

CURRENT REPERTOIRE

Ukrainian Bell Carol Fantasy – arr. Dobrinski
Shades of “Forest Green” – arr. Waugh
Cantad al Señor (Oh, Sing to the Lord) –
Brazilian Folk Song, arr. Morris
For Unto Us a Child Is Born (from Messiah) –
Handel, arr. McChesney
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel – arr. Sherman
Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow – Spiritual, arr.
Dobrinski
Change Ring Prelude on “Divinum Mysterium”
– 13th Century Plainsong, arr. Gramann
Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow – Styne,
arr. Wagner
It’s the Most Wonderful Time of the Year –
Pola and Wyle, arr. Raney
Go Tell It on the Mountain – Spiritual, arr.
McKechnie
Sing We Now of Christmas – French Carol,
arr. McChesney

CAPITAL CITY RINGERS

Director: Mark Loring

Concert Coord.: Lindsay Smith

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

**section leaders*

AND THERE’S MORE!

- Our concerts this fall feature the return of *Le Petit Ensembell*, a handbell quartet of CCR members Laura Sparks, Lorraine Finison, Shannon Quinn, and Kristin Stroble. They will be ringing an arrangement of Ding Dong, Merrily on High. In addition, flutists Sarah Dymond and Laura Sparks will play arrangements of Hark! The Herald Angels Sing and We Wish You a Merry Christmas.
- CCR is thrilled to be the special guest of the Rochester (Michigan) Symphony Orchestra at their concert at St. Paul’s United Methodist Church in Rochester on Friday, December 13, at 8:00 p.m. If you have friends and family in the area, please let them know about the concert. We will play three “solo” numbers and three selections with the Orchestra. How exciting!

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

2024

UPCOMING CONCERT SCHEDULE

Under the baton of our Music Director, Mark Loring, CCR’s 41st Annual Holiday Concert, “*Sounds of the Season*,” is a family-friendly concert of carols and holiday favorites--our present to you! In addition to handbells and handchimes, the concert features flute, clarinet, keyboard, and a variety of percussion instruments. Come and join us for some holiday entertainment at these venues:

- **Eastminster Presbyterian Church**, 1315 Abbot Rd., E. Lansing 48823; Friday, Dec. 6, at 7:00 p.m.
- **Jackson Presbyterian Church**, 743 W. Michigan Ave., Jackson 49201; Saturday, Dec. 7, at 4:00 p.m.
- **Delta Presbyterian Church**, 6100 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing 48917; Monday, Dec. 9, 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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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 and invite you to become 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.

ABOUT THE CAPITAL AREA COMMUNITY BELL CHOIR

In 2023, the newly formed Capital Area Community Bell Choir began making music. This all-volunteer group joyfully welcomes new ringers to join the choir. We are an open, supportive, and inclusive group. All levels of experience are welcome, but the ability to read music is necessary. Our mission is to have fun making music together, and two to three times a year we take our music to senior care facilities. We play a variety of music from easy to medium difficulty.

Our season begins after Labor Day in September. We take a break in December, restart in early January, and break for the summer around Memorial Day. We rehearse at Eastminster Presbyterian Church in East Lansing for about an hour on Sundays, starting at 4:00 p.m. For more information, email co-leaders Susan Kilmer and Rachael Short at CapitalAreaCommunityBells@gmail.com

The Many Colors of Christmas

Our 40th anniversary year began with a concert at our "home base," Eastminster Presbyterian Church in E. Lansing, on Saturday, December 9. The following day, December 10, we traveled to Brooklyn Presbyterian Church in Jackson County (home of the Michigan International Speedway), where we have played several times before. The very next evening, December 11, we played another Lansing-area concert at Delta Presbyterian Church in west Lansing. That's a LOT of loading, unloading, and reloading our tons of handbells, handchimes, and "stuff"! We were pretty exhausted, but were glad that we could bring holiday entertainment to three wonderful audiences!

We also played excerpts from our holiday repertoire at VanAtta's Holiday Open House in Haslett on November 18 and at Provision Living in E. Lansing on January 8.

Our repertoire for the season included an eclectic mix of sacred and secular songs and original compositions for handbells. The audience joined in singing a medley of six holiday songs. Also included was the debut of *Le Petit Ensembell*, a handbell quartet of ringers Laura Sparks, Lorraine Finison, Shannon Quinn, and Kristin Stroble.

40 Years and Counting!

Our Spring 2024 concert season opened at one of our favorite places, Lyons-Muir Church in Muir, on Saturday, April 13. The following weekend we performed on Saturday, April 20, at Eastminster Presbyterian Church in East Lansing, and on Monday, April 22, at Delta Presbyterian Church in Lansing. We also performed a short program for the Owosso Musicale at Owosso United Methodist Church on Sunday, April 7.

The concert title recognized our 40-year anniversary. The repertoire included some old favorites of the group, plus some new selections, including Lore of the Loom, which featured two hammered dulcimers and flute. We also debuted two rock-and-roll songs, We Are the Champions and Rock Around the Clock, with Mark's son, Eric Loring, on electric guitar. We rocked it out!

CCR TRANSITIONS

- Due to a scheduling conflict, one of our new ringers last year, Jen Scholes, had to drop out of the ensemble at the end of the spring season. We miss you, Jen, and hope you will return some day. We were so fortunate that, just a day after Jen announced her departure, a former CCR member, Ash Dickins, called to ask if we had any openings this fall. We did, and the rest is history, as they say!
- Just as we were beginning our spring term last January, long-time ringer Rick Hobrla suffered a broken femur in a rather freak fall at home. After surgery, five days in the hospital, and months of physical therapy, he has recovered and rejoined the ensemble this fall. While he was out of commission, our concert coordinator and CCR alumnus, Lindsay Smith, stepped in to help the ensemble cover Rick's position. We're so glad you have recovered, Rick, and thank you, Lindsay, for joining in!

MEET CCR'S RETURNING RINGER

Ash Dickins (a.k.a. *Tinkerbell*) rejoined CCR in the Fall of 2024, having rung with us from the Fall of 2017 to the Spring of 2019. Ash has been ringing bells since age 8, starting at Eaton Rapids United Methodist Church, and still subs there when needed. Since graduating from Michigan State University in the Spring of 2021, Ash has been working for Starbucks as an assistant store manager and is hoping to take over a store as the manager soon! Ash enjoys being outside, whether it's volleyball, snowboarding, hiking, kayaking, or really any outdoor activity, and has a small zoo at home, including cats, geckos, and axolotl, and some fish.

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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.

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