

Notes from FESTIVAL / CONFERENCE CHAIR



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Happy New Year everyone! While in normal times, we would be announcing our schedule and registration information for Festival/Conference by now, I am confident that all of that information will be in the **February 2022** issue of the Fundamental Tone. I'm glad we made the call to postpone when we did, because if you're like me, I don't think I'm ready to sign up now for a big event in June that will have lots of people in an enclosed space. I do see the light at the end of the tunnel, and I look forward to the day when we can all play together again.

That doesn't mean we can't find ways to play together virtually!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR A VIRTUAL MASSED EVENT ON SATURDAY, MAY 15!! Thanks to help from my friends in the LA Metro Area of Area 12, we're planning to do an event much like the

Christmas Handbell event they produced in November. We have invited Marilyn Becker of Hancock Carillon to lead her choir with anyone who registers in a virtual massed ring on that day. When you sign up, you'll get a link to join a live YouTube feed from 9a-1pm that morning. You can set up your own bells and rehearse two pieces with Marilyn and her video choir. We'll break for live conversations, and answer your questions using the live chat. After the morning's rehearsals, you'll have the opportunity to learn how to make a video of you playing your part to submit for a virtual choir video that will be shown at a watch party on **May 30**.

Registration will open in April, and will be \$15 per person until May 9, at which time registration will be \$25 per person. Everyone will be asked to purchase their own music, and learn their parts before the event. You will be given your position assignment based on your preferences given when you register. If your choir is getting together in a socially distanced way by May 15, it'll be a great opportunity for you all to play together as if you're in a massed choir!

Stay tuned for more details on our web site! We hope to 'see' you there!

Happy ringing,

Carlene Ruesenberg

Festival / Conference **2022** chair