

CURRENT REPERTOIRE

Canticle – Sherman
Little Fugue – Bach/Kastner
Nocturnal Fantasy – Li
Ragtime – Kearns
The Sunken Cathedral – Debussy/
McChesney
Fantasy on 'Kingsfold' – arr. Wagner
Te Deum – arr. Wagner
The Nutcracker – Tchaikovsky/McChesney
The First Noel – Shackley/Sherman
West Indies Carol – arr. Morris
Masters in This Hall – arr. Hall
The Bells of Christmas – arr. Buckwalter
Cold December Flies Away – arr. Boyer

CAPITAL CITY RINGERS

Director: Jane C. Wright

Ringers: *Corlie Eldred, Kim Finison, Lindsay Finison, *Lorraine Finison, David Hafey, Christi Harris, Marty Herman, *Rick Hobrla, Marcia Hollopeter, Gary Masters, Michelle Ridley, Laura Sparks, Shannon Spasova, Aggie Steiner, and Stuart Talsma

Narrator: Rich Weingartner

*section leaders



Ring Tones

Newsletter of
The Capital City Ringers

Fall

2014

UPCOMING CONCERT SCHEDULE

CCR's 31st Annual Holiday Concert, "Letters to Santa," features songs of the season, carols, and other handbell compositions and arrangements from Bach to Tchaikovsky, and more! See the repertoire list on the back page of this newsletter. In addition to handbells and handchimes, the concert features keyboard accompaniment and a variety of percussion instruments. We also welcome flutist Lisa Moore and violinist Isoa Chapman on two pieces, with our own Shannon Spasova joining on viola for one of those pieces. Come and join us for some holiday music and entertainment at these venues:

- **Our Savior Lutheran Church**, 7910 St. Joseph Hwy. (at Broadbent Rd.), Lansing; Sunday, November 16, at 7:00 p.m.
- **Faith Lutheran Church**, 4515 Dobie Rd. (south of Hamilton Rd.), Okemos; Monday, December 8, at 7:00 p.m.

A freewill offering will be taken 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

We have been enjoying our latest additions, the D#2 and F#2 aluminum handbells. We purchased the D#2 last fall, largely with donations from Friends of CCR, and the F#2 was a gift from the Angelo Vassallo Trust (Lorraine Finison's late father). It was presented to us in July during our 30th anniversary Eastern tour while we were visiting the Malmark factory. It was a complete surprise to everyone, including Lorraine's husband/fellow Ringer, Kim! The bell was quickly incorporated into our concert that very night!

We need only the C#2 (\$4300) to complete seven octaves. We then plan to purchase the lower 7th octave handchimes (C2 to F#2), at a cost of about \$6800. Then, we surely will find more and more things we need!

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.

THE END OF AN ERA . . .

Our wonderful founder and director, Jane C. Wright, has announced her retirement as CCR's director, effective at the end of spring term 2015. What WILL she do with her Monday nights after all these years???

30 Years of Peace, but not Quiet!

CCR's fall 2013 concerts unveiled the untold stories behind the history of CCR as an elite cadre of musical commandos. It included some tales, perhaps exaggerated, of CCR's role in the reunification of East and West Germany, the ending of apartheid in South Africa and settling border disputes in the Mideast. The script featured the linguistic skills of Shannon Spasova and Aggie Steiner, who spoke in Russian, Bulgarian, Czech, Polish German, and French, but the audience was assisted by the interpretative skills of Rob Meyer and his expert translations. The repertoire included Christmas classics such as *Sleigh Ride*, *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*, *O Little Town of Bethlehem*, and *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*. The concert ended with a tribute to a real-life musical hero, Vedran Smailovic, the "Cellist of Sarajevo," as we played the TransSiberian Orchestra's *Christmas Eve (Sarajevo 12/24)*.

The season opened in Muir at the Lyons Muir Church. A tour to southeast Michigan included performances at St. Peter Lutheran in Macomb and Christ Lutheran in Warren. In addition to our local concerts, we also played at the Meridian Historical Village and the Ingham County Medical Care Facility in Okemos. A sextet of Ringers formed the *Petite Ensembell* and entertained audiences during concert intermissions and at performances at the Lansing and Meridian Malls.

An American Montage

Our spring/summer 2014 concert theme was a collection of American folk tunes, spirituals, and patriotic music. Audiences were mesmerized by both the music of *Variations on a Mood: Scenes of Lake Superior* and the spectacular visuals in the accompanying slide show. Perhaps the most moving piece was *Reflections on the Plains*, which included a tribute to the victims of the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing. The concert also featured the debut of *Blue Tango*, a Leroy Anderson song arranged by Cathy Moklebust, which was commissioned by Kim and Lorraine Finison to celebrate their 25 years with CCR in 2013.

We opened this concert season close to home and traveled farther and farther as the year progressed. Following our local concerts at Delta Presbyterian, First Congregational of Laingsburg (as part of their 150th anniversary celebration), and St. Luke Lutheran in Haslett, we played at Great Lakes Christian Homes in Holt before taking the show on the road to First Presbyterian in Saginaw, Trinity Lutheran in Midland, and Mt. Pleasant United Methodist.

After a two-month hiatus, in July we continued the celebration of CCR's 30th anniversary with an extended Eastern tour at Resurrection Parish Catholic Church in Randolph, NJ; Holy Trinity Lutheran in Bethlehem, PA; First United Methodist in Hershey, PA; and, finally, at First United Methodist in Cuyahoga Falls, OH. While in New Jersey, we took a side trip to a Revolutionary War cemetery to visit the gravesite of Marcia Hollopeter's great, great, great, great, great, great grandfather, who served in General Washington's army. The same day, we toured the Malmark factory in Pennsylvania, the birthplace of our handbells and handchimes. While there, we had the privilege of listening to a brief concert presented by Arsis, a young adult handbell ensemble from Estonia. Read under "Become a Friend of CCR" about the big surprise we had there! Someone was VERY sneaky!

MEET CCR'S NEWEST RINGERS

• **Michelle Ridley** (a.k.a. *Shell Bell*) is excited to have joined CCR this fall! She started ringing in 2010 when St. David's Episcopal acquired a two-octave set of handbells. She still rings at there and also plays duets. She is the Billing Manager at Assessment Rehabilitation Management and teaches water aerobics for Prime Time at the Hannah Community Center. She enjoys playing the flute and singing in the church choir. Michelle also enjoys spending time with her horses and dogs and raises chickens to sell free-range eggs.

• **Laura Sparks** (a.k.a. *Belladonna*) returned to CCR this fall after a 10-year absence, starting her fifth stint in the group! She started ringing at Plymouth Congregational in 1990 and currently rings there. Laura has taught at Morrice Area Schools since 1979 in many capacities, and currently teaches middle school social studies and English. Her family includes husband Dave, to whom she has been married 34 years, grown son Adam and daughter Stephanie, and 20-year-old son Shawn. Her hobbies include reading, current events, gardening, being a sports fan, and playing flute and piano.

CCR TRANSITIONS

- Sadly for us, two members of CCR left the group after our summer 2014 tour: **Nancy Kindraka**, who moved a year ago to Royal Oak and joined the Detroit Handbell Ensemble this fall, and **David Wright** (Jane's husband).
- We said goodbye to **Betsy Greenwood** and **Rob Meyer** after the fall 2013 season, but we happily welcomed back long-time ringers Lindsay Finison and David Hafey in spring 2014.

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