p.m.
- **Brooklyn Presbyterian Church**, 160 N. Main St., Brooklyn 49230; Sunday, Dec. 10, at 7:00 p.m.
- **Delta Presbyterian Church**, 6100 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing 48917; Monday, Dec. 11, at 7:00 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.

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BECOME A FRIEND OF CCR

CCR has 7 octaves of Malmark handbells, and 6 octaves of Malmark handchimes, plus the lowest handchime made, the C2, so we have started acquiring the lower 7th octave handchimes (C2-F#2), which are VERY expensive.

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 HAVE A NEW HOME!

At the end of May, we had to pack up everything we own when our rehearsal space at Capital Data, Inc., was no longer available. It's usually difficult to find a space where we can both rehearse and store our "stuff," but Eastminster Presbyterian Church in E. Lansing came to our rescue and offered us space to rehearse and a large room to store our things. It probably didn't hurt that Eastminster's pastor, Rev. Kristin Stroble, is one of the Capital City Ringers! Come and visit us some Monday night!

bRinging Back Christmas

After a three-year hiatus due to COVID, CCR was thrilled in the fall of 2022 to resume live performances once again, this time under the leadership of our new Music Director, Mark Loring. Our concert schedule was light with only three concerts. We opened with a concert at Eastminster Presbyterian Church in East Lansing, followed the next day by a concert at Delta Presbyterian in Delta Township. We wrapped up our season at one of our favorite venues, Lyons-Muir Church in Muir.

Our theme was "bRinging Back Christmas." We opened the concerts with a "singing bell" procession leading into a performance of Brenda Austin's arrangement of What Child Is This. During the concerts, the audiences joined in by singing along to a medley of Christmas Carols in Christmas Carol Fest and to the tune of Let There Be Peace on Earth. Among the favorites in our repertoire were Jose Feliciano's Feliz Navidad and our big closing number, Wizards in Winter, from the Trans-Siberian Orchestra.

ABOUT THE NEW CAPITAL AREA COMMUNITY BELL CHOIR

As you may have heard, there is a new community handbell ensemble in the Lansing area. If you or someone you know is looking to be more challenged in ringing bells than your church bell choir allows, this may be just the thing for you. Rehearsals are at Eastminster at 4:30 on Sundays. For more info, contact co-director Susan Kilmer at sdkilmer@aol.com.

It's a spRing Thing!

The spring 2023 concert season opened at the Central United Methodist Church in downtown Lansing. The following weekend we performed at Eastminster Presbyterian Church in East Lansing and at the Michigan Masonic Pathways in Alma, where, in addition to our live audience, our concert was streamed live to the rooms of the residents who were too ill or infirm to attend in person.

The concert title was "It's a spRing Thing," and our talented narrator Keith Eldred was assisted in delivering the script between pieces (and occasionally scolded) by the chatbot Simon. The repertoire included an eclectic mix ranging from classical (Hymn to Joy and Firebird) to show tunes (Singin' in the Rain and Phantom of the Opera) to novelty pieces (Beach Spring Stomp and Spy Ring). CCR was accompanied by members of our sister organization, the newly formed Capital Area Community Bell Choir, on Dance of the Five. The concert included Salute to the Military, a medley of military anthems performed in honor of our veterans and active service men and women, and a touching tribute to the victims of the February 13 shooting at Michigan State University (Meditation on Beautiful Savior).

MEET CCR'S NEWEST RINGERS

Justin Farmer (a.k.a. *Bell Number*) joined CCR in the Fall of 2023. He is a PhD student in Economics at Michigan State, coming from Charlotte, North Carolina. He has previously rung in both the Charlotte Bronze and the Raleigh Ringers handbell ensembles, as well as his church handbell choir. His other musical pursuits include piano, percussion, and singing tenor in choirs. Prior to coming to Michigan, Justin graduated from Chapel Hill and North Carolina State, and spent three years teaching music and English in Japan. He says: "Outside of music and school... well, what else do you need in life?!"

Jen Scholes (a.k.a. *Tre-Bell*) also joined CCR in the Fall of 2023. She has been involved with handbells since 2000 at University United Methodist, having directed the group for 13 years and currently ringing. She also sings in the choir. Her other musical interests include trumpet and piano. Jen has a Bachelor's degree from MSU in Music Therapy and Psychology and a Master's degree in Social Work. She was a music therapist for 15 years and now works for MSU's School of Social Work as an advisor and instructor for the graduate program. Jen's immediate family includes husband Mike, the band director at St. Johns H.S. and the new director of the Meridian Community Band, and three children—Anna, Ella, and Kyle. She loves to travel, especially visiting national parks. She says: "I believe strongly in the power of music to connect and heal!"

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“Pop, Rock, and All That Jazz!” features popular songs, classic rock, and show tunes from our Spring 2018 concert repertoire, and more.

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“Season of Wonder” includes carols and holiday songs, featuring a beautiful rendition of “I Wonder As I Wander” as track 1.

Several other CCR logo items are available at our concerts. Check out the merchandise table and see our cool “stuff”!

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