

Notes from RHODE ISLAND



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Greetings!

FC 19 is over and it was GREAT!

Among the feedback I received were the following:

"The big takeaway for me from festival this year was such a positive opportunity for fellowship among our choir. And many of us felt Kevin was an incredible director and he brought out the best in all of us with his directing." – A RI Handbell Musician

"The Handbell Festival held at Hartford University exceeded my expectations! It was extremely organized...the guest conductors were amazing, especially Kevin McChesney, who got us all to dig deep and to ring at a new level of expertise! The enthusiasm, the emotion, and the gratitude he displayed was very moving for us to experience. The sessions provided some extra ringing experience as well as insight into the behind the scenes of a composer/conductor. And the concert where Forte quartet played was an amazing bonus!"

The University has a beautiful campus with buildings close enough for us all to walk to easily. The food that was prepared for us in the cafeteria was excellent! And all the University staff were always supportive to our questions and concerns!" – A RI Handbell Musician

Anyone who was not able to attend this year should plan on attending in 2021 or consider attending

**2020 Friends and Family Handbell Camp,
Friday, June 26 thru Sunday, June 28
at Camp Wightman,
Griswold, CT**

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

Registration to open next week – watch your email

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

The 4th Annual

RI Holiday Handbell Spectacular

will be held on

Saturday, November 23, 2019

at the

Exeter West Greenwich High School Gym

930 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich, RI

Featuring 8 Area 1 Handbell Ensembles

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/>

Hope to see you in RI on October 5,

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