

### Overtones

Handbell Musicians of America's print journal is an excellent source of countless information, connections, and articles. By reading and using *Overtones*, ringers and directors can get a myriad of ideas and thoughts on how to better their ringing experience.

### Local, Area, and National events

Whether it is choir-based massed ringing or an individual event such as Distinctly Bronze or Master Series, nothing is better than getting together with others who share our passion for handbells and attending an event. There are excellent events scheduled for beginning ringers, advanced choirs, veteran directors, and everyone in between. NOTE: Some events require individual membership to attend.

### Member-Only Web Resources

This is a set of excellent resources for different uses and choirs. Written and edited by experts in their individual fields, the online resources are great for both ringers and directors who wish to take their knowledge and know-how to the next level.

### Marketing Opportunities

Members of the Guild have access to online classifieds and job postings, and the opportunity to use member lists for marketing events, concerts, and other handbell-related activities.

### Event Endorsement

The Guild offers Endorsement for events presented by members or member organizations. Endorsement includes listing in the Event Calendar on-line and in *Overtones*, event liability insurance, access to membership lists for event marketing, and payment of ASCAP (American Society of Authors, Composers & Publishers) fees. NOTE: Some restrictions and additional fees may apply.

### National & Area E-Newsletters

All members automatically receive E-Newsletters from the national office and the Area in which they reside. National E-Newsletters include *E-Notes* and *Event Notes*. *E-Notes* arrives in your in-box in the third week of the month and contains important news and updates from the national organization. *Event Notes* arrives in your in-box the first week of the month and contains a calendar listing of all National, Sponsored, and Endorsed events happening in the next three months, as well as concerts and other handbell-related activities presented by members of the Guild. As a member, you may submit your concert or handbell activity for inclusion in *Event Notes*.

## Mentoring Programs

Some Areas have mentoring programs where any member can gain assistance for a short or extended period of time in a variety of areas. The mentee could be a beginning director with little experience ringing or a veteran choir looking to take their ringing to the next level; either way, there is much to be learned from a mentor coming in and lending a helping hand. Mentors may also be requested through the national office.

## Grants and Scholarships

Members have the opportunity to apply for a variety of scholarship opportunities that provide financial assistance to attend events on both the national and Area level. In addition, the AGEHR Endowment Fund offers grants to members offering programs to further the mission of Handbell Musicians of America.

## Instrument Loan Programs

Areas have sets of chimes and, in some cases, handbells to loan to members to establish new programs in their community. Many Areas offer a variety of print resources and a mentor to assist in establishing a program. This is an excellent way to introduce chimes and handbells to a school, church, or community group.

## Handbell Musician Certification

Our certification program is a comprehensive training plan to help all members become well-rounded handbell musicians. The program offers three levels of certification and includes several courses of study on a variety of subjects relevant to handbell musicianship.

## Member-Chats and Member-Notes

Through *Member-Chats* and *Member-Notes*, we bring you insightful articles and informative, live chats with the movers and shakers of the handbell art form. Every other month, we host a one-hour live *Member-Chat* with a personality from within our talented ranks. Everyone will have an opportunity to submit questions in advance. Many of you will be able to tune in live and participate. And, all members will be able to access the video on the Handbell Musicians of America website after it airs live. *Member-Notes* brings to your inbox every other month an article on a topic of interest to handbell musicians.