

# Notes from RHODE ISLAND



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**Greetings!**

I am very excited and looking forward to Festival Conference '19 in Hartford and am hoping to see you amongst the 528 (last count) folks who will be on the ringing floor!

The Opening Concert on Thursday evening features



and we will be fortunate to be ringing under the direction of  
Cathy Moklebust and Kevin McChesney

## SAVE THE DATE(S):

Master Class with **David Harris** - Saturday, October 5, 2019 St. Luke's Church, East Greenwich, RI.

**Format for the day:** Hour long class

**Registration fee:** \$100. / group / hour

**What will be provided:** 5 octaves of handbells,  
light refreshments

**You bring:** Your repertoire  
Chimes and other equipment you may require.

Please submit the selection you would like to work on with Mr. Harris by **Sept. 1**

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual RI Holiday Handbell Spectacular** will be held on  
**Saturday, November 23, 2019**  
**featuring 8 Area 1 Handbell Ensembles**

**Thank you** to those Directors who took the time to respond to our request for information about their ensemble.

Area 1 is interested in your handbell group – in order to better serve our handbell musicians, we will continue our efforts to collect information about you in the next few months. (Not for marketing purposes). We are especially interested in locating the younger handbell musicians in our area, whether they are members of a youth group or of a multi-generational group. This research is not restricted to Guild members; we want to know about all handbell groups. If you have not been contacted or are not a HMA member, please email me **or** Click [here](#) to see the interactive map that we've compiled so far, and if you have not yet completed the survey, please click [here](#) to get your group added to the map.

Also, if you know of other groups that are not accounted for, please share the links. Thank you!!!

## Are you a member of Handbell Musicians of America (HMA)?

Thought about becoming a member of the HMA?

You can join as a sub-member for as little as \$10.00 per year, opening a gateway to the wider handbell world.

Contact me or for more information go to: <http://handbellmusicians.org/membership/join-the-guild/>

Looking forward to ringing with you in Hartford!

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