

# Area 8 Handbell Musicians of America Festival 2020

June 18-19-20, 2020 Sheraton Overland Park, 6100 College Boulevard, Overland Park, KS 66211



- Nationally known Clinicians
- Massed Ringing
- Extraordinary Vendor Shopping
- Ringers from throughout Area 8
- Concerts! Concerts! Concerts!
- Learning Opportunities
- New Friends Waiting to Be Met

## Concerts

- Columbia Handbell Ensemble
- Lawrence Community Handbell Choir
- Massed and Divisional Ringing
- BronzeFest
- YouthFest
- Showcase

## Classes and Reading Sessions

Four class sessions for each Division, each session with six (or more) class options. Classes are taught by experts who have both training and experience in their chosen topics.

## Massed Ringing

Led by John Behnke, Alex Guebert, and Lauran Delancy  
Four one-hour rehearsals, 5 music selections

## Division Ringing

Led by John Behnke and Alex Guebert

Blue Division, primarily Level 2, four one-hour rehearsals, 4 music selections

Gold Division, primarily Level 3-4, four one-hour rehearsals, 4 music selections

## Friday & Saturday, June 19 & 20, 2020

Massed Ringing, Division Ringing, Classes, Concerts, Shopping, Networking

## Additional Opportunities

### Thursday, June 18

**Worship Seminar** with Gwen Gepford, Lauran Delancy, and Beth Ann Edwards

**Directors Seminar** with Alex Guebert & John Behnke

**Bonus Brush-Up Rehearsal** with Area 8 leadership

### BronzeFest Advanced Ringing Track with Lauran Delancy

This track begins Thursday night and will rehearse for about 7 hours throughout the Festival.

Participants will give a concert on Saturday afternoon, performing six advanced-level music selections.

### Handbells 101 Non-Performing Track with Sharon Schmidt

Ringers and directors are welcome to this hands-on track. Ringers gain experience before tackling division and massed ringing in the future. Directors will learn a methodical way of teaching new ringers.

### YouthFest with Nick Hanson

Designed for youth grades 6-12, runs concurrently with the A8 Festival. Participants will work with Nick from Thursday evening through Saturday morning and will present a concert at noon on Saturday. \$125 per person, includes 3 meals, classes, concerts, and shopping. Hotel rooms are not included.

## Registration Fees

\$225 per person through March 15

\$235 per person March 16—April 15

\$260 per person after April 15

(Fees include Friday & Saturday massed and division ringing, classes, concerts, vendor shopping, & four meals.

Hotel rooms are not included.)

[area8.handbellmusicians.org/registration/](http://area8.handbellmusicians.org/registration/)

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