



# 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Newsletter

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## E-Newsletter

*Greetings All!*

*Handbells etc. is excited to be celebrating their 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Can you believe how fast times change? It seems not too long ago that we were just starting our business.*

*Remember that we continue to have a preview option for handbell music. Give us a call to find out details.*

*We continue to work hard to meet your handbell needs and appreciate your support.*

*Call or email us for all your handbell needs!*

*Susan Galloway and Camille Ream*

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If you are looking for a clinician or adjudicator for an upcoming workshop or festival, give us a call! We would also be interested in coming to your rehearsal, to work with your choirs.

We would be happy to help with your event. (Fees to be discussed.)

We have recently been clinicians in Colorado, Ontario, and British Columbia.

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## 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sale!

Check out the [sale items](#) link on the web page for music specials up to 50% off only until March 15<sup>th</sup>!

First come, first serve...so give us a ring!

## Web page

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## Upcoming Handbell Events

### 🇨🇦 July 1-4, 2010 Classic Bronze 2010 Edmonton, Alberta



***Calling Experienced Ringers and Interested Observers!***



**Guest Director Kevin McChesney**

***Classic Bronze 2010, an advanced massed ringing event, will be held in Edmonton, from Thursday evening, July 1 through Sunday afternoon, July 4. We are excited that this year for the first time, we are able to offer an observer opportunity for those of you who want to watch Kevin in action.***

## RINGERS FOR CLASSIC BRONZE

Interested ringers will need to send the application form, the reference form attesting to the ringer's skill and musicianship, as well as a registration fee. Application materials are available in .pdf format at [www.classicbronze.org](http://www.classicbronze.org). Repertoire will be available for purchase in March by participants.

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## OBSERVERS FOR CLASSIC BRONZE

If you are unable to ring, you may be interested in watching Kevin direct the Classic Bronze choir. Application forms to attend Classic Bronze as an observer are available in .pdf format at [www.classicbronze.org](http://www.classicbronze.org). You may attend one day or all four, depending on your schedule.

We are excited that this event will be conducted by **Kevin McChesney** of Colorado Springs. Kevin McChesney is a true handbell professional. He has composed more than 400 arrangements and original works for handbells and is in constant demand as conductor and clinician world-wide. Kevin has a Bachelors of Music Composition and Theory from Colorado University where he graduated with highest honors. Kevin is a talented composer, arranger, keyboardist, guitarist, and conductor of the popular auditioned community handbell ensemble, The Pikes Peak Ringers. Kevin lives in Colorado Springs with his wife Tracy, a handbell enthusiast and excellent ringer, and with their two cats, Belle and Grace Note.

- **Who?** Ringers capable of sight reading level 3 and performing level 5 music. Space is limited to 50 registrants.
- **What?** An advanced ringing event featuring two six-octave sets and two five-octave sets of handbells as well as 6.5 octaves of Choirchimes as well as various complementary instruments - conducted by **Kevin McChesney** of Colorado Springs.
- **When?** July 1 - 4, 2010
- **Where?** Concordia University College of Alberta, 7128 Ada Blvd, Edmonton Alberta, Canada.
- **Why?** It will be challenging, rewarding, exciting and fun!
- **How?** Send an application form, provide a written reference attesting to your skill and musicianship, as well as a registration deposit fee. For more information contact [rkoski@telusplanet.net](mailto:rkoski@telusplanet.net)

Rehearsals will be held at Concordia University College, in Edmonton. The culminating concert will be on Sunday afternoon, July 4 at the Tegler Center at the University and will be open to the public.

Classic Bronze Handbell Ringing Association is delighted to acknowledge support from Handbells Etc., Concordia University College and ALGEHR and is soliciting further support from other agencies and organizations.



**Aug 8 & 9, 2010**

**Evening Adult Handbell Ensemble  
Edmonton, Alberta**

**In conjunction with Singspiration at Concordia University**

The Evening Adult Handbell Ensemble focuses on Directors and Ringers of all abilities who would like to learn or improve their directing or ringing skills. If you would like to join us or know of someone who is new to ringing or handbell directing, come to this workshop. It will give you and your friends a head start for the fall! Contact [Handbells etc.](#) at the address on the front of this newsletter to register!



**Aug 3-7, 2010**

14<sup>th</sup> International Handbell Symposium  
Osaka City, Japan

- We are excited to have **Dr. John Hooper** as our Canadian conductor. He is Professor of Music at Concordia University College of Alberta and directs Jubiloso! Bells of Concordia. Many of you know him from Ringing Link Festivals or other International Symposia.
- Pandemonium, an original composition by **Robyn Tyrrell**, has been selected by the Handbell Guilds of Canada as the Canadian Composition for this symposium. This composition was the winner of the Alberta Guild of English Handbell Ringers 2009 Composition Competition - Youth Division. Robyn was 18 when she wrote this. She is planning to attend the University of Alberta in the nursing program.



**July 6-9, 2011**

Ringing Link 2011  
Calgary, Alberta  
Watch for details!

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## Singing Bell Technique

Have you heard of the latest, newest handbell technique? Head down to your local lumber yard and pick up some 1” dowel! Yes, it is as simple as that. I am not sure who thought this technique up, but it has huge potential to help carry those bass sounds over numerous measures.

I remember as a teenager I was on a band tour and we were eating dinner in a banquet hall at the MacDonald Hotel in Edmonton. There was probably about 150 teenagers, all running their wet fingers around their water goblets to make a wonderful sound that filled the room and caused great stress to our chaperones as they tried to make all of us stop. This is the same principle as the singing bell – only you will need a 1” dowel and a bass bell! It does take practice to get control of the dowel and the vibration but once that is done, you will get a beautiful sound. Control the sound by increasing the pressure or speed of the dowel.

This technique is featured in newer music such as Morning Has Broken arr. Lamb for 3 octaves and Choirchimes® level 1+, Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (PICARDY) arr. Turner for 3-5 octaves with optional Choirchimes® level 1+, Amazing Grace arr. Eithun for 3-6 octaves with optional Choirchimes® level 2, How can I keep from Singing? arr. Sherman Level 3, or Give Me Jesus arr. Behnke for 4-6 octaves with optional Choirchimes®, level 4.

I encourage you to take a look at some of the music already in your handbell library to see which pieces you might be able to use this technique.

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## Youth Handbell Festivals in Alberta

- It’s an epidemic!

We are very excited about what is happening with handbells in the school system in Alberta. Edmonton Public School Board, in conjunction with the Alberta Guild of English Handbells, have been hosting Youth Handbell Festivals for more than 20 years. There have often been three sites for the festival, with up to 10 choirs at each one. Each choir performs a piece for others choirs and then ring a massed ringing piece under a chosen director. Ringers come with their music prepared so the director is able to focus on making music, not rehearsing notes. This format also gives students a chance to hear other choirs.

This year, there are festivals planned for Edmonton, Calgary, Fort McMurray and Sherwood Park. If you want to look at planning one in your area, give us a call!