



Area 3

Handbell Musicians  
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# Children's Festival

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**Edmund  
Tompkins**  
Guest Conductor

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**April 11, 2015**

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**Bonclarken Conference Center  
500 Pine Dr.  
Flat Rock, NC 28731**

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# Meet our Guest Conductor/Clinician

**Edmund F. Tompkins** has served as Minister of Music and Organist at Morning Star Lutheran Church (ELCA), in Matthews, North Carolina, since February 2004. Prior to this, Ed had served as Director of Music/Organist since 1981 in churches in Durham, NC; Nashville, TN; and Richmond, VA. Ed directs two adult vocal choirs, two intergenerational handbell choirs, and two instrumental ensembles as well as vocal and instrumental opportunities for children and youth. He is President and Assistant Director of Charlotte Bronze Handbell Ensemble, a new community bell group led by Artistic Director Tim Waugh. Ed is a graduate of Duke University and Scarritt Graduate School. Ed has served on the Handbell Musicians of America Area 3 Board of Directors and as president of the Charlotte Chapter Choristers Guild. He has conducted handbell festivals in Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Illinois, Virginia and Maryland and served on the handbell faculties at Montreat Conferences on Worship and Music, Massanetta Church Music Conference, and Lutheridge Music Week. He and his wife Judy live in Indian Trail, North Carolina.

## Children's Festival 2015 Repertoire

*Suite Praise*

Kathleen Wissinger

I. *Adoration*

II. *Leap of Faith*

III. *Joyful Praise*

Choristers Guild CGB867

2-5 octaves

Level 1+

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*Praise and Thanks to God*

Carol Scheel

Composers Music CP7059

3 or 5 octaves

Level 1+

Handbell Musicians of America Area 3 supports the copyright laws, and no photocopies of music will be allowed. Unauthorized recording of the sounds and images of the musical performances is a violation of the Copyright Act (17USC~1101).

### Tentative Schedule

#### Saturday, April 11, 2015

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Registration and Set-up
9:30 AM - 11:50 AM	Massed Ringing and Activities
12:00 PM - 12:50 PM	Lunch (provided for ringers, directors and chaperones)
1:00 PM - 1:50 PM	Massed Ringing and Activities
2:00 PM - 2:20 PM	Attend Genesis Concert
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Children's Sharing
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Pack-up
4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Festival Concert

OFFICE USE ONLY: Postmark date: \_\_\_\_\_ Reg. # \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

# REGISTRATION FORM

## 2015 Children's Festival

Please fill out one form for each choir/ensemble attending the Festival. You may make as many copies of this form as you need.  
Enter the director's, organization's and choir's names as they should appear in the program booklet.

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(You will receive important information through your email address. Your email will not be shared with anyone.)

Director's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Choir's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_ Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Information:**

Does your group play on handbells or handchimes? \_\_\_\_\_

How many octaves of bells will you bring to the festival? \_\_\_\_\_

Table Requirements (*organizations are responsible for bringing their own pads for equipment*)

**NEED** tables? \_\_\_\_\_ **BRING** tables? \_\_\_\_\_ Linear footage required \_\_\_\_\_

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

***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 website as approved by the Area 3 Board of Directors. The Area 3 Photography Policy Form (for minors) is included in this brochure.***

## Children's Festival Registration Form (continued)

### REGISTRATION FEES ARE LISTED PER PERSON:

**REGISTRATION FEE:**

Number of ringing registrants/directors postmarked by *October 31, 2014* \_\_\_\_\_ x \$32 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of ringing registrants/directors postmarked by *February 14, 2015* \_\_\_\_\_ x \$42 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of ringing registrants/directors postmarked after *February 14, 2015* \_\_\_\_\_ x \$67 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Chaperones \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**EXTRA MEALS AT BONCLARKEN:**

# of Friday Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ x \$11.25 = \_\_\_\_\_ Total Meals \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# of Saturday Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8.25 = \_\_\_\_\_

**LODGING AT BONCLARKEN (PER ROOM):**

# of Faith Apartments \_\_\_\_\_ x \$112 = \_\_\_\_\_ Total Lodging \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# of The Lodge \_\_\_\_\_ x \$89 = \_\_\_\_\_

# of Ministers Apartments \_\_\_\_\_ x \$94 = \_\_\_\_\_

# of Motel Rooms \_\_\_\_\_ x \$80 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of free ringing registrants** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$0 = \$ 0.00

Persons registering for an Area 3 Festival who have served as Chair of Area 3, are serving on the current Area 3 Board and/or are serving as faculty/staff for this festival, do not have to pay the festival registration. Please list the name(s) below of any person(s) in your group who are in this category: \_\_\_\_\_

**Handbell Musicians of America Membership (NEW membership only)** \$85 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you already have a membership, but need to renew, please send your renewal to the National Office.

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF YOUR COMPLETED FORM(S) FOR YOUR RECORDS.**

**Write one check payable to:**

***Handbell Musicians of America Area 3***

**Mail the original, completed form(s) with full payment to:**

**(partial payments are NOT accepted)**

Sarah Sheffield, Registrar, PO Box 2305, Indian Trail, NC 28079

Live2Ring@gmail.com 704-779-7359

## GENERAL INFORMATION

*The following information pertains to Children's Festival*

### Who May Attend

- ◆ This event is designed for full or partial children's handbell choirs from grades 3 to 6. Mixed age choirs are welcome as long as they are bona fide members of the registered choir and the music can be appropriately prepared.
- ◆ Ringers under the age of 18 need to fill out & bring the Area 3 Photography Policy Form (included in this brochure) to the festival.
- ◆ **Choirs must learn the festival music prior to coming.**

### Registration

- ◆ Registration is now open and your registration will be processed according to the postmark.
- ◆ Application forms will be accepted until the maximum per site or registration deadlines are reached.
- ◆ Applicants will then be placed on a waiting list and will be notified if and when space becomes available.
- ◆ The Registrar will acknowledge registration within two weeks of receipt.

### Email Information

- ◆ Pre-Registration Class Packets and Information Packets will be sent to provided email addresses and also available online at [www.areasiii.org](http://www.areasiii.org). So that information does not go to your junk mail, please add the following email addresses to your contact list: [debbiehen@gmail.com](mailto:debbiehen@gmail.com); [live2ring@gmail.com](mailto:live2ring@gmail.com); [handbellhog@gmail.com](mailto:handbellhog@gmail.com).

### Fees

- ◆ **Significant discounts are offered for early registrations.**
- ◆ **Festival Fee for ringers and directors: \$32 if postmarked by October 31, 2014; \$42 if postmarked by February 14, 2015; \$67 if postmarked after February 14, 2015. Chaperone fee: \$10 - this is the fee for lunch on Saturday.**
- ◆ **Cancellation: \$25 per registrant is nonrefundable when requested prior to February 14, 2015. After February 14, 2015 no refunds, regardless of reason (including medical issues and family emergencies) will be granted.**
- ◆ **Handbell Musicians of America membership is required. If not a member, add \$85 for Guild membership. If you are needing to renew your membership, please send your membership payment to the National office.**
- ◆ The registration fee is transferable only between bona fide members of the same organization.
- ◆ **When sending in your registration form, please include only one (1) check from your organization with full payment partial payments will not be accepted.**

### Chaperones

- ◆ There must be one adult (over the age of 21) for every six minor ringers of the same sex.
- ◆ Directors are not considered to be chaperones.
- ◆ **Chaperones must stay with the choir members at all times, (including during classes) barring emergencies. Please see Director and Chaperone Responsibilities listed in this brochure.**

### Meals

- ◆ Lunch on Saturday is included in the registration fee.

### Tables

- ◆ Indicate on the registration form if you are **bringing** your own tables or **using** those provided.
- ◆ **Table footage will be based on the number registered and the number of octaves that you are bringing.**
- ◆ Choirs must bring pads, notebooks or music racks, bells, chimes, mallets, gloves. Table covers and skirts are optional. All equipment must be clearly marked!

### Classes and Activities

- ◆ Besides ringing, the children will have the opportunity during the day to build their skills through musical activities.

### Lodging (see page 6 for lodging options)

- Bonclarken Conference Center offers four lodging accommodations. If you would like to stay at Bonclarken, please mark your choice on the registration form.
- Lodging is optional.

## Handbell Musicians of America Area 3 - Director and Chaperone Responsibilities

During the Handbell Musicians of America Area 3 discoverRING Children Festival, directors and chaperones will be held accountable for the safety and behavior of their groups at all times. Ringers are expected to observe the rules of common courtesy, respect the rights of others and their property, and do nothing that endangers either. Failing to do so will make the group liable for any damage done. The festival officials may send home any individual or group that fails to respect those rights, with no remission of fees paid.

### Director Responsibilities

- ⇒ The director will select one person of at least twenty-one years of age to act as chaperone for every six ringers age eighteen years or under of the same sex. These chaperones must clearly understand their role and responsibilities, and they must have the authority to maintain discipline and exercise that authority.
- ⇒ The director will insist on appropriate group dress.
- ⇒ The director will sit with his or her choir during rehearsals to help build a line of communication between the choir and the festival conductor.
- ⇒ Directions to the nearest medical facility will be available at the registration desk. The director and chaperones are to be familiar with any ringers medical condition and will be responsible for knowing how to respond to that condition.

### Chaperone Responsibilities

- ⇒ Chaperones will be held accountable for the safety and behavior of their minor ringers at all times. They will remain with the ringers for the entire day.
- ⇒ Chaperones will assist with a three call-down rule in all rehearsals. For rude or disruptive behavior, the conductor will first directly address the person, asking them to stop the behavior. If a second call-down is required, the chaperone will be called upon to exert control. If a third call-down is required, the conductor or event chair will dismiss the person from rehearsal.
- ⇒ Chaperones will insist that there be no talking during rehearsal.

**BONCLARKEN LODGING INFORMATION** - Please go to [www.bonclarken.com](http://www.bonclarken.com) to see lodging layouts  
Lodging is optional - Full Payment is due when you register.

**Faith Apartments - \$112 per apartment** \* 3 separate apartments each with living room with queen sofa bed, kitchen, 1.5 baths, 2 bedrooms (1 queen and 2 twins) and screened back porch

**The Lodge - \$89 per room** \* Each room has a private bath, 3 rooms have a queen bed, 32 rooms have 2 queen bed

**Ministers' Apartments - \$94 per apartment** \* 4 separate apartments each having 2 bedrooms, with 1 double and 2 twins, 1 bath and kitchen. The living room is shared by all 4 apartments

**Motel - \$80 per room** \* Each room has a private bath, 14 rooms have two queen-sized beds, 2 rooms have one queen sized bed

## Area 3 Photography Policy (for minors attending this event)

By registering for an Area 3 event, you give permission to use pictures from the event on the Area 3 website, in the Area 3 Historian's Photo Album and in publicity materials in the future. Individuals will **NOT** be identified or pictured in potentially embarrassing situations. **Parents who do NOT wish to have their minor(s) included in pictures must complete the following form and return it with their registration.**

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 publicity materials in the future.

Name(s) Minor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent or Guardian)

Name of Minor(s) Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Organization/Church: \_\_\_\_\_