

2024 ANNUAL FLORIDA STATE HANDBELL FESTIVAL



Sponsored by: Handbell Musicians of America, Area 4

Two Locations, Same Great Event!

February 23 - 24, 2024 - Fruitland Park, FL

Warren Willis United Methodist Camp & Conference Center
4990 Picciola Rd. Fruitland Park, Florida 34731

March 15 - 16, 2024 - Vero Beach, FL

First Presbyterian Church
520 Royal Palm Blvd. Vero Beach, FL 32960

Registration Open for HMA Members

\$70 per person before 12/31/23

\$80 per person after 12/31/23

Registration Opens 1/1/24 for Non-Members

\$95 per person

For Warren Willis Camp Location (Lodging available on site):

\$64/person/night for single-occupancy

\$44/person/night for double-occupancy

**Registrations for both members and non-members will be
accepted through February 1, 2024 as space allows.**

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Tentative Schedule

Friday

9:30am	Bronze Choir Rehearsal
10:00am	Check-in Opens
11:30pm	Lunch on your own*
1:00pm	Opening Bell
1:15pm	Mass Rehearsal
3:00pm	Session 1 Tin - Rehearsal Copper - Workshops
4:00pm	Session 2 Tin - Workshops Copper - Rehearsal
5:00pm	Dinner/ Shopping
6:00pm	Mass Rehearsal
7:00pm	Social Event (TBD)
7:30pm	Bronze Choir Rehearsal

Saturday

8:00am	Bronze Choir Rehearsal
9:00am	Announcements
9:15am	Mass Rehearsal
10:45am	Session 3 Tin - Workshops Copper - Rehearsal
11:45am	Session 4 Tin - Rehearsal Copper - Workshops
12:30pm	Lunch
1:30pm	Mass Rehearsal
3:00pm	Showcase Concert
4:00pm	Depart and Safe Travels

* Prepay lunch option available for \$10 per person

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.

Tin

Joy and Celebration

Lee Afdahl
L2, 3-5 oct. MAG35297

Hashivenu

arr. Brenda Austin
L2, 2-6 oct, MHP3028

Copper

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

arr. Alan Lohr
L3, 3-6 oct, MSF201862SF

Allegro con Moto

Jason Krug
L3+, 3-5 oct, MGIG8073

Mass

Bring Him Home

arr. Rick Holdsworth
L3, 3-5 oct, MHP2995

Day by Day God's Time is Best

arr. Karen Lakey Buckwalter
L2, 3-5 oct, HB795

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Julie Stitt
L3, 3-5 oct, MAG25203

Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land

arr. Mark Arnold
L2, 3-5 oct, MJMG1249

Bronze

Toccata Festivo

Caleb Onstead
L4, 3-7 oct, MFM20615

All Glorious Above

arr. Fred Gramann
L5, 3-7 oct, MAG37002J

Rick Holdsworth, Clinician

Rick Holdsworth has dedicated his career to sharing music with the public, as a vocalist, instrumentalist, director, arranger, and music educator. His love of music began at an early age and grew as a member of his high school marching band. After graduation, he began his first professional music career in the U.S. Navy. During his 30 years of service, Rick performed in, managed, and directed Navy bands around the world. After retiring as a master chief, he began his second career in music ministry. For more than 20 years now, Rick has been leading an extensive music ministry, including vocal and handbell choirs of all ages and skill levels, as the Director of Music at Pine Shores Presbyterian Church in Sarasota, Florida.



A recognized expert in all facets of handbell music and operations, Rick has been an enthusiastic member of the handbell music community for nearly four decades. In 2009, Rick founded Ring Sarasota – an advanced handbell community ensemble – and continues to lead the organization as principal conductor. He has been an invited guest conductor and clinician at handbell conferences and festivals throughout the southeast and has published handbell arrangements and orchestrations with five different music publishers to date. His first handbell arrangement, a complete transcription of “Jupiter” from The Planets, was published by From the Top Music and selected for performance at Distinctly Bronze East 2015 – an event he has participated in for a decade.

Rick is an active member of the American Guild of Organists Sarasota-Manatee Chapter, the Handbell Musicians of America, the Presbyterian Association of Musicians, and the Fellowship of Methodist Musicians. When not creating handbell music, he works behind the scenes as the Florida Handbell Doctor repairing, adjusting, refurbishing, and cleaning handbell sets for organizations throughout the southeast.

Rick is married to Cher, and they have three grown children and five grandchildren. In his spare time, he can be found tinkering with his Lionel O-Gauge model train layout.

Alan Lohr, Clinician

Alan Lohr has been an adjunct faculty member at Bob Jones University since 1989 and has also worked at SoundForth music division of BJU Press until 2012 when SoundForth was sold to The Lorenz Corporation based in Dayton Ohio. There he was the keyboard and handbell editor for the SoundForth imprint. As the director of the handbell choirs at the BJU, Mr. Lohr has been active as a clinician and adjudicator for various national and state competitions. He has led his choir in recitals, concerts, and toured throughout the United States representing BJU in churches and schools. He has taught at many conferences utilizing the music notation program, Finale, to students and music directors.



Mr. Lohr earned his undergraduate degree in Music Education and his MA in Sacred Music from Bob Jones University. He has also studied at Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida, and the University of South Carolina in Columbia. He studied handbells with Don Allured at the Hartt School of Music in Hartford, Connecticut. He has been an active member of the Handbell Musicians of America and served on the Area 4 board in various positions and also on the board of the Handbell Industry Council.

He is the current director and founding member of Carolina Bronze, a community handbell choir in Greenville, South Carolina established in 2000.

He and his wife, Nancy, are retired. They have one married daughter and three grandchildren. He enjoys gardening, traveling, and spending time with his wife and family.

Festival Information

On-Site Check-in & Set-up

Set-up and check-in is between 10:00am 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 and any equipment needed for ringing. Food and drinks are not allowed on the tables. Drinks should be capped, spill proof, and kept beneath the tables.

Orphans & Orphan Hosts

We will try to place orphans in your desired ringing position or as close as possible in a 'host' choir. Please mark orphan on the registration form. Please do not opt out of bringing your own equipment for convenience as 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

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). Non-ringing chaperones may register as a guest for \$35. Ringing chaperones must register as a ringer. A notarized medical release form is required for underage participants (see page 11).

Bronze Choir

This group is for individuals or groups who would like to ring additional advanced music. Participating requires you to purchase additional music and prepare it before arriving at the festival. There will be additional rehearsals and **you must attend all rehearsals** to participate in the Bronze Choir. Fill out the Bronze Choir registration form on page 10 and complete your registration by January 1, 2024. This choir will require a minimum number of ringers.

Refunds

There is a non-refundable \$25 administration fee charged on all refunds requested before February 1, 2024. No refunds will be given after February 1, 2024, but you may transfer the registration to another ringer.

Classes

A description of classes with instructors and schedule will be available on our website in January, 2024.

Dress

Dress casual, wear comfortable shoes and layer for AC. Please no cologne/perfumes as your neighbor may have allergies. No special dress is required for the concert but matching shirts or outfits are encouraged.

Festival Information Continued

Meals

We will be providing dinner on Friday night and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Snacks and beverages will be available during the festival. If you need vegetarian meals, you must order them for the entire event.

Lunch on Friday can be pre-ordered for an additional \$10.00 per person.

Lodging

Warren Willis Camp Location: The rooms offered at the Conference Center are single or double occupancy. Linens and towels are provided. These are hotel style rooms with twin beds but do not have televisions. If you live outside of a 60 mile radius of the venue and don't stay at the Conference Center there is a \$20 charge per person to subsidize the venue costs.

Vero Beach Location: A hotel list will be made available soon. You will be emailed the hotel block details after registration.

Lighting

The lighting in the ringing room may not be the same in all areas. Please feel free to bring a music light if you prefer.

Music

You must purchase and prepare the music before attending. The conductor will focus on the musicality of the pieces instead of notes and rhythms.

No photocopies of the music allowed. If you use an electronic device you must have written permission from the publisher per the Handbell Musician guidelines ([Click here](#) for electronic music guidelines).

Payment and Registration Options

If you are attending as a group, please send registration money in a single payment. Registration fees can be paid by check (made payable to "Handbell Musicians of America—Area 4" or via PayPal (paypal.me/Area4Handbells)). Please add a transaction fee of \$5 per person if paying online.

Registration forms may be mailed (William J. Murphy, Area 4 Chair, 1120 Fennel Green Drive, Seffner, Florida 33584) or emailed (fl.area4@handbellmusicians.org).

You may also (and are encouraged) to complete the Registration process through Google Forms: [CLICK HERE](#) or scan the QR code with your phone.

Deadline

The early-bird deadline for members to register for the festival is December 31, 2023. Non-members can begin registering on January 1, 2024. The deadline for registrations is February 1, 2024 as space allows.



2024 Annual Florida State Handbell Festival Registration Form

Early Bird Registration Deadline: December 31, 2023
Final Registration Deadline: February 1, 2024 (or as space allows)

Contact Name: _____ Guild Membership #: _____

This Registration Form is for the Warris Willis Camp Location in Fruitland Park, FL

This Registration Form is for the Vero Beach, FL Location

** If registering for both locations, please fill out two registration forms.*

I/we would be interested in staying until Sunday at the VERO BEACH location to play that morning at First Presbyterian Church (*you will be contacted by email for more information*).

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

Church/Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email (to be used for Area 4 events) _____

Best phone number to reach you: _____

Ringling Division (Choose one): Tin Copper

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

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

I/we give consent for video and/or live stream to be taken at the festival for use on social media.

2024 Annual Florida State Handbell 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 ALL the applicable codes:

BC: Participating in the Bronze Choir **FL:** Friday Lunch (additional charge) **G:** Guests/Chaperones **V:**Vegetarian Meals **GF:** Gluten-free (*We are sorry we cannot yet accommodate vegan or other special diets.*)

1.	_____	BC FL G V GF
2.	_____	BC FL G V GF
3.	_____	BC FL G V GF
4.	_____	BC FL G V GF
5.	_____	BC FL G V GF
6.	_____	BC FL G V GF
7.	_____	BC FL G V GF
8.	_____	BC FL G V GF
9.	_____	BC FL G V GF
10.	_____	BC FL G V GF
11.	_____	BC FL G V GF
12.	_____	BC FL G V GF
13.	_____	BC FL G V GF
14.	_____	BC FL G V GF
15.	_____	BC FL G V GF
16.	_____	BC FL G V GF
17.	_____	BC FL G V GF
18.	_____	BC FL G V GF

2024 Annual Florida State Handbell Festival Registration Payment Form

Registration Costs

Rental Tables (6' tables)	Number of Tables Needed _____	x \$15	\$ _____
Friday Lunch (pre-order only)		x \$10	\$ _____
Member Registration*	Postmarked by 12/20/2023 _____	x \$70	\$ _____
	After 12/20/2023 _____	x \$80	\$ _____
Non-Member Registration		x \$95	\$ _____
Guest Registration (for meals)	Number of Guests _____	x \$35	\$ _____
Registration Sub-Total			\$ _____

*Only one membership number needed per group. Skip to "Total for Event" if registering at Vero Beach Location.

Lodging Costs (for Warren Willis Camp ONLY - Leave blank for Vero Beach)

# of ringer in single room	Friday night only _____	x \$64	\$ _____
# of ringers in a double room	Friday night only _____	x \$44	\$ _____
# of ringer in a single room	Thursday & Friday night _____	x \$128	\$ _____
# of ringers in a double room	Thursday & Friday night _____	x \$88	\$ _____
Lodging at other locations	Per person _____	x \$20	\$ _____
Lodging Sub-Total			\$ _____

TOTAL FOR EVENT (registration & lodging) \$ _____

Payments can be made via check or PayPal.

Checks: Make checks payable to "Handbell Musicians of America, Area 4". Please submit one check if registering as a group. Checks can be mailed to William J. Murphy, Area 4 Chair.

PayPal: Online payments can be made through PayPal at [PayPal.me/Area4Handbells](https://www.paypal.com/area4handbells). Please add a transaction fee of \$5 per person to your payment. If you have questions concerning PayPal, please contact Michael Lamb: treasurer.area4@handbellmusicians.org BEFORE submitting payment.

Mail registration forms and checks to the address below. Registration forms can be emailed to fl.area4@handbellmusicians.org if paying by PayPal.

William J. Murphy, Area 4 Chair
1120 Fennel Green Drive
Seffner, FL 33584

Registrar Use Only

Payment: Check # _____ PayPal Confirmation # (last 6 digits) _____

2024 Annual Florida State Handbell Festival Registration Form for Roommates

*Warren Willis Camp Location Only

Please use this form to indicate the rooming selections. There are no elevators to the second floor, so please indicate if a first floor is needed or preferred.

Room	Room Type	Person 1	Person 2	First Floor
1	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Double			<input type="checkbox"/> Needed <input type="checkbox"/> Preferred
2	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Double			<input type="checkbox"/> Needed <input type="checkbox"/> Preferred
3	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Double			<input type="checkbox"/> Needed <input type="checkbox"/> Preferred
4	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Double			<input type="checkbox"/> Needed <input type="checkbox"/> Preferred
5	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Double			<input type="checkbox"/> Needed <input type="checkbox"/> Preferred
6	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Double			<input type="checkbox"/> Needed <input type="checkbox"/> Preferred
7	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Double			<input type="checkbox"/> Needed <input type="checkbox"/> Preferred
8	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Double			<input type="checkbox"/> Needed <input type="checkbox"/> Preferred
9	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Double			<input type="checkbox"/> Needed <input type="checkbox"/> Preferred
10	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Double			<input type="checkbox"/> Needed <input type="checkbox"/> Preferred
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13	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Double			<input type="checkbox"/> Needed <input type="checkbox"/> Preferred
14	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Double			<input type="checkbox"/> Needed <input type="checkbox"/> Preferred
15	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Double			<input type="checkbox"/> Needed <input type="checkbox"/> Preferred

2024 Annual Florida State Handbell Festival Bronze Choir Registration Form

***Please fill out one form per person participating in the Bronze Choir.
Registration for Bronze Choir is due by January 1, 2024.***

Name: _____ Ringing: Tin Copper

Church/Organization: _____

Email: _____

Best phone number to reach you: _____

This Registration Form is for the Warris Willis Camp Location in Fruitland Park, FL

This Registration Form is for the Vero Beach, FL Location

Please rank your preferred ringing locations (1-most preferred,4-least 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*

Have you ever rung with Florida Bronze/Bronze Under the Sun? Yes No

Have you ever rung at Distinctly Bronze? Yes No

Please return forms to: fl.area4@handbellmusician.org or William J. Murphy, Area 4 Chair, 1120 Fennel Green Drive, Seffner, Florida 33584.

If you have never rung in one of the above Bronze Choirs, please provide a name and e-mail address of someone who can recommend you for this choir.

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

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 2024 Annual Florida Handbell Musicians of America event on February 23-24, 2024 at the Warren Willis Camp & Conference Center and/or March 15-16, 2024 at First Presbyterian Church in Vero Beach.

_____ (initial) I also give consent for pictures taken at the festival to be used for promotional purposes. And video and/or live stream on social media.

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 #: _____

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 Feb. 1, 2024

The Annual Florida State Handbell Festival is being held twice in 2024 - at the Warren Willis Camp in Fruitland Park and First Presbyterian Church in Vero Beach with both Rick Holdsworth and Alan Lohr as our clinicians. This means your advertising dollars will go twice as far! 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. Remember that many of our participants are Florida "snowbirds" who come from all over our nation, and often carry your message, via this booklet,

All submissions for publication should be "camera-ready" images, actual business cards, or clean copies that may be scanned and resized as needed (please have in pdf, jpg, or png format). 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: _____

E-mail 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

All others are within the booklet.

Full Page—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

We will reach out to you with confirmation of your ad placement and an invoice.

Send JPG (preferred), png or pdf of your ad to:

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