

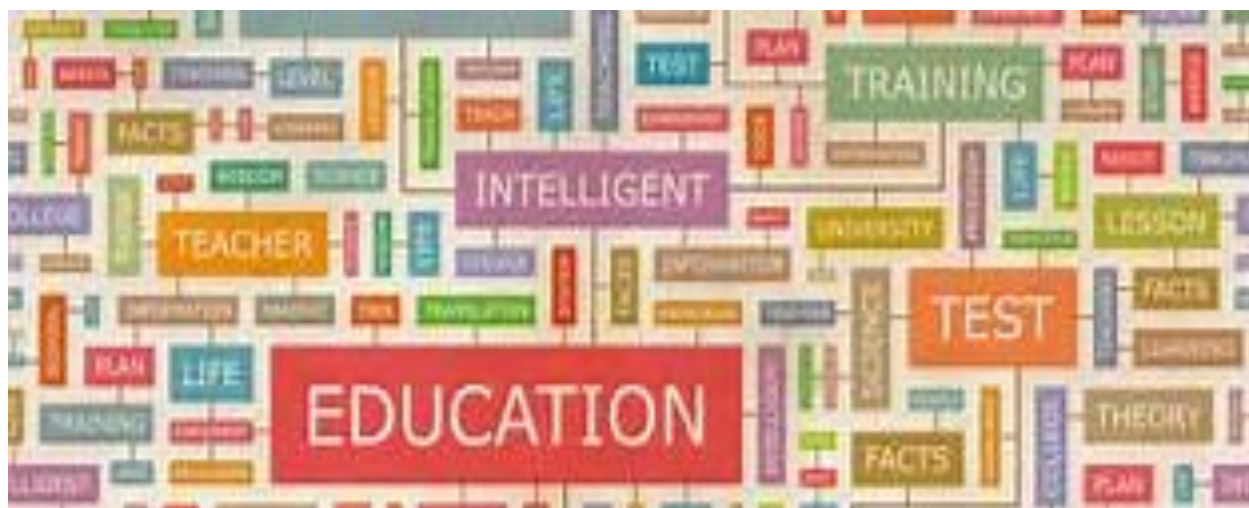


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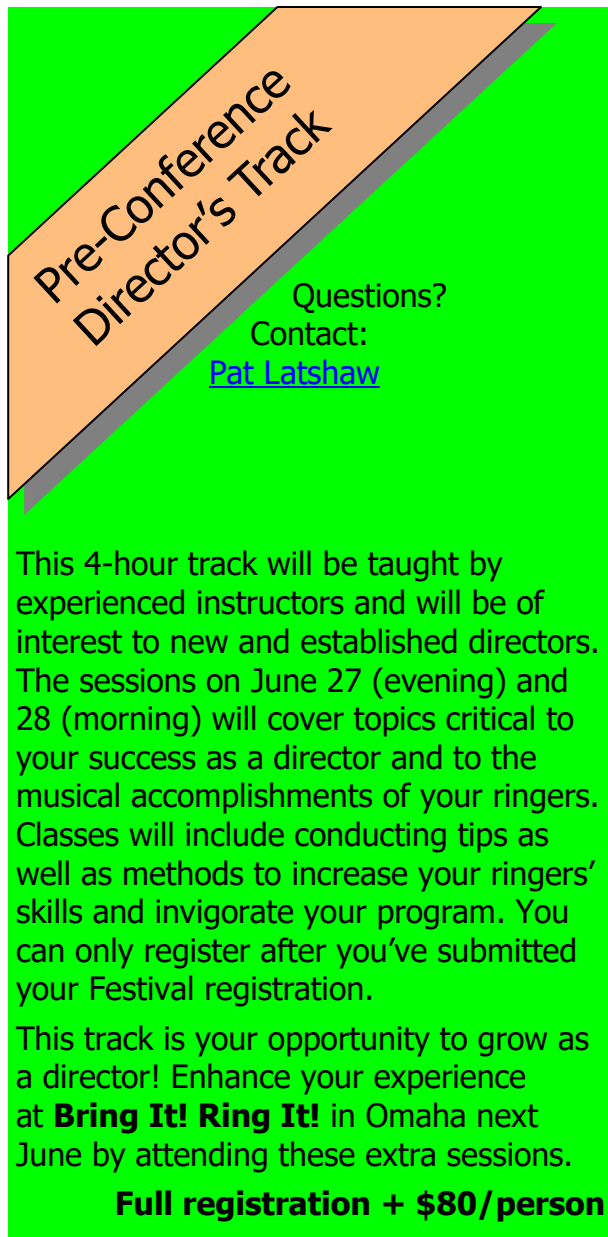
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Sure wish I could teach at the Area 8 Festival....

Click [here](#) to fill out an application.



Pre-Conference Director's Track

Questions?
Contact:
[Pat Latshaw](#)

This 4-hour track will be taught by experienced instructors and will be of interest to new and established directors. The sessions on June 27 (evening) and 28 (morning) will cover topics critical to your success as a director and to the musical accomplishments of your ringers. Classes will include conducting tips as well as methods to increase your ringers' skills and invigorate your program. You can only register after you've submitted your Festival registration.

This track is your opportunity to grow as a director! Enhance your experience at **Bring It! Ring It!** in Omaha next June by attending these extra sessions.

Full registration + \$80/person



Bring it! Ring it!

Handbell Musicians of America Area 8
Omaha, Nebraska June 27-30, 2018

[Kristin Kalitowski-Kowal](#)[~Area 8 Chair](#)

What's better than attending one handbell event? Attending two! Read on for events that are in the works throughout Area 8. You'll also find more detailed information on various track learning opportunities that await you at the **Bring It! Ring It!** Festival next June. Registering for these extra tracks is a great way to explore a topic more in depth or to experience something new for those of you who are repeat attendees.

[Staci Cunningham](#)[~Kansas State Chair](#)

Two dynamic handbell clinicians are coming to Kansas on Saturday, February 17, 2018 for *Ring in the Spring*. Kansas' very own Pat Latshaw will be leading the Copper division which will ring level 2 & 3 pieces and composer Brian Childers will be leading the Bronze division which will ring level 3 & 4 pieces.

This is a one day, come prepared, event that includes mass ringing, your choice of a mini-class, shopping and fellowship with ringers across our region. A concert completes the day at 3:00pm.

On-line registration is now open and mail in registrations are also available. An early-bird deadline is December 15, 2017 with a final deadline to register of January 15, 2018. Please visit [here](#) for more information.

Hope to see you there!

Ring S'More

New this year, a track for those who just want to *Ring S'More*. Full registration is required.

No preparation is needed, and there isn't any performance pressure!

You'll get your own copies of the selections (listed below) at the first session.

When you register for this track, you'll indicate your ringing position preferences, and we will do our best to accommodate them. We'll let you know where you'll be ringing prior to the first session so we can get right to the tables and begin ringing s'more!

We'll spend much of the three sessions ringing the level 2 to 3 selections on 5-6 octave sets, and the rest exploring the nuances of stem direction, musicality and mixed meter.

This track is most appropriate for those who can sight read level 2 and above music, including bell changes, techniques, syncopation and changing meters. Questions? Contact [Sharon Schmidt](#).

- *Dance of Joy, Song of Sorrow*
Linda Lamb
- *Timbrel & Dance*
Kevin McChesney
- *Be Thou My Vision*
Sandy Mullaney
- *Change Ring Prelude on Divinum*
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Friday and Saturday, February 23 and 24

Gateway Convention Center

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Friday: 7:00 pm - Director's Event: *How to be an Engaging Director (without really trying)*

Saturday: 9:30 - 4:00 pm - A day of learning for your entire choir with Mr. Krug

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Lori Fenton**~Iowa State Chair**

My ambitions to create more handbell events for the state of Iowa have definitely fallen short thus far but I will try to do better for the remainder of my term. Here are a couple of recent events you may have missed:

- The Forte Handbell Quartet of Colorado Springs, CO, performed in Ames, IA, on October 1st. If you've not seen them live you can check them out on their [website](#) or on YouTube.
- The Mid-Iowa Handbell Festival with Brian Childers took place on October 21st in Nevada, IA. Many thanks to Lois Theesfield for her work in making this happen.

Both of these events were advertised on our Iowa Handbell Musicians of America Facebook page. Please make sure to "like" us so you don't miss out on any happenings.

I would love to see some cross border events, especially in the following areas: Sioux City, Council Bluffs, Quad Cities, and Dubuque. And we don't have to stay within Area 8! Sioux City could coordinate with Sioux Falls or northern Iowa could partner with bells in southern Minnesota.

Hopefully you are reading all of the information being provided about next summer's Area 8 Festival in Omaha, NE. If that location doesn't work for you, you might want to consider the 2018 National Seminar in Grand Rapids, MI, or plan further ahead to the 2019 National Seminar returning to Area 8 in St. Louis!

- The Raleigh Ringers may be near you next summer on their Midwest tour.

They will be in in Colorado and Omaha, and then in Des Moines on Thursday, June 21st. Their last stop is at the Area 7 festival. There are handbell events happening all over the Midwest!

A couple of final thoughts – requests, really:

- If you have any ideas for a handbell related event that you would like to see in the area, state or, your town/city, **please** reach out to me as I would be happy to help you plan something or put you in touch with others who could help.
- If you have any handbell events happening in your area please let me know and I can, at the very least, help spread the word.

Ben Hafner**~Past Illinois State Chair**

Illinois will be providing a fun and exciting workshop with The Agape Ringers on February 24, 2018. It will be a day filled with learning bell techniques, proper ringing styles, meeting new people, and a place to enjoy fellowship with others of like mind! Hosanna! Lutheran Church in St Charles will be the host site. For more information please check on our website at www.il-agehr.org.

We look forward to seeing you there!

[Jeff White](#)[~Missouri State Chair](#)

How would you like to have a chance at *Refining Your Ringing*? Dr. John Behnke will be presenting a workshop at 9:00 am on November 4, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Columbia, MO. You can register [here](#). The cost is \$15/person.

Dr. Behnke is a very sought after clinician and recitalist, and the workshop promises to be fun and educational! I hope you will consider registering today.

We are looking for more events similar to this one in our state. Contact me to discuss possibilities for hosting an event, or if you know of one.

Finally, we'd be happy to get some willing volunteers to serve on the Missouri committee. Contact me if you'd like to be a part of this important board. A lot of what we do is online via email, Skype or other tools which make our occasional meetings much easier to attend from anywhere.

Happy ringing!



Discover new possibilities for using handbells in your worship service! This track will be three sessions and will cover processions, hymn and choir accompaniments, liturgical music, ringing with less than a full choir, and more. You'll not only get the chance to hear these exciting ways of using bells, but you'll get to experience it as well! All music and materials will be provided. There will also be time for an open forum discussion to share ideas and ask questions. This track is open to all levels of handbell ringers and directors, and even non-bell musicians! All attendees will have the chance to participate—even if you've never rung a bell before! *Advanced registration will be required so we'll have enough materials for everyone.*

For more information, please contact [Jeff White](#).

Full registration + \$30/person



Do you have unanswered questions regarding YouthFest?

Contact [Beth Ann Edwards](#)

[Linda Ashley](#)

[~ Nebraska State Chair](#)

So what's happening in Nebraska?

Well, besides being very excited to be hosting next summer's Area Festival?

We are in the planning stages for holding a reading session of the Festival music in both the eastern and central portions of the state. Watch for an email concerning this. We will also be posting it on the webpage.



The *Showcase Concert* will once again be offered at the 2018 Area 8 Festival. This popular session is your opportunity to truly **Bring It! Ring It!** in Omaha next June. Participating groups will be given the opportunity to perform a selection or two for fellow Festival attendees. All ensembles are encouraged to apply: chimes or bells, children's groups, youth ensembles, adult choirs, soloists, small ensembles, church choirs, and community groups. *All performers must be members of Handbell Musicians of America through their director or through their organization. Performing groups must have 75% of their group registered for a minimum of one day.*

Watch this space for more details and start rehearsing that special piece!

Questions? Contact [Pat Latshaw](#)

BRONZEFEST ENSEMBLE

One of the many tracks to look forward to is the BronzeFest Ensemble. This track is intended to give advanced ringers an opportunity to prepare an additional seven pieces for performance at the Festival. This ensemble will be under the direction of Larry Sue. Once selected for this ensemble, ringers will need to purchase the seven pieces, four of which will be available at a reduced package rate through [Choraegus](#).

BronzeFest ringers will prepare this music before arriving at the festival and will be scheduled for five class sessions (approximately 6 hours) of rehearsal together. These hours together will culminate in a concert presented to the rest of the festival attendees.

This track has always been a memorable one for those who participated.

The Larry Sue and Susan T. Nelson pieces will be available through [Choraegus](#). The other music can be purchased from your favorite distributor.

For titles, please click [here](#).

We hope our Area advanced ringers will consider signing up for this challenge.

Contact [Linda Ashley](#) with questions.

Full registration + \$80/person

Upcoming Events

2017	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
11/4	Refining Your Ringing Dr. John Behnke	Trinity Lutheran Colombia, MO	Jeff White
2018	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
Feb 17	Ring in the Spring 2018 Brian Childers / Pat Latshaw	Church of the Resurrection Leawood, KS	Spring Ring
Feb 23	How to be an Engaging Director (without really trying)	Gateway Convention Center Collingsville, IL	HAGSTL
Feb 24	Agape Ringers Workshop	Hosanna! Lutheran Church St Charles, IL	Illinois
Feb 24	spRingFest 2018	Gateway Convention Center Collinsville, IL	HAGSTL
Mar 8-11	Distinctly Bronze West Fred Gramman	Resort at the Mountain Welches, OR	National
Jun 27-30	Bring It! Ring It! Area 8 Festival	Hotel RL Omaha 3321 S 72nd St Omaha, NE	Area 8
Jun 28-30	Bring It! Ring It! Area 8 YouthFest	Hotel RL Omaha 3321 S 72nd St Omaha, NE	Area 8
Jul 17-21	National Seminar Various	Grand Rapids, MI	n/a
Jul 19-21	Distinctly Teen	Grand Rapids, MI	n/a