

Dear Handbell Directors.

Attached is the registration form for the **44th Hudson Valley Handbell Festival/Conference**, to be held **Saturday, April 27, 2019** at **Iona Prep School, 255 Wilmot Road, New Rochelle, NY 10804**. Registration forms are coming out later this year because of the closing of Nyack College in Rockland County. This year's festival is located in Westchester County, two blocks off the Hutchinson Parkway. The ringing floor is slightly smaller than Nyack Gym, but there is a cafeteria available to us for our meals and a circle drive for loading and unloading equipment. I think you will be pleased with this year's location.

We will accept registration forms postmarked on/or after February 26, 2019, so do not mail your form before this date. Also included is the solo information sheet which describes the criteria for performing a solo at the festival. If you wish to perform a solo, be sure your form is mailed no later than March 8, 2019. Please note that space is limited to 20 choirs, so make sure to send in your registration form and fee as soon as possible after February 26, 2019. The cut off date for registration is March 22, 2019.

All of the forms and more information are also available on the website at www.hudsonvalleyhandbells.org. Please note that we discovered there are two versions of *West Indies Carol*, written by Sondra Tucker. We are using the one currently available on the Jeffers Handbell Site: Ring Out Publishing 3348. There is a colored picture of a Christmas tree on the front of the copy.

Our director this year will Barbara Fowler Meinke. Barbara has 30 years of handbell experience, including conducting massed ringing and teaching festival classes. She holds a BA in Music from CSU Fullerton and has performed with Sonos Handbell Ensemble, Timbre Ensemble and Distinctly Bronze. In 2015, Barbara performed and taught at the Area 2 Festival. She was recently selected as Distinctly Bronze Associate Conductor for 2018. She brings enthusiasm, energy, high expectations and superb musicianship to the classroom and podium.

We are all looking forward to a great festival this year in a new location and look forward to ringing with you!

Susan Guse, Chair
Hudson Valley Handbell Festival Conference



Barbara Fowler Meinke-HVHFC '19

44th Annual Hudson Valley Handbell Festival/Conference

Iona Prep School • 255 Wilmot Rd, New Rochelle • NY 10804

Saturday, April 27, 2019 • Set-Up: 9:00 am – 10:00 am • Concert: 7:00 pm • Barbara Meinke, Director • Alice Bennett, Local Director

Registrations are due by March 22, 2019 but must not be postmarked earlier than February 26, 2019.

MAIL YOUR REGISTRATION TO: Bill Chandler, 82 O'Neil Street, Kingston, NY 12401 www.hudsonvalleyhandbells.org

PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS. Questions sjbguse@gmail.com or 845-242-1478

Director's name: _____

Director's address: _____

Director's phone _____

Email Address _____

Organization name _____

Organization address _____

Organization phone # _____

Choir Information:

(List name as you wish it to appear in the program):

Choir Name _____

Number of ringers _____ Coppers

Tins

NOTE: A REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE COMPLETED FOR EACH CHOIR, EVEN IF SHARING A SET-UP

HMA Membership Number
(from *Overtones* address label) _____

HMA Membership Name: _____

Registration Fees: **SEPARATE REGISTRATION FORM REQUIRED FOR EACH CHOIR**

\$125 per organization _____

\$100 additional choir from same Organization (**Submit separate Registration Form for each choir**) _____

\$20 single ringer (without choir) _____

Table Rental:

_____ 6 foot tables @ \$15.00 ea _____

_____ 8 foot tables @ \$15.00 ea _____

TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED: _____

Make checks payable to **Hudson Valley Handbell Festival/Conference**. Total payment is due with this registration form. NOTE: There will be a \$1 per ringer charge for ASCAP fees in addition to the above charges. This will be collected at registration on Saturday morning.

Tables and Required Floor Space (maximum length 30 feet):

I will provide my own tables
_____ feet long and _____ feet deep

I will rent tables. We need:
_____ 6 foot tables @ \$15.00 each and/or
_____ 8 foot tables @ \$15.00 each

Rented tables will be delivered to Iona Prep School Gymnasium in time for the Festival/Conference. It is the responsibility of the renting choir to fold up the tables at the conclusion of the festival and return them to the required location in the Gymnasium.

If you require any special consideration in set-up, please call Carol Roman (845-294-9465) when you mail this form. If you do not contact Carol, your tables will be set up in a straight single row.

My choir will ring the following festival selections (not listed in performance order)

For more information visit
www.hudsonvalleyhandbells.org:

MASSED RINGING

- ___ *Crown Him With Many Crowns*, Compton, AGEHR
- ___ *Joyous Spirit*, Stephenson, Red River
- ___ *Sakura*, Austin, Choristers Guild
- ___ *There Shall Be Showers of Blessings*, Edwards, Soundforth
- ___ *West Indies Carol*, Tucker, Ring Out

COPPERS

- ___ *Tower Praises*, Buckwalter, Choristers Guild
- ___ *Rondo Passacaglia*, Dobrinski, Hope

TINS

- ___ *He's Got the Whole World*, Stephenson, Choristers Guild
- ___ *Ring Around a Rainbow*, Kinyon, Alfred

SOLO REGISTRATION: To be considered to perform a solo at the concert, the completed registration form with total payment must be postmarked no later than March 8, 2019. Selection may not be longer than 4 minutes. (see next page for more info).

Choir Name _____

Solo Selection: _____

Time: _____

Composer/Publisher: _____

2nd Selection _____

Time _____

Composer/Publisher: _____

NOTE: Second choice is only in case of duplication.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

Professionally recorded CDs will be available. There will be more information on this in your registration packet.

Arrival time and set-up for those renting tables is 8:30, for those bringing tables is 9:00, rehearsal begins at 10:00 sharp. Clean-up, dinner and changing into performance garb will be from 5:45 to 6:45. Concert will begin at 7:00 pm. A complete schedule for the day will be sent to registrants.

Hudson Valley Handbell Festival/Conference Solo Selection Criteria

1. A solo piece can be no longer than four minutes.
2. There can be only one solo request per organization.
 - a. A director with two or more choirs from the same organization may request only one solo.
 - b. A director with choirs from two or more different organizations may request a solo for one choir from each organization.
3. A solo with two choirs playing one piece is allowed only if the piece is written for two choirs. (This will count as a solo for each choir involved.)
4. Registrations requesting a solo must be postmarked no later than March 8, 2019.
5. Selection of solo choirs from those submitting requests is based on the following:
 - There will be a maximum of 8 solos during the concert.
 - First preference is given to choirs requesting a solo for the first time.
 - Next preference is given to choirs that did not perform a solo in the previous two years.
 - Suitability of the solo piece for the concert.

The selection of solo choirs from those submitting requests will be made by a Decision Committee consisting of the Hudson Valley Handbells Chair and two other directors. There are also two alternate members of the Committee. If a member of the Decision Committee is requesting a solo, that director will be replaced on the Committee by one of the alternates. All those requesting a solo will be notified of the decision by March 22, 2019.