



President's Message

It's hard to believe that it is already October! The busyness of September sure made the time pass by quickly! It's always wonderful to get back to ringing handbells after the summer hiatus. Seeing friends again, being introduced to new music, and making music with others brings such pleasure to us all.

Although many bells were silent over the summer months, your OGEHR Board was hard at work preparing for the 23/24 season. There are already some exciting things happening for OGEHR members this year, with more events to be announced in the near future. As this is a non-festival year, the Board is working at providing our membership with meaningful learning and ringing opportunities throughout the 23/24 season.

There is the new **OGEHR Course for Directors, Teachers, Future Leaders & Interested Ringers**.

This is a combination of six individual virtual workshops and an in-person conducting weekend in April. There is still time to sign up for many of the virtual workshops at <https://ogehr.ca/directors-course>.

Several of our Area Reps are busy organizing events for you to attend. There will be a concert on October 28 where six Central West Area choirs will play selected massed pieces from the Festival, individual choirs will ring selections of their own choosing, and the guest handbell tree forest will entertain with their impressive expertise and musicality <https://ogehr.ca/event-5435365>. On January 20, Central East's popular Playdate is back in Coburg. It is our hope that you will take advantage of as many of these opportunities as possible.

As you participate in your local handbell ensembles, keep in mind that there are some very valuable resources at your fingertips on our OGEHR website www.ogehr.ca. Brush up on your techniques with the many "Handbell Minute" videos and tutorials. Borrow music from the Music Lending Library. Check out all the resources listed including local clinicians who can come work with your choirs. Check out the many previous events and concerts that OGEHR has put on.

I would also like to welcome Amy Baker as a new Director to the OGEHR Board. Amy is a great addition to an already wonderful group of volunteers.

Finally, I welcome any feedback or ideas you have for any activities you would like to see us work on. You can reach me at president@ogehr.ca.

Musically Yours,
Lisa Kyriakides
president@ogehr.ca



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Clapper Chatter

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PUBLICATION INFORMATION

SUBMISSIONS

Clapper Chatter welcomes your submissions. All submissions must be received by the following deadlines: September 30th (October issue), January 31st (February issue), May 31st (June issue).

FORMAT

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ADVERTISING

Ad sizes and rates are available on request. Advertising must be submitted by the submission deadlines listed above. All final ad artwork must be saved in Adobe Acrobat PDF format. When preparing ads, use high resolution images and fonts, and set the Acrobat Preferences to embed the fonts and images at their original high resolution quality.

CLAPPER CHATTER EDITOR

Please send all submissions to: Andrea Gray — Clapper Chatter Editor at clapperchatter@ogehr.ca 613-286-7495

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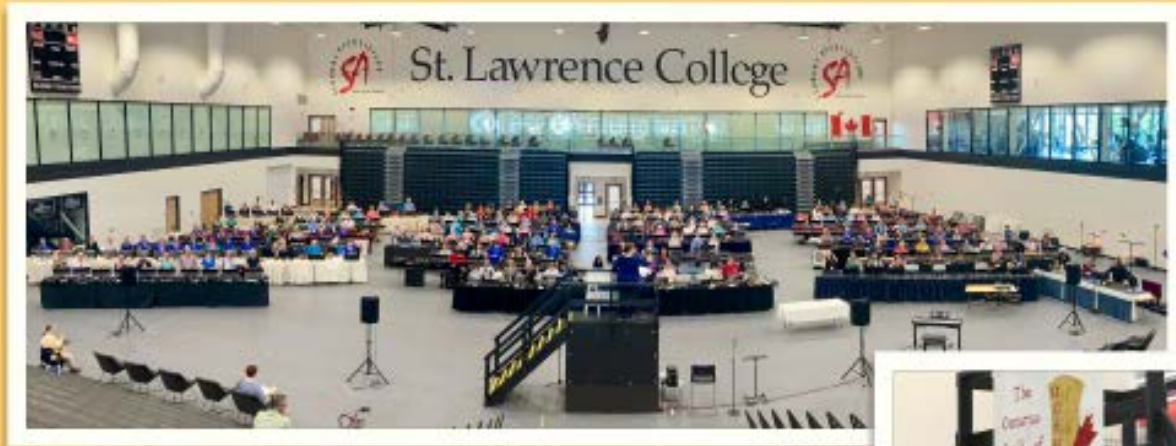
MORE ON SUBMISSIONS

A newsletter thrives or dies based on its content, so we need your input! Do you have a concert coming up, a review of a performance just accomplished, a significant event in the life of your bell choir, or a favourite piece of music that you would like to recommend to others? Send it in! Anything is fair game (subject to editorial review). Accompanying photographs are encouraged, as they really liven things up.

We want your feedback!
Let us know what you like, or don’t like, or would like to see, by e-mailing Andrea at clapperchatter@ogehr.ca

Submission deadline for the next issue: January 31st, for publication on February 15th.

It's About Time



OGEHR's 2023 Festival





See you in 2025
at Mohawk College!

OGEHR Course for Directors, Teachers, Future Leaders and Interested Ringers

There is still time to register for any of the 5 remaining virtual workshops!

- Integrating Handbells/Handchimes Into Existing Classroom Programs – October 21, 9 – 11 a.m.
- Handbell/Handchime Techniques – October 28, 9 – 11 a.m.
- Basic Conducting – November 25, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Running Efficient Rehearsals – January 27, 9 – 11 a.m.
- Choosing Repertoire & Assigning Ringers – February 24, 9 – 11 a.m.



Go to our website at <https://ogehr.ca/directors-course> for more information and to register.



Would You Like to Sell your Kingston Festival T-Shirt?

The Limestone Ringers in Kingston are interested in buying a few Kingston Festival golf shirts to have on hand for performances. Sizes Medium and Large might be best. If you are interested in selling yours, please contact Janet McDonald at janartmcd@yahoo.ca.

Area Events and Workshops

Two areas have been busy coordinating events in Central West and Central East and we want to offer more opportunities in the West, Central and East areas. Please email Jennifer Schafer at areareps@ogehr.ca with what kind of workshops you would like to see offered in your area.

Central West is hosting a post-Festival concert at Burlington Baptist Church on Saturday, October 28th at 7:30 p.m. An excellent opportunity for those who were not able to play at the Festival this past June to play and perform the Festival pieces. Bell trees will also be featured in this concert – it's not to be missed!

Central East is organizing a Playdate at Trinity United Church in Cobourg on Saturday, January 20th. More details will be forthcoming and everyone is welcome.



The poster features a blue background with a white border. In the top left corner is the Ogehr logo, which consists of a yellow fan shape with the word 'OG EHR' written vertically inside, and a red leaf-like shape below it. To the right of the logo, the text 'Central East's' is written in white. Below this, the word 'PLAYDATE' is displayed in large, colorful, block letters (P: blue, L: red, A: green, Y: light blue, D: light green, A: yellow, T: light blue, E: yellow) on a dark blue rectangular background. Below the 'PLAYDATE' text, the phrase 'is coming back!' is written in white. Underneath that, the date 'Saturday, January 20th, 2024' is written in white. The location 'Trinity United Church, Cobourg' is listed in white. At the bottom, the text 'ALL ARE WELCOME!' and 'Details coming soon' are written in white. On the left side of the poster, the phrase 'SAVE THE DATE' is written in a white, hand-drawn, stylized font with radiating lines around the word 'DATE'.

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It's Time to Renew Your Membership!

It is that time of year when we ask you to, please, renew your membership. The fee remains the same at \$20 for both ringers and directors. Renewal deadline is October 15th.

There are many reasons to do so:

- Receive Clapper Chatter to let others know what your choir is doing and to find out what other choirs are up to
- Access the music lending library
- Preferred rates for courses and workshops
- Access online tutorials
- Instrument lending program
- Learn about functions in your area and others – you may attend other area events
- Email tree to keep abreast of current events and news – please submit items for publication
- Participate in OGEHR Festival

Individuals can register directly on the website.

Groups can pay by:

- Cheque payable to OGEHR with list of members and mailed to the membership secretary. Information is on the OGEHR website
- Credit card
- Bank e-transfer to: treasurer@ogehr.ca – with a list of members sent to the membership secretary

For new members, please provide your email, name, address, choir name – unless already set up on the website.



Hello Handbell Groups!!

OGEHR's education committee is looking for handbell choirs or ensembles that would be willing to perform in schools. The goal is first to expose kids to the wonderful sounds of handbells and handchimes, and second, to inspire their teachers to take it up in schools.

There is no level requirement or minimum ensemble size. If you might be interested, or have more questions, please contact Dominique Moreau at education@ogehr.ca.



Music for Sale

Only 2 Sets Left!



Two sets of sheet music is for sale, bought for festival workshops. If interested in buying any of this music, please contact Margaret Merkley at margandpetermerkley@gmail.com.

8 copies: Come Just As You Are arr. Ingram, RP7546, \$10

8 copies: Great Is Thy Faithfulness arr. Mitchell Eithun, MR03388 3, \$10

3-Octave Set of Handchimes for Rent

The Instrument Loan Program, an exclusive perk OGEHR membership, currently has a 3-octave set of handchimes and foam pads available for the 23/24 rental season. Rentals are available to schools, senior homes, community groups, and churches, provided the group organizer or director is a member of OGEHR. The cost of the rental from September to June is \$250.

For more information please visit the [Instrument Loan Program](#) on the OGEHR website.

Decorative Bells Looking for a Home

A couple of long-time bell ringers with The Bells of St. Andrew's in Scarborough are moving into a retirement home and will not have room for their collection of decorative bells.

This collection of around 100 bells is currently in the Don Mills area of Toronto, and the bells are looking for a new home.

If you or someone you know would enjoy having these bells, please contact heather nicholson at hanicholson109@gmail.com.



Memory Column



Because many friendships are formed over the years through bells, the OGEHR Board recently decided that a “Memory Column” should be incorporated into each issue of the Clapper Chatter. Please let us know if someone in your bell community has passed away and a bit about that person so that we can let bell friends be aware.

Honouring the memory of a loved one through a gift to the Ontario Guild of English Handbell Ringers (OGEHR) will create a lasting legacy. When a loved one passes, you may choose to have friends and family members make a donation to OGEHR in lieu of flowers. We will send you a list of names of those who contribute in memory of your loved one. To make your donation, please go to www.ogehr.ca/donate-now. A tax receipt will be provided on receipt of donation.

Estate Planning



Please consider creating a lasting legacy by remembering OGEHR in your estate plan. Called a charitable bequest, your gift will help future generations experience the joy of learning and ringing together. Making a bequest is as simple as inserting a few sentences into your will, specifying either a fixed amount or a percentage be directed to OGEHR.



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OGEHR Board of Directors as of October 2023

(bracketed year after position or name indicates end of term)

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Chair: Area Representatives ('26)

OGEHR Board Appointed Positions

Area Representatives – Jennifer Schafer (areareps@ogehr.ca) for contact information

Janet McDonald *East Representative ('26)*

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heather nicholson *Central East Representative ('25)*

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Linda Wilson

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Joan Bolam
Jennifer Schafer

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Debi Sproule
Janet Thacker
Lloyd Winfield

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2025 Festival

Rob Cairns (Chair & Registrar)
Festival Coordinator, Auction & Communications
Facilities
Marketplace
Mini Ring
Music
Publicity
Social
Workshops
Secretary & Website

Working Group

Member Terms: Generally, for the life of the Working Group