



Area 8 Handbell Musicians of America Festival June 20–22, 2024, Columbia, Missouri

Are you ...

- ... sad when handbell rehearsals are not scheduled until fall?
- ... shopping on-line for new handbell swag?
- ... looking for learning opportunities with expert handbell directors?
- ... looking for a short-term ringing challenges?
- ... in need of more handbell friends on social media?
- ... playing nonstop handbell videos on Youtube?
- ... ready to admit that you are a bell hog/handbell diva?

Then you should attend the Area 8 Handbell Festival June 20-22 in Columbia, Missouri!



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Highlights

Massed ringing All participants join in rehearsing and performing several selections for the final concert on Saturday. There are two divisions: Blue (easier: levels 1-2) and Gold (more difficult: level 3 & up.)

Classes for everyone and reading sessions for those who need more ringing.

Featured concerts River City Ringers (Fri. evening) and Rebound! (Sat. noon)

Registration

Full registration includes three meals, two feature concerts, mass ringing, classes, and more!

Early Bird Mar. 16 – Apr 15: \$240 or **Regular** Apr 16 – June 12: \$265

Friday only: \$110 or **Saturday** only: \$150 or **Chaperone**: \$125

Festival Location

Holiday Inn Executive Center (2200 Interstate 70 Drive SW, Columbia, MO 65203) Nightly rate is \$129.00 (plus taxes) for 1-4 guests. For reservations, call the hotel directly at 573-445-8531.

Bronzefest

Ensemble members are selected through an application process, and position assignments are made ahead of time. BronzeFest rehearsals begin on Thursday night and present a concert on Saturday afternoon. Successful BronzeFest musicians have experience with music more difficult than level 3 and are willing to put in extra time before Festival to prepare the music.

Repertoire

This year’s repertoire has been chosen by Stevie and Greig. The 18 selections represent 16 different composers, THREE of which are Area 8 composers!

Thursday Extras

- Directors Seminar led by Greig and Stevie (\$100 per person)**
Creating More Effective Rehearsals, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Class Sessions for Ringers, taught by Stevie and/or Greig: (\$25 each)**
Three sessions 2:15 to 3:25, 3:35 - 4:45, and 4:55 - 6:00
- Bonus “Warm-up” Rehearsal (\$15 per person)**
Ring through all the massed ring pieces.
Space may be limited, so register early.



For more information, use the QR code (right) or visit area8.handbellmusicians.org/2024-connect-create-celebrate/



Stevie Berryman, Clinician



Greig Ashurst, Clinician



Rebound! (Saturday afternoon)



River City Ringers (Friday night)