10TH ANNUAL FLORIDA STATE HANDBELL FESTIVAL

Sponsored by: Handbell Musicians of America, Area 4

Two Locations, Same Great Event

February 23-24, 2018—Gainesville, FL

Trinity United Methodist Church
4000 NW 53rd Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32653

March 2-3, 2018—North Palm Beach

First Presbyterian Church of North Palm Beach
717 Prosperity Farms Road
North Palm Beach, Florida 33408

Choose the location best for you and your ringers!

To CELEBRATE our 10th Year, we have reduced the registration fee by $10! Register before 12/10/17 for $65/person, or after 12/10/17 for $75/person.

Non-members are welcome to register, subject to space availability, for $85/person. beginning 1/10/18.

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Space is Limited!

Register Deadline Feb. 1st

Conductor: David Harris

David M. Harris has been the director of The Raleigh Ringers since January 1990, when he was instrumental in the formation of the group. David studied music while earning a degree in computer science at the Pennsylvania State University and has received private instruction in conducting from Dr. William A. Payn of Bucknell University. David was the director of the handbell program at Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church and has served Handbell Musicians of America (formerly the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers-AGEHR) as North Carolina State Chairman and as Area III Treasurer. He chaired the national committee that planned the very first Community/Professional Handbell Choir event, Pinnacle 2000, which was held in Las Vegas, Nevada.

David is in increasing demand as a clinician and guest conductor and has led several national Handbell Musicians of America events, and our 5th Annual Florida State Festival in 2013, as well as serving as the primary handbell clinician for denominational music events, such as those held at Montreat, Lake Junaluska and Lutheridge. After growing up in the Northeast, David moved to Raleigh with his wife, Kristina. Dave and Kris have three children: Daniel, Kate, and Jennifer.

New This Year

10th Anniversary Celebration

We are celebrating the 10th year of the Florida State Festival with a celebration on Friday night!

Non-Member Registration

Groups/Individuals who are not members of Handbell Musicians of America will be able to attend this year's festival at a rate of $85/person, if space available, starting January 10, 2018. To take advantage of earlier registration date and lower fees, you can become a member of Handbell Musicians of America by going to www.handbellmusicians.org. Yearly membership is only $95 per year.

Bronze Choir

Florida Bronze is getting a facelift this year as the Bronze Choir and will be open to individuals AND groups who want the additional challenge. .You must be able to attend all additional rehearsals. Please mark on your registration if you would be able to attend a Thursday night rehearsal.

Track Classes

We are offering a 4 session class on Ensemble Ringing and the opportunity to take two different 2 session classes on Bell Trees and Multiple Treble Bells.. Class descriptions on the class link located on the website: www.area4.handbellmusicians.org.

Tentative Schedule

6hursday

5:30pm	Bronze Choir Check-in & Set-up
7:00pm	Bronze Choir Rehearsal (possible)

Friday

8:30am	Check-in Opens
9:30am	Early Bird Class 1
10:30am	Early Bird Class 2
11:30am	Bronze Choir Rehearsal & Lunch
1:00pm	Opening Bell
1:15pm	Mass Rehearsal
2:30pm	Session 1
	Tin—Rehearsal
	Copper—Classes
3:45pm	Session 2
	Tin—Classes
	Copper—Rehearsal
5:00pm	Mass Rehearsal
6:00pm	Dinner
6:45pm	Concert
7:30pm	Festival Celebration
8:30pm	Bronze Choir Rehearsal

Saturday

8:00am	Bronze Choir Rehearsal
9:00am	Announcements & Mass Rehearsal
10:30am	Session 3
	Tin—Classes
	Copper—Rehearsal
11:30am	Lunch
12:30pm	Session 4
	Tin—Rehearsal
	Copper—Classes
1:45pm	Mass Rehearsal
3:00pm	Showcase Concert
4:00pm	Depart and Safe Travels

Repertoire

You must purchase these before attending, no photocopies allowed.
Please come with the music fully prepared so that the conductor can focus on the musicality of the pieces instead of notes and rhythms.

Massed Pieces

Grazioso, Arnold Sherman, L2+, 3-6 oct, Concordia 97-7680
Clarion Call, Michael Joy, L2+, 3-5 oct, Choristers Guild CGB864
Festival Celebration, Michael Helman, L2+ 3-6 Oct. 20/2072L(will be available mid November)

Choir 1 Tin (Level 2-3^{-})

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus, Cathy Moklebust, L2, 2-3 Oct, CGB266, 3-6 Oct, CGB569
Celtic Farewell, Linda Lamb, L3$^{-,}$, 3-5 Oct, AGEHR AG35210

Choir 2 Copper (Level 3)

Now the Green Blade Riseth, Kevin McChesney, L3, 3-6 Oct, Hope HP 1892
Heartscape, Derek Hakes, L3, 3-6 Oct, Beckenhorst BEHB298

Bronze Choir (Level 3^{-}-4)

Rondo Passacaglia, Cynthia Dobrinski, L3+ 4-6 Oct. Hope 1237)
The All-American Hometown Band, William R. Wood, L4 4-6 Oct. AGEHR AG46018

Important Information

On-Site Check-in & Set-up

Set-up and check-in is between 8:00am and 1:00pm on Friday. If you have your own tables, you are encouraged to bring them. Table rental fees are on the registration form. You should also bring foam, covers, two mallets per ringer, (if possible) bells, handchimes, books, gloves, pencils, repair kits and anything else your choir may need. Food and drinks are not allowed on the tables. Drinks should be capped, spill proof, and kept beneath the tables. We provide one capped bottle of water as a gift.

Orphans & Orphan Hosts

If you are unable to bring your own equipment, we will try to place you in your desired ringing position or as close as availability allows in a 'host' choir. Please mark orphan on the registration form. Please do not opt out of bringing your own equipment for convenience, orphan placement is limited. Choirs who are bringing equipment and have some positions open for orphans, please indicate those positions on the registration page.

Youth

There will be NO separate youth choir. Youth choirs are welcome to participate in the festival at the proper level of their ability. Underage participants (17 and younger) must be chaperoned (one adult, 21 years and older, per 6 ringers under the age of 17). The underage participants should present a permission slip via their director, along with current medical info and contacts. Non-ringing chaperones may register as a guest for $30. Ringing chaperones must register as a ringer. Please fill out medical release page 10.

Registration Open November 1, 2017!

Members:
$65/person before 12/10/17
$75/person after 12/10/17

Non-Members:
Registration begins 1/10/18 subject to space availability.
$85/person

Please register early! Registrations for both members and non-members will be taken through February 10, 2017 as space is available.

Important Information (continued)

Dress

Casual Florida, comfortable shoes, layers for AC. Please no cologne/perfumes, as your neighbor may have allergies. No special dress for the concert and no need to bring church robes. Matching t-shirts or outfits are encouraged. Bring umbrellas to insure no rain.

Classes

A description of class offerings with instructors and schedule is a link on our website . Early Bird classes will be available on Friday morning for those able to come early! Please let us know if you are planning on attending Early Bird classes on the registration form so that we can make best use of the room space.

Track Classes

Track classes (classes on the same topic for multiple sessions) will also be available for those who want to focus on small ensemble ringing, bell trees or treble bells.. Pre-registration is required for the track classes. You may register for treble bells and/or bell trees (2 session class) or small ensemble (4 session class). Registration form on page 8. **Register by January 10, 2018.**

Bronze Choir

This group is for individuals or groups who would like to ring an additional advanced pieces of music. Participating requires you to purchase an additional piece of music and prepare it before arriving at the festival. There will be additional rehearsals and you must attend all rehearsals. Mark on your registration form if you are able to attend on Thursday evening. Please indicate your desire to play in the Bronze choir on the registration form on page 8. **Register by January 10, 2018.**

Housing

The hotels are listed for each location. Accommodations are limited and different at each location. Make your reservations early. Rooms are held until January 10, 2018. **You must use the phone numbers listed to get the reduced rate.** Ask for the block of rooms for Area 4, Handbell Musicians of America when making your reservation. You also have the option of

Housing Options

Gainesville

Holiday Inn Express
3905 SW 43rd Ave
Gainesville, FL 32608
352-376-0004
$129.00 per night + tax

Best Western Gateway Grand
4200 NW 97th Blvd
Gainesville, FL 32606
352-331-3336 or
877-464-2378
$149-159 per night + tax Offering discounted rate but not holding rooms

North Palm Beach

Hilton Garden Inn
3505 Kyoto Gardens Dr
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410
561-694-5833
$189 per night + tax & resort fee

Important Information (continued)

Meals

We will be providing a snack and dinner on Friday night and lunch on Saturday. Upon checking in, everyone will receive a bottle of water. Lunch on Friday can be pre-ordered for an additional $10 per person. Festival is during Lent, if you need vegetarian meals please mark your registration form.

Refunds

There is a non-refundable $25 administration fee charged on all refunds requested before January 10, 2018. No refunds will be given after January 10, 2018, but you may transfer the registration to another ringer.

It's a Party!

We are going to celebrate our 10th Annual Festival with a party on Friday night! It will be a fun evening with both old and new friends.

We will play some games (with prizes!) and eat cake and ice cream.

It's not a party without presents! We are looking into a mission project (presents) for the area where the festival will be held. Information on the needs of this area to be determined and sent out to those registered.

10th Annual Florida State Festival Registration Form

Contact Name/Orphan _____ Guild Membership #: _____

☐ I am registering as an individual and I prefer to ring in the _____ and/or _____ position.

Church/Organization: _____

Address:_____

City: _____State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Best phone number to reach you: _____

Ringing Division (Choose 1): ☐ Tin ☐ Copper

Bronze Choir Participation: ☐ None ☐ Full Choir ☐ Individuals (# of participants) _____

Floor Space Required: ☐ 2 octaves/12 feet ☐ 2-3 octaves/18 feet ☐ 3 octaves/24 feet

☐ 4 octaves/30 feet ☐ 5 octaves/36 feet ☐ Other: _____ feet

☐ We are willing to host orphans within our choir. We have these positions available: _____,

_____, _____, _____, _____. We will need ____additional feet of tables for orphans.

☐ Our group would like to perform the following selection in the final Showcase:

Title: _____ Catalog Number _____

Composer: _____ Performance Time ____min ____sec

Which festival are you attending: ☐ February 23-24 Gainesville
☐ March 2-3 North Palm Beach

Final registration date: February 1, 2018

☐ I give consent for pictures taken at the festival to be used for promotional purposes.

Rental Tables (**6' tables)**	*Number of Tables Needed*	_____	*x $15* =	_____
Friday Lunch	*$10/person*	_____	*x $10* =	_____
Registration (per person)	*Before 12/10/17*	_____	*x $65* =	_____
	After 12/10/17	_____	*x $75* =	_____
Non-Member Registration (per person)	*After 1/10/18*	_____	*x $85* =	_____
Guest Registration	*Number of Guests*	_____	*x $30* =	_____
Total				_____

Make checks payable to: Handbell Musicians of America, Area 4
Mail form and check to: Lynne Homan, Registrar, 1515 Indiana Ave, Palm Harbor, FL 34683

10th Annual Florida State Festival Registration Form (*continued)*

One form per person participating in Bronze Choir and/or Track Classes

Register by January 10, 2018

Individuals can participate in both the Bronze Choir and Track classes.

Name_____ Ringing: Tin Copper

Church/Organization: _____

Email: _____Best phone number to reach you: _____

Bronze Choir Location: Gainesville North Palm

II am able to attend a Thursday night rehearsal starting at 7:00 or 7:30? YES NO

Please rank your preferred ringing locations (1-most preferred, X if you will not play in a certain area)

Low Bass (C3-B3) _____ Bass (C4-A4) _____

Battery (B4-B5) _____ Treble (C6-C8)* _____

**Treble must play 4-in-hand*

If you have never rung in the Florida Bronze level choir or Distinctly Bronze please list a name and e-mail address of someone who can recommend you for this choir.

Name: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Track Classes: Which track class are you interested in:

☐ Bell Trees ☐ Ensemble Ringing ☐ Multiple Treble Bells

How long have you been ringing bells? _____

Have you ever played in a small ensemble before? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you ever played a bell tree? ☐ Yes ☐ No

What level of music do you normally ring? _____

Please rank your preferred ringing locations (1-most preferred, X if you will not play in a certain area)

Bass (C4-A4) _____ Battery (B4-B5) _____ Treble (C6-C8) _____

10th Annual Florida State Festival Registration Form (continued)

For ALL registrants (ringers/youth/guests/chaperones), submit the first and last names of the attendees using their preferred first name (for their nametag). For each person, circle the applicable codes:

EB: Attending Early Bird Classes
BC: Participating in the Bronze Choir
TC: Registering for a Track Class
G: Guests/Chaperones requiring a meal.
V: Vegetarian Meals *(We are sorry we cannot yet accommodate vegan, gluten-free, or other special diets.)*

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17. _____ EB BC TC G V

Parental Consent and Medical Authorization (For participants under 18 years old)

Name of Registrant: _____ Birth Date: _____

Address:_____

City: _____State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____(home)_____(cell)

Evening Phone Number: _____(home)_____(cell)

As the parent (or legal guardian), I give my permission for _____
(attendee name) to participate in the 10th Annual Florida Handbell Musicians of America event on:

☐ February 23-24, 2017 in Gainesville ☐ March 2-3, 2017 in North Palm Beach

_____(initial) I also give consent for pictures taken at the festival to be used for promotional purposes.

Medical Treatment Authorization

It is my understanding that the Handbell Musicians of America, Area 4 will attempt to notify me in case of a medical emergency involving my student. If a representative from Area 4 cannot reach me, then I give authorization to the chaperone accompanying my student to hire a doctor or health-care professional, and I give my permission to the doctor or other healthcare professional, to provide the medical services he or she may deem necessary. I will pay for any medical expenses so incurred.

Allergies or other health considerations: _____

Insurance Company: _____ Policy/Group #s: _____

Name of parent or guardian (please print): _____

Signature of parent or guardian: _____

Person to contact other than parent in an emergency:

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

THIS FORM MUST BE NOTARIZED

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____day of _____, 20___,

by _____.

(NOTARY SEAL)

_____
Signature of Notary Public

_____
Name of Notary, Typed, Printed, or Stamped

☐ Personally Known OR ☐ Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced _____

Advertising Information-Deadline 2/1/2018

This year, Florida is holding its 10th annual state festival! We have a history of successful festivals and this year will be no exception with David Harris as our clinician. We hope many of you in the Handbell Industry Council and other business or concert organizations will join in supporting this event by placing an advertisement in our festival booklet. This year your ad will be in the program at both festival sites in Gainesville and North Palm Beach.

Remember that many of our participants are Florida "snowbirds" who come from all over our nation, and often carry your message, via this booklet, back to others who have not moved here (yet).

All submissions for publication should be "camera-ready" images, actual business cards, or clean copies that may be scanned and resized as needed. The Back and Inner Back pages are first come, first served and must be full pages.

Company or Group Name: _____ Date: _____

Contact Person:_____

Address:_____

City: _____State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email Address:_____

Office Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Page Size:

☐ Full Page—Back Cover (Color) (4.5” x 7.5”)	$150
☐ Full Page—Inside Back Cover (Color) (4.5” x 7.5”)	$100
☐ Full Page—Within Booklet (Color) (4.5” x 7.5”)	$75
☐ Full Page—B&W (4.5” x 7.5”)	$60
☐ Half Page—Color (4.5” x 3.75”)	$45
☐ Half Page—B&W (4.5” x 3.75”)	$35

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