

About Handbell Musicians of America

Handbell Musicians of America (The Guild for short).

The Guild is dedicated to advancing the musical art of handbell/handchime ringing through education, community and communication.

As a member of the Guild, your annual dues give you access to a large variety of resources and literature, opportunities for ringer and director instruction at all levels, and fellowship in a national community of like-minded individuals. Most importantly, your support as a member of the Guild insures the continued growth and development of handbell and handchime ringing.

The opportunities, resources, and musical literature available to handbell musicians today are a direct result of the dedication and financial support of past members of the Guild. Likewise, the future of handbell and handchime ringing in America and around the world depends on our support and involvement today. Please consider becoming a member. When you do, you help pave the way for your own ensemble and for future generations of handbell and handchime musicians. Membership in the Guild is open to full ensembles as well as to individuals.

Kansas Chimes

The state of Kansas has a 3 octave set of chimes and music available to loan to organizations for one school semester either fall or spring.

If you are not familiar with hand chimes, either I or another member of our Kansas group are gladly available to help you get started.

If this is an opportunity you and your organization would like to have please contact me at the address below.

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Chime Program Details

This program does not cost your organization any money to use.

We also provide a one-year membership to Handbell Musicians of America for the group.

We sometimes have a waiting list for those hoping to borrow the chimes. Please contact us to find out when the chimes are available.

The music we send with the chimes is appropriate for elementary and early middle school students.

Once your organization has finished the semester of use, we ask that you submit a letter or report describing your experience. We would like to know about the group who used the chimes, and if they played a concert or gave a presentation. We would also like a copy of the program, if one was made, to put in our files.

We do keep a record of organizations who have borrowed the chimes, so we can continue to loan them to groups who haven't experienced chimes before.

It brings us great joy to share the chimes and music with young people. We would like to be able to offer this program to more organizations, and hope to soon have another set of chimes available to lend.

What People Say About Our Program

Because of your generosity in lending our school the chimes, I have now submitted a grant for our own set of hand chimes.

Thank you for bringing joy into the lives of these exceptional students!!

Our students had so much fun making music. This is a great program!

I couldn't believe this program was free. We would never have tried these great instruments without Kansas Area 8.

I wish we could have had the chimes all year. There are so many songs and techniques we didn't even have time to learn. Thanks again for lending us your chimes!

Still need a better recommendation? Contact Marilyn Lake, Shawnee Mission Music Educator and Past Kansas Chime & State Chair at marilynlake@smsd.org.



Visit our websites to find out more about upcoming events and workshops

Kansas Area 8 Website

www.area8.handbellmusicians.org/Kansas

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The Guild Website

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