



## Best Ever Free Music Tool

*Encouraging schools and other non-profit groups to develop musical programs using handchimes*

**3-octave set of handchimes and wonderful, innovative support materials loaned for the September to June school year time frame.**

For information and application:

[www.area1.handbellmusicians.org](http://www.area1.handbellmusicians.org)

Click "Education", scroll down "Chime Loaner Program"

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Hooray! All five sets of chimes have homes for the 2019/20 school year. The great news is the applications were all received and accepted before Festival Conference. Several people did speak with me at Festival Conference about the Chime Loaner Program. Even though I had to tell them that the chimes were all out for this year, I did encourage them to apply for the 2020/21 year as soon as possible. Any applications received now for next year will be put on the list for 2020/21. How great would it be to have applications for next year now?

Speaking of Festival Conference, it was awesome! Thank you to the folks who attended my *Chimes: Basics to Challenges* classes. Each of you were enthusiastic about bringing chime ringing to people of all ages and all abilities. We shared many ideas and methods to help everyone enjoy the passion of making music.

If you are not a member of Handbell Musicians of America, let me encourage you to become a member. As an educator of any kind; school, church, local children's organizations, the national website has a chime curriculum, an education section with several articles and Overtones always has something to use with instructing all types of ringers. As a church-based director or coordinator, there is a faith-based resource with numerous worship ideas. As a ringer only, there are fun things under "Members Extras"; "How to tie-dye gloves", sudokus, crosswords puzzles, and articles about things ringers need to know. If you as a ringer, director, or educator, have any questions or specific problems, there is always someone available to help. As excited as I am about the Chime Loaner Program, it is time for me to step down. I will be passing the baton and a plethora of files to Jennifer Stack. Jennifer is a wonderful, knowledgeable, enthusiastic choice for chairing this program. Although I am having withdrawal issues, I have great faith in Jennifer's abilities and know we will have fun together making this transition.

Remember, to keep the Chime Loaner Program in your discussions and spread the word that this program is for schools, community organizations, home-school coops, churches, after school programs, college activities, any non-profit organization looking for a fun, informative, rewarding activity and is adaptable to all types of learning styles and challenges.