

Notes from CONNECTICUT



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Dear CT Ringers and HMA Friends,

I hope you are all having a nice start to the fall, as many of our community and church ensembles have resumed rehearsals after a summer break. There is a lot going on this fall for handbells in our area. See below for a list of upcoming handbell events, workshops and concerts to consider attending!

Workshops!

October 26th, Galea Ferry, CT: BEYOND TWO BELLS

Clinicians: Sue Chamberlain and Jane Nolan

This workshop will begin with the weaving skills needed in any ringing Situation and graduate to solo and ensemble ringing. By the end of the 3 hours you will be able to play a melody by yourself playing "Carol of the Bells" with 3 friends.

November 2nd, Simsbury, CT: BELLS BOOTCAMP

Clinician: Andy Wallace

New approaches to tackling some very basic skills in the context of the music. This will include velocity and tracking drills, rhythm challenges in a variety of time signatures, and bell changes. We will have you doing all this while striving to look good and sound better! Both ringers and directors will enjoy these new challenges.

**If you received the HMA Area 1 email last week, this is a date change. It will be on November 2nd. **

Registration for workshops can be found here: <http://area1.handbellmusicians.org/skill-workshops/>

Ringling Opportunities:

The Great Christmas Ring!, with concerts at The Bushnell Theater in Hartford, CT, Radio City Music Hall, Central Park, and Carnegie Hall

Information can be found at: thegreatchristmasring.com

And some of our local Connecticut groups have begun announcing their winter concert schedules.

For Shoreline Ringers, check here: <http://shorelineringers.org/events/>

For Hockanum Valley Ringers, here: <http://hvringers.org/>

Chime In! has a concert that includes pie! Find out more here: <https://sites.google.com/site/chimeinmusic/events>

If I missed your group, please let me know!

Sincerely,
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