

From Griff Gall, Artistic Director of the Back Bay Ringers

This is an exciting season for Back Bay Ringers! We welcome two new musicians into our ensemble, we have added the lower sixth octave of Malmark handbells, and we are entering our fifteen anniversary season. On October 13th, we will be participating in the Boston Book Festival with the editor of "Bullets into Bells," a book written in response to senseless acts of gun violence. Join us for the Festival at the Boston Public Library on October 13. Visit www.bostonbookfest.org for a schedule and more information.

We are thrilled to be launching our fifteenth anniversary concert season with a holiday concert series inspired by the iconic Vince Guaraldi soundtrack to *A Charlie Brown Christmas*. Thanks to arranger and composer Hart Morris, Back Bay Ringers will be performing his unpublished arrangements of holiday classics such as *Linus and Lucy*, *Skating*, and *Christmastime is Here*. Selected holiday favorites from the soundtrack will round out the first half of our program and include, *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*, *Greensleeves*, *The Christmas Song*, and of course we will honor the most famous musician in the Peanuts gang, Schroeder, with our performance of *Für Elise*. The second half of our program includes two premier performances of popular holiday songs including Mariah Carey's *All I Want for Christmas is You*, arranged by our own musician, Greg Urban, and Barbra Streisand's *Jingle Bells*, arranged exclusively for our 15th anniversary.

We hope that you will find a chance to join us for one of our upcoming holiday concerts, hear our newly expanded six and a half octave range of Malmark handbells, and enjoy some wonderfully fun holiday music! For more information about our upcoming concerts, visit www.backbayringers.org