

**Ring the National Anthem
Monday, May 15, 2023
4:05 Game Time**



**Washington Nationals vs. New York Mets
Registration Deadline May 1, 2023**

Newsletter – March 15, 2023

General Information

Handbell Musicians of America Area 3 will perform the National Anthem for the Nationals vs. Mets on Monday, May 15, 2023 with a 4:05 p.m. Game Time. Choirs and individuals are welcomed. The music must be memorized and is available at your favorite music supply. Ticket price will be \$55.00 that includes a T-shirt, which will be worn for the event, and transportation to and from the ballpark from the mass rehearsal. Family and guest tickets will be available for \$45.00 with no transportation to the ballpark. Please make checks payable to Handbell Musicians of America Area 3. Please return registration form to Jerry Hill, 4517 Ferry Landing Road, Alexandria, VA 22309. For more information, email jdeanhill@aol.com, or call 703-619-0590.

Registration Deadline

All registration forms and checks are due by May 1, 2023.

Family and Guest Tickets

Family and Guest tickets are available at a cost of \$45.00 per person. Please send request form and check to Jerry Hill, 4517 Ferry Landing Road, Alexandria, VA 22309. Please contact Jerry for tickets at jdeanhill@aol.com or call 703 619-0590. A master list will be created for guest services at the ballpark in case someone loses their ticket.

Musical Score

AG36050 Star Spangled Banner by John Benke. The arrangement is recorded on **YouTube** under Handbell Musicians of America Perform the National Anthem.

Score Analysis

Rhythmic pattern of dotted eighth and sixteenth notes throughout the piece

Steady tempo using all LV and R as indicated in the composition
Measure 4 *rit.* into a *tempo* measure 5
Measure 33 complete cut off on fermata
Measure 34 slight *rit.* until shake at measure 37

Age Requirement

There must be a Parent/Guardian Permission Form completed as well as a signed copy of Area 3 Photography Policy for anyone under the age of 18. Email or bring them with you to the mass rehearsal. Directors, please forward this email to your ringers. See attachment.

Dress and T-Shirt Size/Choir Ringing Assignment

T-shirts sizes are: Adult small, Adult medium, Adult large, Adult XL, Adult 2X.
Ringers will wear the T-shirt provided along with khaki/tan shorts or pants and casual footwear, no open-toe shoes. Ladies may choose to wear a khaki/tan skirt. You may wear a fanny pack or lightweight backpack under the shirt. Please do not wear baseball caps, hats, or sunglasses during the performance. You may wear sunglasses during the sound check and to get in place for the presentation, then take them off.

Tentative Schedule May 15, 2023

Check-in will begin at 12 PM at First Baptist Church, 2932 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22302. T-shirts, tickets and ringer placement will be distributed.

12:30 Check-In
1:00 Board bus, Leave for Ballpark
1:30 Enter Nationals Park
2:00 Sound Check
2:15 Rehearsal
3:50 Assemble
3:56 National Anthem
4:15 Bells Away
Return to First Baptist Church after the Game
or Ride Home with Family and Friends

Transportation

All ringers are asked to ride charter buses unless other arrangements are made prior to the event. No parking arrangements at the ballpark will be made for those desiring to drive.

Bell Sets

The bells will be transported to the ballpark prior to gathering at the stadium. All bell sets will be returned to First Baptist Church on the evening of the event after the game. Any choir willing to loan bells for the event is greatly appreciated. Please email the event coordinator. All loaned bells will be individually tagged.

Meals

Everyone is responsible for their own meals. Ringers should be able to have dinner after the presentation.

Weather

An update email will be sent Saturday morning prior to the event. Please mark all rain gear. We will not ring the National Anthem in the rain, but please don't assume that we are not ringing it. If the game is a go, we will ring the National Anthem.

Directors

Assign someone the position of Bell Case Individual. Email this information to jdeanhill@aol.com. We need a giant team effort if we are to organize as fast as necessary. All choirs and ringers will be color-coded. Please stay within these color-coded choirs as they will be used in the staging. It is critical that we move safely and swiftly

Guest Relations

If any out-of-town guests need assistance with transportation/lodging in Alexandria, please email the event coordinator. For a list of restaurants in the area, email the event coordinator.

Driving Directions to First Baptist Church Alexandria, VA

First Baptist Church is located at 2932 King Street Alexandria, VA

You may reach the church either by taking I-395 to the King Street exit towards Alexandria or I-495 to the Telegraph Road exit then right on Duke Street, left on Callahan Drive and left on King Street.

Family and Guest Tickets



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Number of Guest Tickets _____ @\$45.00 Total _____

Make checks payable to Handbell Musicians of America Area 3 and mail to Jerry Hill,
4517 Ferry Landing Road, Alexandria, VA 22309. Family and guest seats will be
assigned with the ringers of their choir. All ticket orders are due by May 1, 2023.



T-Shirt Size/Ringing Assignment

Please list the names of each ringer, the position ringing and the T-shirt size desired.

Name	Position	T-Shirt Size (circle size)
1. _____	_____	Small Medium Large XL 2X
2. _____	_____	Small Medium Large XL 2X
3. _____	_____	Small Medium Large XL 2X
4. _____	_____	Small Medium Large XL 2X
5. _____	_____	Small Medium Large XL 2X
6. _____	_____	Small Medium Large XL 2X
7. _____	_____	Small Medium Large XL 2X
8. _____	_____	Small Medium Large XL 2X
9. _____	_____	Small Medium Large XL 2X
10. _____	_____	Small Medium Large XL 2X
11. _____	_____	Small Medium Large XL 2X
12. _____	_____	Small Medium Large XL 2X
13. _____	_____	Small Medium Large XL 2X
14. _____	_____	Small Medium Large XL 2X
15. _____	_____	Small Medium Large XL 2X
16. _____	_____	Small Medium Large XL 2X



Parent/Guardian Permission Slip & Area 3 Photography Policy (for Attendees under the Age of 18)

Each participant under the age of 18 must have an adult ringer responsible for them during the entire events of the day. The chaperone should be a parent or someone in the choir where they ring.

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.

Name of Child _____

Name of Chaperone _____

Chaperone's Cell Phone _____

Parent's Cell Phone Number _____

Name of Bell Director _____

Bell Director's Phone Number _____

Name of Organization _____

Signed: _____ Date _____
(Parent/Guardian)



Washington Nationals Guest Conduct Policy

- Major League Baseball and The Washington Nationals are committed to creating a safe, comfortable and enjoyable sports and entertainment experience. The Ballpark staff will proactively support a family friendly environment free from the behaviors described below:
- Disruptive behavior, including foul/abusive language or obscene gestures
- Any disruption to the progress of the event by a guest's actions, including interference with a ball in play
- Intoxication, diminished capacity or other signs of impairment related to substance abuse
- Sitting in a location other than the guest's ticketed seats or failure to produce a ticket on request
- Displays of affection not appropriate to a public, family setting in the District of Columbia
- Violation of the no smoking policy

Behavior in violation of the Guest Conduct Policy may result in the guest being ejected without a refund, arrested by the police, being subject to possible prosecution and/or having his/her Season Tickets revoked.

Items Prohibited

- Metal, plastic or glass containers of any kind except as permitted by the Guest Conduct Policy
- Backpacks and bags that exceed 16"x16"x8"
- Brooms, poles and staffs of any kind
- Weapons, fireworks and other illegal substances
- Camera lenses in excess of eight inches, tripods and monopods
- Noisemakers not supplied by the Nationals
- Banners and signs larger than 4 feet by 5 feet



National Anthem Transportation and Providing Bells Information Sheet

Directors, please complete the following information and email the event coordinator the information.

Name of Church _____

Number of Ringers Attending _____

Choir Director's Name _____

Providing Bells _____yes _____ no _____number of octaves

Please select someone in your group to be in charge of bell cases. You may need additional assistance to safely transport your bells to the ballpark.

Bell Case Individual _____