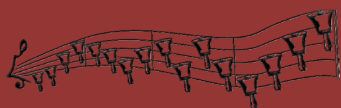


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## E-Blitz

*Greetings to All!*

*Our prayers go out to all who have been affected by the recent flooding in Southern Alberta. Most of us have a family member or friend, who live in the area that has been affected. It is a difficult time, but we have no doubt that Canadians will pull together to do whatever they can, to help those who have been affected.*

*We had the privilege of working with Dr. Payn this winter at the Master Conductor's Class in Arizona. We are so excited that he will be our guest clinician for Classic Bronze 2013! This will also be a weekend filled with work and fun! We rehearse for 3 full days and then perform in a concert with other ringers from across Canada and the US.*

*Please join us for our final concert at Concordia University of Alberta in Edmonton on July 7 at 4:00 pm.*

*Handbells etc. has 3 octaves of Malmark handbells and 2 octaves of Malmark Choirchimes to loan to schools and churches! If you know of someone who is interested in purchasing handbells, let us know – we can lend them some to try!*

*Susan Galloway and Camille Ream*

### Clinicians



Both Susan and Camille have received their Handbell Musicians of American Level 2 Director's Certification so if you are looking for a clinician/director to give your choir a head start this fall, give us a call! We are interested in coming to your rehearsal to work with your choir (fees to be discussed). We will get both ringers and directors energized and enthusiastic about the upcoming ringing season! We have been clinicians in British

Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, New Brunswick and Colorado.

## Email Us!

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## About Handbells Etc.

*Handbells Etc. was established in Edmonton, Alberta in February 1994 and serves Handbell Directors and Ringers across Canada. We strive to fulfil all of your handbell needs.*

*Susan Galloway has served as clinician for workshops across Canada and also in Colorado. Susan has directed with Edmonton Public Schools as well as both community and church choirs. She is currently ringing in the auditioned community choir JUBILOSIO! Bells of Concordia. Susan is the Western Canada Sales Representative for Malmark Handbells and Choirchimes®.*

*Camille Ream has served as clinician for workshops across Canada and also in Colorado. She is currently ringing in the auditioned community choir JUBILOSIO! She is currently the director of the handbell program at First United Church in Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta.*

## ***Handbells in the Holy Land***

***By Susan Galloway***

What an experience to be able to ring handbells in the Holy Land! When I first heard of this opportunity, I knew it was something I really wanted to do. Our mass ring conductor was Debbie Rice, the Executive Director of the Handbell Guilds of the World. Debbie is also currently director for JUBILOSIO! Bells of Concordia in Edmonton, Alberta

There were 14 Albertans (11 of them ringers) who met up with ringers and families from Hong Kong, Puerto Rico and the United States to form 3 choirs to play 4 concerts in 10 days. We were very fortunate that Schulmerich Carillons lent us all the equipment we needed and also shipped it over for our use.

Each concert we performed was played before a large audience who was excited to see this new musical instrument. We also were pleased to play with a high school Choirchime group as well as an adult choir of ringers from the Tel Aviv area.

Each venue was a different shape and it was sometimes a challenge to see how we would fit. We always did but sometimes it required movement of the pews or a very close and friendly set up.

Our first concert was at the Art Gallery in Tel Aviv which seated 500



people and every seat was taken. The mass music we performed was representative of each country. Our Canadian piece was written by Patricia Thomson from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan entitled Land of the Silver Birch. In addition to the mass group

ringing, our Alberta choir also performed A Voice in the Night composed by Darryl Dewalt from Camrose, Alberta.





Amidst the ringing, we also spent time learning about the history of Israel from a variety of perspectives. This was our first view of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, showing the old city wall with the gates. Our second performance venue was the International YMCA in Jerusalem, “a place whose atmosphere is peace where political and religious jealousies can be forgotten and international unity be fostered and developed” This venue was also filled to capacity and the audience was excited when ringers took the bells out to them so they could try them out.



Some days were for sightseeing only, and this day was one of my favorites. We visited Qumran National Park where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Then to Masada where King Herod built an amazing palace on top of a hill in the middle of the desert and ended the day floating in the Dead Sea, which is located well below sea level.



The Garden of Gethsemane was a unique place that tourists can no longer enter - merely take photos from outside the fence. Those are very old olive trees but not old enough to be from Jesus's times.





We did a morning concert in Haifa, where the front door of the church opened onto the beach of the Mediterranean. This concert was at 11 am and at five minutes before the scheduled start time there was not one person in the audience. By five past eleven, there was not one empty seat anywhere. I think this was the most enthusiastic audience we played for and when it came time for them to try the bells everyone joined us behind the tables. We were closest to the audience in this small venue and were watched so intently that every time we smiled our eyes connected with someone who smiled back. They were intently involved in every circle or technique we executed. One ringer from Hong Kong did a solo piece and many people in the audience whipped out their cell phones and recorded her beautiful rendition of Amazing Grace.



Our last concert was in Nazareth at Jesus Christ of the Adolescent Church. There was a beautiful balcony from which many photos and videos of our ringing were taken. Nazareth has many Arabic people living in it, so the introductions of all the pieces were done first in English, then Hebrew and finally Arabic. The views from outside this church were magnificent overlooking the city of Nazareth.



John from Nashville Tennessee was my F5G5 ringing partner on this trip, only two of us in the large group.



We went on a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee and were introduced to some Hebrew dances and oh such fun people had learning something totally different.

I have been asked numerous times, where did I feel a spiritual moment. One of those places was on the Sea of Galilee but only after the motor of the boat was turned off and there was silence. We floated quietly out in the middle of the water with the views of the Mount of the Beatitudes and the Golan Heights with Syria behind. An amazing experience!





### Servicing, Polishing and Maintenance

Want your bells or chimes serviced over the summer? Handbells etc. are happy to do this for you. Imagine how wonderful it would be to be able to return to your choirs in the fall with polished and serviced handbells and chimes. Please give us a call and we can give you a quote!

## Upcoming Events!

# Handbells in Motion: The Power of Music

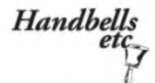
## Classic Bronze 2013 Handbell Concert

Director William Payn  
*from Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania*

Sunday, July 7 at 4:00 p.m.

Robert Tegler Student Centre  
CONCORDIA University College of Alberta  
7128 Ada Blvd | Edmonton, AB T5B 4E4

**Ticket Information:**  
Adults, \$15; Seniors and Students, \$12  
Available at the door or  
at TIX on the Square (780.420.1757)



# Ringspiration Summer Adult Ringing Handbell Ensemble

*Please note: If you are attending Ringspiration as a teacher, these sessions are included in your price.*

*August 11 and 12 2013 7:00 – 9:00 pm*

*in conjunction with Concordia's Ringspiration  
Concordia University, Edmonton, Alberta*

*Open to parents, teachers, church directors, Concordia staff, and others who wish to learn more about ringing handbells.*

- Want to learn more about handbells?*
- Plan to teach handbells in the fall?*



- *Want to join a handbell choir?*
- *Want to just try them out?*

*No experience is necessary!!!*

*For more information or to register, please contact Susan Galloway at 780-437-9096 or at*

*susan@handbellsetc.ab.ca*

*Cost: \$30.00*

*\*This program is sponsored by Handbells etc.*

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# **Handbell Boot Camp is Coming to Edmonton!**

*Handbells etc and Concordia University College have joined together to make this first ever Handbell Boot Camp happen! You are welcome to come to one session or join us for all three – whatever fits into your schedule. All sessions will be led by Susan Galloway of Handbells etc.*

<b>Who?</b>	Any teachers or other interested people who would like to learn more about handbells!
<b>What?</b>	<b>Session 1</b> – Learn how to get the most out of the bells you have by refining your ringing strokes



	<p>and using techniques such as LV, Echo, Singing Bell, Shakes. Repertoire appropriate for students and beginning ringers will be used.</p> <p><b>Session 2</b> – Focus on stopped sound techniques such Ring Touch, Plucking, Mart, and Mart Lift. Additional work using mallets and the different ways they can be used to enhance the music will be done. Ringers will be shown how to creatively add chimes to the music so that more students/ringers can be involved. Repertoire appropriate for students and beginning ringers will be used.</p> <p><b>Session 3</b> – Now that you know more about handbells, how can you incorporate them into performances, assemblies and worship? We will talk and ring some innovative ways to WOW your listener!</p>
<b>When?</b>	October 21 and 28, November 4 – Each session is from 7:00 to 900 pm. Each session is stand alone so come to one or come to all! You will be welcome.
<b>Where?</b>	Concordia University College 7128 Ada Boulevard, Edmonton, AB T5B 4E4
<b>Why?</b>	To raise the Art of Handbell Ringing in our Communities and help you and your ringers ring with the WOW factor!
<b>Cost</b>	Fee is \$60 for all three sessions or \$25 per session. Payment is due by October 7, 2013.

Preregistration is required. Please call Susan at Handbells etc at 780-437-9096 or email her at [susan@handbellsetc.ab.ca](mailto:susan@handbellsetc.ab.ca) for details about registration and payment.

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## Youth Handbell Choir Festival Prep Time

*Have you participated in the Edmonton Youth Handbell Festival? Have you not participated because you were not sure what to expect?*

*This session will offer you information and a chance to practice the mass ringing piece early in the school year so you will be prepared for the festival next spring. The mass ring music chosen will be suitable for performance at Christmas*

*celebration, assemblies or other events such as a volunteer tea.*

*This session will be led by Susan Galloway of Handbells etc.*

<b>Who?</b>	All teachers of handbells in the Greater Capital Region
<b>What?</b>	Preparation for the upcoming Edmonton Kiwanis Festival including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How the event is organized</li><li>• What you need to know to attend</li><li>• Cost and preparation required by teachers</li><li>• How to execute the techniques required for the mass ringing music</li><li>• Ways to prepare students for the festival</li><li>• Invitation to host the part of the festival</li></ul>
<b>When?</b>	October 17, 2013 4:30 – 6:00 pm
<b>Where?</b>	Concordia University College Guild Room 307 7128 Ada Boulevard, Edmonton, AB T5B 4E4
<b>Why?</b>	To answer all those questions you have regarding attending this festival
<b>Cost</b>	Fee is \$25. One complimentary copy of mass ringing music included for all those in attendance Payment is due by October 1, 2013.

Save the Date!

Join us for  
Handbell Discovery's  
3 'RING' Circus!!!



This session will be led by Susan Galloway of Handbells etc.

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Handbells Boot Camp and Youth Handbell Choir Festival Prep time are sponsored jointly by Handbells etc and Concordia School of Music





# Handbell Discovery Edmonton, Alberta October 26, 2013 30th Anniversary

Come and celebrate ALGEHR's 30th Anniversary with a 3 'Ring' Circus!! Join us at Concordia University on Saturday October 26 for a fun-filled day exploring the world of handbells.

In the Center Ring, we will be featuring a variety of workshops to excite ringers and directors alike! Learn a new technique in a how-to session! Try on some new music at a Read-n-Ring Session! Clown around using bells in the Classroom! Stay tuned for a full listing of workshops, available soon.

In the Second Ring, there will be a day-long program for Youth. Rhythm, games, fun and frolic!

In the Third Ring, The final ring, the very SPECIAL Ring... we are pleased to offer for your enjoyment the opportunity for your choir or ensemble to work one-on-one with one of our coaches. Your choir or ensemble should come prepared with a piece that is a current "work in progress" (not performance ready, but not sight reading either). Our coach will work with you, offering suggestions to continue the development of your chosen repertoire.

There will also be a Sharing Concert at the end of the day featuring the Youth Strand participants and premiere performances of this year's Fred Merritt Composition Competition Winners. If you or your choir would like to share a piece at this event, please contact us!

For more information, please contact us at [discovery@algehr.org](mailto:discovery@algehr.org).