

NOTES FROM CONNECTICUT



Mobby Larsson
Connecticut State Chair
ct.area1@handbellmusicians.org

Connecting with Connecticut

We are entering that busy season of handbell ringing—preparing for Advent and Christmas—when the beauty and the joy of handbells shine in our worship and throughout all our holidays! I'm sure you have been rehearsing diligently all fall!

The excitement of Connecticut Spring Ring will build after the holidays. The event will be on Saturday, March 30, 2019, in the Haddam-Killingworth Middle School where we have met the past two years. The format will be different this year, however. David Harris* will be our clinician, and we'd like to maximize everyone's opportunity to work with him. We will all spend the day together rehearsing three selections, which will be presented at an afternoon concert. As

in the past, we are also looking for bell choirs, ensembles, or soloists who would also share during the concert. Special opportunity for directors: during lunch Dave has offered to meet for sharing and a question/answer time.

Dave has selected the following pieces for the event. The first two are part of the Festival Conference repertoire, and the third is one the Raleigh Ringers have recently recorded for the Lorenz demo. All three can also be used in your Lenten/Easter bell programs. Please purchase and begin rehearsing them before the Spring Ring.

Allegro Spiritoso / Underwood (AGEHR AG23028:2-3 oct; AG35261:3-5 oct)

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds /arr. Moklebust (Concordia MCO977488)

Ah, Holy Jesus / arr. Eithun (Lorenz 20-2094L)

The link for details and registering will be sent out in January; but please start making plans to attend! Meanwhile, have a blessed and faith-filled Christmas!

Mobby Larson
CT Chair, Area 1
Handbell Musicians of America

**David M. Harris has been the director of The Raleigh Ringers since January 1990, when he was instrumental in the formation of the group. The Raleigh Ringers is an internationally acclaimed, advanced community handbell choir based in Raleigh, North Carolina; and we had the excitement of having them featured at our Festival Conference.*

David studied music while earning a degree in computer science at the Pennsylvania State University and has received private instruction in conducting from Dr. William A. Payn of Bucknell University. David was the director of the handbell program at Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church. He chaired the national committee that planned the very first Community/ Professional Handbell Choir event, Pinnacle 2000, which was held in Las Vegas, Nevada.