

Notes from the CHIME LOANER CHAIR



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.

As of today, a couple of people have spoken to me about an interest in applying for the chimes. However, I have received one application. There are 5 sets of chimes and books available for the 2019/20 school year. I thought you might be interested in some statistics about how and to whom the chimes have been shared. In the past 9 years, the chimes have been loaned to 22 schools, 5 churches, 5 community groups and 1 home school coop. 55% have been loaned in MA, 21% in NH, 18% in VT, and 6% in RI. There have been no loans in CT or ME in that time frame. Chimes can be shipped, one way, anywhere in New England at the expense of Area 1. I would love to have some applications from CT and ME.

I am presenting a workshop at Festival Conference on using chimes in multiple situations with all different abilities. I hope all of you can attend Festival Conference. *Handbells: Basics to Challenges* is for everyone; educators, directors, ringers, and non-ringers. Wouldn't it be nice to tell everyone at the workshops, that all 5 sets are loaned out for this coming year?

Remember, this loan is primarily for schools but **is open** to *community organizations, home-school coops, churches, after school programs, college activities, any non-profit organization looking for a fun, informative, rewarding activity*. Also, chimes are adaptable to all types of learning styles and challenges.

If each person who reads this article would give the above information to one person, we could get the remaining sets in the hands of more awesome groups.

For information and application:

www.area1.handbellmusicians.org

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