

2023 YOUTH FESTIVAL

November 10-11, 2023

Epiphany Lutheran Church
1400 Horsepen Rd
Richmond, VA 23226

Blaine Russell, Clinician



Massed Repertoire

Music is to be purchased and learned in advance.

Angels and the Shepherds
(arr. Jason Krug)
Beckenhorst HB612
3-6 octaves / Level 2+

Exultate Deo
(Jill Fedon)
AGEHR AG35355
3-5 octaves / Level 3

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing
(arr. Cathy Moglebust)
Choristers Guild
CGB876—2-3 octaves / Level 2
CGB877—3-5 octaves / Level 2

Fantasy on Kingsfold
(arr. H. Dean Wagner)
Hope 2134
3-6 octaves / Level 2+

Challenge Piece

Toccata on King's Weston
(arr. Matthew Compton)
Hope 2767
3-6 octaves / Level 3+

MEET THE CLINICIAN



Blaine Russell

Blaine Russell has served as the Director of Music at Fletcher United Methodist Church in Fletcher, NC since 2013, where he directs the Chancel Choir and Memorial Handbell Choir.

He is a graduate of High Point University (B.A. Voice) and Shenandoah Conservatory (M.M. Church Music).

In addition to his church responsibilities, Blaine is also the Director of the Blue Ridge Ringers, an advanced auditioned community handbell ensemble based in Hendersonville, NC.

He is currently serving as the North Carolina State Chair for Area 3 of the Handbell Musicians of America.

Blaine has performed as a singer and conductor at venues such as Carnegie Hall, the National Cathedral, the Gewandhaus in Leipzig, and Cadogan Hall in London.

When not doing something musical, Blaine enjoys watching sports, hiking, and spending time with his wife of 12 years, Christina, and the family cat Allegro.

FESTIVAL DETAILS

Registration Fees

Ringling Youth / Director / Chaperone

Early Bird – \$70
(postmarked / entered online
by 9/22/23)

Regular— \$95
(postmarked / entered online
9/23/23 and by 10/20/23)

Non-Ringing Chaperone

\$10
(postmarked / entered online by 10/20/23)

HMA Membership – add \$95 (optional)

If you choose to join or need to renew

Hotel Reservations

There is not an official festival hotel. Here are some suggested hotels close to the venue....

Hampton Inn & Suites (Richmond / Glenside)
5406 Glenside Dr / Richmond, VA 23228
(804) 756-1777

Home2 Suites (Richmond Glenside)
2915 Emerywood Pkwy / Richmond, VA 23294
(804) 956-2300

Holiday Inn Express (Richmond / Midtown)
2000 Staples Mill Rd / Richmond, VA 23230
(804) 359-6061

Residence Inn (Midtown / Glenside)
5416 Glenside Dr / Richmond, VA 23228
(804) 799-1200

Refund Policy

By October 20, 2023...all but \$25 of the base ticket fee can be refunded.
October 21, 2023 or later, NO refunds for any reason (including medical or family reasons).
EVENTBRITE FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

Photography Policy

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(This form is included in the Registration Packet.)

Meals

No meals are included in the registration cost.

There are plenty of restaurants nearby if you would like to leave campus.

You are also welcome to bring food to the venue (to eat on site).

For those not wanting to leave campus, there will be an option to purchase a lunch for members of your group. Lunch will include 2 slices of pizza (pepperoni or cheese), chips (or similar), dessert and a drink.

Questions

Sarah Sheffield, *Coordinator of Events / Registrar*
(704) 779-7359 (call or text) Eventscoordinator.area3@handbellmusicians.org

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

- 4:00 PM—7:00 PM Registration and Setup
7:00 PM—7:15 PM Welcome and Announcements
7:15 PM—7:45 PM Sight Reading Session
7:45 PM—8:50 PM Rehearsal
8:50 PM—9:00 PM Challenge Piece Groups Break / Everyone else dismissed
9:00 PM—9:30 PM Challenge Piece Rehearsal

SATURDAY

- 8:30 AM—9:30 AM Rehearsal
9:40 AM—10:20 AM Classes
10:30 AM—11:30 AM Rehearsal
11:30 AM—1:00 PM Lunch (on your own)
1:00 PM—1:30 PM Challenge Piece Rehearsal
Group Activity (for those not ringing the Challenge Piece)
1:40 PM—2:20 PM Classes
2:30 PM—3:00 PM Rehearsal
3:10 PM—3:50 PM Classes
4:00 PM—4:45 PM Rehearsal
4:45 PM—5:00 PM Break
5:00 PM—5:30 PM Closing Concert



Mail In Registration Form 2023 Youth Festival

Please fill out one form for each choir / ensemble attending the Festival. You may make additional copies of this form as needed. Enter the director's name, organization, and choir's name, city and state as they should appear in the program booklet.

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone #: _____ Secondary Phone #: _____

Email address: _____

(Email address is to receive important information about the festival. Your email will not be shared with others.)

Director's Name: _____

Organization: _____

Choir's Name: _____ City, State: _____

Information:

I am registering for (check all that apply):

Choir / Ensemble (# in group _____)

Our choir will ring the Challenge Piece

Individual Ringer

INDIVIDUAL RINGER (pick one):

How many octave of bells will you bring? _____

Need a Ringing Spot _____

Ringing with a Registered Choir _____

Bringing my own bells _____

Are you attending for the first time? Yes No

Would you like to have a mentor for the festival? Yes No

Are you willing to be a mentor for the festival? Yes No

Table Requirements *(you are responsible for your own bell pads)*

BRINGING tables? Yes No NEED tables? Yes No Linear footage needed _____

Does your choir change positions for each piece of music? Yes No

If special accommodations are required for any ringers, please include that information below. Be specific, so we can meet those needs appropriately: _____

If you have any vacant positions available for Individual Ringers, please list: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY: Date: _____ Reg #: _____ Check #: _____ Amount: _____

Registration Form—2023 Youth Festival (continued)

Registration Fees (per Director / Ringer):

Registration Deadline—postmarked by October 20, 2023

Ringling Youth / Director / Chaperone—postmark by **Sept 22, 2023** _____ x \$70 = \$ _____

Ringling Youth / Director / Chaperone—postmark **Sept 23, 2023** & by **Oct 20, 2023** _____ x \$95 = \$ _____

Non-Ringing Chaperone—postmark by **Oct 20, 2023** _____ x \$10 = \$ _____

Optional Saturday Lunch _____ x \$10 = \$ _____

Are you an HMA Member? _____ Yes _____ No

HMA Membership # _____ Membership Name _____

Optional Membership Fee (includes one-year HMA membership) \$95 = \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please keep a copy of your completed form(s) for your records.

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PAYMENT

Write one (1) check payable to: Handbell Musicians of America Area 3

Mail the original, completed form(s) with full payment to (*partial payments will NOT be accepted*):

Sarah Sheffield, Coordinator of Events / Registrar

PO Box 2305 / Indian Trail, NC 28079

EventsCoordinator.Area3@handbellmusicians.org

Online Registration Information

NEW—Online Registration AND Payment

We will be using Eventbrite for online registration and payments. If you use Eventbrite, you must pay through Eventbrite. If you need to mail a check, please use this paper form and mail to our registrar.

To register online, visit www.eventbrite.com/o/handbell-musicians-of-america-area-3-19697276478

- Sign in OR create a new account
- Once you have signed in, click in “Register” in the gold bar and follow the instructions

Area 3 Photography Policy

By participating in this event, every registrant / participant hereby certifies and acknowledges that photographs, recordings, and / or video may be taken of them during this event and that these images, interviews, or recordings may be used by Handbell Musicians of America Area 3 or its assignees in publications, promotional materials, and / or websites as approved by the Area 3 Board of Directors. The Area 3 Photography Policy Form for minors is included below.



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DENIAL OF CONSENT FOR MINOR(S)

I do NOT give permission for pictures of my child(ren) to be used on the Area 3 website, in the Area 3 Historian's Photo Album, and in future publications.

Name(s) of Minor(s): _____

Signed: _____
(Parent / Guardian)

Name of Minor(s) Director: _____

Name of Organization / Church: _____

City: _____ State: _____