

Notes from RHODE ISLAND

Happy Spring!

SAVE THE DATE(S):

Many have asked about RI's 2019 Spring Extravaganza – especially since the 2018 event was so well attended. Due to the schedule of Spring Rings in Area 1 combined with the Easter holyday, plans have been made to hold **RI's event on Saturday, October 5, 2019**, at St. Luke's Church, East Greenwich, RI. Our guest clinician will be **David Harris**. We are planning to hold **Master Classes** again this year, but with a slight *twist* - ALL ringing levels are welcome to register!

The complete format of the day and information about registration will be available in the May publication of the *Fundamental Tone*.

The 4th Annual **RI Holiday Handbell Spectacular** will be held on **Saturday, November 23, 2019**

Festival Conference 2019

Plan to attend FC19 – it promises to be an amazing, fun-filled, educational time – we have great clinicians and opening concert planned – and, the members of Forté will be participating in workshops!

If you are not yet registered - [Register here](#)

Location: University of Hartford, West Hartford, CT
Dates: June 27 – June 30, 2019
Clinicians: Cathy Moklebust (Bronze, Copper) and Kevin McChesney (Tins and Mass)
Opening Concert: Forté

Area 1 is interested in your handbell group – in order to better serve our handbell musicians, we will be collecting 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 are not a member we may not have your contact information, please email it to me. 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/>

Hope to see you at the MA Spring Ring around Area 1 and at FC19!

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