



# 2025 Mid-Iowa Handbell Festival with Clinician and Composer Nick Hanson

Saturday, October 18, 2025, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Windsor Heights Luth. Church, 1240 66th St, Windsor Heights, IA 50324



Nick Hanson, Guest Clinician

**Clinician Nick Hanson:** After receiving his BA in Music (with concentration in handbell performance) from Concordia University, Irvine, California, Nick began teaching at The Potomac School in McLean, Virginia, in 2006, where he teaches private handbell lessons and handbell classes to 4th–12th grade students in six handbell ensembles. He is the handbell director at Bush Hill Presbyterian Church in Alexandria, Virginia, since 2000. Nick has been a faculty member, clinician, and conductor for workshops and events in over 20 states (as well as Washington, DC) and internationally in England, Hong Kong, Japan, Taiwan, and Singapore. He most recently conducted the elite handbell event, Distinctly Bronze East, in March of 2025; was the co-conductor for the Handbell Musicians of America (HMA) All-Star Choir in 2018, and has led HMA's Distinctly Teen ensemble in 2015 and 2023. In 2022 The Potomac School recognized Nick with the Bill Cook Excellence in Teaching Award and he was featured in the Arlington Magazine article "Teachers We Love" in 2023. He is a published writer in the national handbell magazine Overtones, has composed and arranged over 100 pieces of handbell music, and is co-host of the podcast Two Tacos High: A Handbell Podcast.

## Festival Repertoire

Title	Arr./Composer	Level	Publisher	Code
Lullaby Carols	Karen Buckwalter	3- 3-5 oct.	Beckenhorst	HB743
Praise the Lord	Nick Hanson	2+ 3-5 oct.	Jeffers	JHS9626
Toccata on King's Weston	Matthew Compton	3+ 3-6 oct.	Hope	2767
The Unclouded Day	Brian Seeman	3 3-5 oct.	Hope	2992
Wild Mountain Thyme	Sandra Eithun	2+ 3-6 oct.	GIA	D11301

## Online Registration is now open.

Use the QR code (right) or go to <https://bit.ly/4n4pzyv>.

Registration price (\$45 HMA members, \$55 non-members) includes lunch.

For more information, contact [Dick Crusinberry](mailto:Dick.Crusinberry@ia.area8@handbellmusicians.org) at [ia.area8@handbellmusicians.org](mailto:ia.area8@handbellmusicians.org).

This event is sponsored by Handbell Musicians of America.



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Central Presbyterian Church

3829 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50312

\$10 per person, Free w/Mid-Iowa Festival Registration

To register or for more information, contact

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