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Ringers

CLAPPER CHATTER

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17th International Handbell Symposium July 26-30th in Vancouver, BC

Every two years, in one of seven countries around the world, the International Handbell Symposium is held. Members of the national associations from Australia, Hong Kong, South Korea, Japan, Great Britain, America and Canada gather to make beautiful music together. This year, 752 ringers attended including **Janis Cowie** and **myself!** For the past six years, **Irvin Rubincam** has been on the steering committee for the Symposium. This was truly a once-in-a-lifetime event as Canada will not host the event again for 14 years.

In January, the titles of our eight pieces of music were released to registrants. It was our responsibility to begin learning all eight pieces on our own and then gather in Vancouver with eight different international directors (each selected by their home countries). Months of practice and rehearsing ended with a Gala 2-hour Concert attended by a SOLD OUT audience at Canada Place on Vancouver's inner harbour.



Imagine the challenge for 752 ringers, who speak English, Korean or Japanese, taking instruction from the eight Conductors. There was constant instantaneous translation throughout all of our rehearsals! We even made the front page of the Vancouver Sun with a bigger picture than that of Hilary Clinton!

The Symposium included 2 extended rehearsals a day as well as workshops. Wednesday evening was a



very special WEST COAST ABORIGINAL EXPERIENCE including a delicious dinner as well as aboriginal singing and dancing.

Four of the eight pieces which we performed were specially commissioned for the Symposium. As the host country, Canada was allowed two pieces (the beginning and ending pieces of our concert). Our opening director was **Stuart Sladden** (former director of Music at Eden United Church, Mississauga) who is currently working on his PhD in Choral Directing at the University of Alberta.

During the Symposium, we had the opportunity to hear selected small ensembles perform. There were Bell Choirs as young as high school students from Hong Kong who were absolutely amazing. They even had all of their music MEMORIZED!

All in all, an experience of a lifetime!

Submitted ringingly,

Joan Cobbold



(Photographs by J.-C. Coolen)

HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Report on HIS 2016
- ◆ Festival 2017 news
- ◆ Ring in Christmas

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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.

Clapper Chatter will be published in two formats: in full colour on the website, with a link sent out via the email tree, and hard-copy in black and white mailed out to those who are not on the email list. If you are one of the latter, why not sign up for the email tree and get the full Clapper Chatter experience?

We want your feedback. Let us know what you like, or don't like, or would like to see, by emailing Helen at hcoxon@sympatico.ca

Submission deadline for the next issue: Jan 31, for publication Feb 15

A Clapper Chatter subscription is included with Individual, Honorary and Group OGEHR Memberships. Affiliate Members of OGEHR may also receive their own copy of Clapper Chatter by purchasing a subscription. To subscribe, Affiliate Members may contact the Membership Secretary: J.-C. Coolen, 5 Naylor Lane Ajax, ON L1S 7S7, 905 683 5757, membership@ogehr.ca

Clapper Chatter is also distributed electronically via a download link sent out in the Thursday evening email digest.

Vision and Future Directions

J.-C. Coolen

Fall is such an exciting time in the handbell community! We've just come through a change-of-pace summer of rest, relaxation, vacation and handbell skills development at fantastic events such as the International Symposium in Vancouver, the HMA National Seminar in Rochester NY, or the International Music Camp in North Dakota. As the weather begins to change, we reunite with our handbell-ringing teammates—to resume these relationships that are so meaningful to us, to embark on fresh music (for Christmas, for upcoming local ringing events and for the 2017 Festival next May) and to take the next step in our ringing development and journey.

This fall, I'm also settling into some new responsibilities as your Vice-President. While I've taken on this role with some hesitation, I've received encouragement and support from our exceptional Board of Directors. The work of the Guild doesn't depend on just one person, however; it depends on all of us, together—each one filling the role to which we're fitted and called—so that the work of the Guild, our community, can advance. Our revised Guild organization has many opportunities for Members to get involved in the work of the Guild, and offers clear paths for volunteers to grow into leadership positions. The Nominating Committee (Cheryl McFarlane, Chair) continues to work hard to recruit people to help out with the diverse work of the Guild. I encourage you to join me this year in contributing your skills and passion to growing the Guild together.

As we embark on a new year and a new phase in the life and history of the Guild, the Board took time to survey the recent work of the Guild, and to generally focus the work of the Guild over the next few years. On September 24, under the expert guidance of organizational guru Bill Botshka, we reviewed the Guild Mission, Vision and Values statements and list of Strategic Directions first crafted by the Board, with Bill's assistance, in September 2010. We examined the successes (Guild governance) and challenges (handbells in education) we've had in implementing those goals over the past six years. We delved into the Guild's current strengths and weaknesses, and considered the opportunities and threats the Guild currently faces. With this information, we drafted revised versions of the Mission, Vision and Values statements, drafted a new organizational Tagline, and formulated Strategic Directions for the next five years. We will consider these drafts at our October Board meeting; once approved by the Board, we will communicate these goals to you, our Members, and enlist your help in accomplishing these goals.

In the meantime, I send the best of wishes to each of you as you begin this new ringing year with anticipation and excitement! I always invite your comments and suggestions—please feel free to contact me (jccoolen@sympatico.ca, (905) 683-5757 at any time with your ideas as we work together to build the Guild and the wider handbell community.

FESTIVAL 2017



May 25-27, 2017
McMaster University, Hamilton

REGISTRATION OPENS SOON!

The registration date for the upcoming OGEHR Handbell Festival held at McMaster May 25 - 27, 2017 is fast approaching. The Festival will be a wonderful opportunity to ring, united with other members of OGEHR under the guidance of outstanding directors.

The massed, bronze and copper choirs will be directed by guest conductor/composer Michael Glasgow. The tin will benefit from the superb direction of our very own Terry Head.

The festival committee hopes that you will choose to take part in what will be a marvelous opportunity to ring with these exceptional directors, to learn from knowledgeable leaders and to socialize with other ringers.

Be sure to visit OGEHR.ca/festival2017 for details about registration, music and much more..

Meanwhile, read on for two special opportunities to participate in Festival 2017.....

Attention all members who were participants at the IHS this past summer and are planning to attend Festival 2017 in Hamilton...

A piece of music has been selected from the IHS repertoire which we are planning to share with our fellow OGEHR members as a mini-ring entry at Festival.

To confirm your involvement in performing this piece, please contact Barbara Neal at: barbara.neal@sympatico.ca.

*Please also include the position you rang for "Spirit of Freedom" from Handbell Ringers of Great Britain with Conductor Malcolm Wilson.

Come Ring in the Bell Tree Forest!



This opportunity is for Guild members interested in performing as a bell tree solo/duet entry at Festival in the Mini-Ring. By participating in this *simultaneous performance*, you will be joining over a dozen trees confirmed to date, playing the same piece in unison!

If you have access to a bell tree or to Malmark Cymbells, why not consider joining in? The more the merrier! and the more amazing the forest and performance will be!

The piece has already been selected and can be easily ordered. Some additional copies are available for purchase as well. And, if you do not have a bell tree, there is plenty of time to beg, borrow or purchase one and rehearse in time for May 2017! and yes, you will have to bring your tree to Festival. 😊

To confirm your participation in this event, or for more information about it, please contact Cheryl McFarlane @ oliver.mcfarlanec@gmail.com

Music Review

By Kim Leitch

When I first found out about OGEHR's lending library, I was so excited! What could be better than having access to dozens and dozens of music titles, to borrow for up to a year, for free!! We are a three-octave handbell choir, with a mix of beginner and experienced ringers. Having so much music to choose from gave me the opportunity to pick pieces that challenged the beginners, and also pushed the more advanced to finesse their skills. One such piece that we played in church and at the retirement gala for our church's music director, is **Adagio**, by Tomaso Albinoni.

While rated at Level 3, and at first glance appearing relatively easy, we embraced the opportunity to work on our dynamics, pacing, precision in the quieter spaces, choreography & expression, and most joyously for me, watching the conductor! After performing the piece, we all felt enormous accomplishment and pride of musicianship. I believe we didn't just play the music, but deeply felt the music in each of us, allowing it to come alive for our audience and giving them a very touching and emotional experience. Some of the things people told us after were: "I had tears of joy running down my face," and "You touched my heart, and moved me deeply."

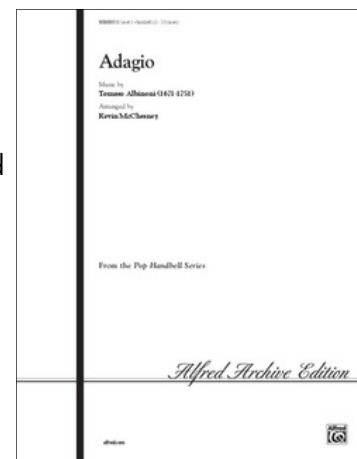
Thanks for providing OGEHR members with this fantastic library!

Publisher: Warner Bros. Publications

Composer: Tomaso Albinoni (1671-1751)

Arranger: Kevin McChesney

Octaves: Written for five octaves (56 bells); optional three octaves (35 bells)



Welcome, New and Reinstated Members

We welcome new and reinstated Members of the Guild! We're glad to welcome you, or welcome you back, into the Guild family.

We encourage all Members of the Guild to reach out to the new Members in your vicinity. Welcome them personally, and offer your support, encouragement and assistance to them as they grow and develop as handbell musicians.

J.-C. Coolen
OGEHR Membership Secretary

New Member

Individual

Central

Theresa Kim (Vaughan ON)
Katherine Leung (Markham ON)
Rosa Maria McCarthy (Aurora ON)

Affiliate

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Bridge Street United Church (Belleville ON)

Susanne Koehler (Belleville ON)

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Bowmanville Seventh-day Adventist Church

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Bethel Chan (Markham ON)
Christy Chan (Markham ON)
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Anne Moore (Aurora ON)
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Jennifer Schafer (Aurora ON)
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Yvonne Clifford (Cambridge ON)
Jane Colwell (Guelph ON)
Jordan Garlough (Guelph ON)
Ruth Sproule (Guelph ON)
Anna Thompson (Guelph ON)
David Thompson (Guelph ON)

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Nancy Stepien (Guelph ON)

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North East

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David Lawrence (Wasaga Beach ON)
Elaine Sterling (Wasaga Beach ON)

North West

St. Dominic's Roman Catholic Church (Thunder Bay ON)

Wendy Addison (Thunder Bay ON)
Debby Kennedy (Kakabeka Falls ON)
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Org'n Flat Fee (Aff)

Central East

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (Cobourg ON)

Central

Markham Chinese Baptist Church (Markham ON)

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Central

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North West

St. Dominic's Roman Catholic Church (Thunder Bay ON)

To All Choir Directors:

It has been an established policy for all Bell Choir Directors to receive a mailed copy of Clapper Chatter to circulate through their choir members. Some directors have said that this is not necessary anymore since most of their members receive an electronic copy. We would like to hear from any directors who don't wish to receive a mailed copy any more. Please cut and paste the following into an email and send it to hcoxon@sympatico.ca .

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Handbells in Rochester

Several members of OGEHR travelled to Rochester New York to attend the Handbell Musicians of America National Seminar July 12 -16. Within that short time, attendees chose 16 sessions from a possible 54 classes, certification classes, 6 ringing tracks and HIC Showcases. Attendees were also treated to 8 concerts given by extremely accomplished solo, small and large groups. There were 20 exhibitors with music, bell trees, bells and more purchased by all. A Special Highlight was receiving a beautiful hand bag from Jeffers Handbell Supply, Inc. and meeting several of today's active composers including Michael Glasgow, OGEHR's 2017 Festival Guest Conductor.



Back Row: Debbie Fingas, Sandra Jean Bedford, Debi Sproule, Marjorie Slinn, Barbara Neal
Front Row: Judy Queen, Cheryl MacFarlane

Ring In Christmas

A Massed Handbell Concert

featuring handbell choirs from the eastern GTA



Saturday, November 19, 2016 - 7:30 p.m.

St. Mark's Coptic Orthodox Cathedral:

455 Ferrier Street, Markham (Warden and Steeles)

Adult \$10

Child (12 and under) \$5

Child (6 and under) free

Doors open at 7:00pm

For information or tickets, please email at: stmarkhandbells@gmail.com

Tickets also available from:



Come Join Us and Play!

When: Saturday January 28th, 2017

Time: 10:00am – 2:30pm
*9:30am: registration, set-up, coffee/muffins

Cost: \$5.00 per ringer
*Bring a bagged lunch
*Refreshments and snacks provided

Where: Cambridge Street United Church
61 Cambridge Street North, Lindsay

Register: Please contact Margo Tant at blwvpo@gmail.com

Playdate: *An annual event for ringers and directors in the Central-East Area and beyond, gathering in good-fellowship while happily ringing en masse!*

With this year being a Festival year, we will be ringing Festival music!