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**Thank you for attending our program today!** Chicago Bronze is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that relies on the generosity of patrons like you to make possible quality concerts and workshops. Our ringers are all volunteers who join the ensemble to experience a high-quality and challenging outlet of musical expression.

Your tax-deductible gift will help support our operations, including the purchase of equipment and music, so that we may continue our mission to promote the beautiful art of handbell ringing. Scan the code to visit our donation page ([chicagobronze.org/donate](https://chicagobronze.org/donate)).



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**Second City Sounds** showcases the wide variety of styles that handbells have to offer. Classical, pop and original compositions for handbells are just a few of the genres represented in this mix of songs which will captivate the listener.

**Windy City Christmas** brings the joy of Christmas and the beauty of handbells together for a collection of holiday favorites that will cheer you all year long.

# Chicago Bronze

## HANDBELL ENSEMBLE



## Spring 2022

### CONCERT PROGRAM

## Program

### *“Shall We Dance?”*

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<b>Praise God’s Name in the Dance</b>	Derek K. Hakes
<b>Shall We Dance?</b>	Richard Rodgers / arr. Andrea Handley
<b>Waltzing with Johann Strauss</b>	Johann Strauss II / arr. Robin Benton
<b>The Tennessee Waltz</b>	Redd Stewart and Pee Wee King / arr. Joel Raney
<b>Bwana Asifiwe! (Praise the Lord!)</b>	Cathy Moglebust
<b>And All That Jazz</b>	John Kander / arr. Nicholas A. Hanson
<b>Blue Tango</b>	Leroy Anderson / arr. Cathy Moglebust
<b>Trepak</b>	Peter I. Tchaikowsky / arr. Cathy Moglebust
<b>Sway</b>	Pablo Beltran Ruiz / arr. Sandra J. Eithun
<b>Sabre Dance</b>	Aram Khachaturian / arr. Martha Lynn Thompson
<b>Lord of the Dance</b>	Shaker Tune / arr. Kevin McChesney

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**Cheryl Ondratschek**

**MEMBER SINCE 2005**

Cheryl lives in Winfield with her husband, Bill. Cheryl has a Bachelor of Music degree from North Park College in Chicago and was a music educator for 10 years before entering the business world. She has retired from a telemetry services company. Cheryl first began ringing handbells in 1999. She is currently handbell director at St. John Lutheran Church in Wheaton. When she is not playing or directing bells likes to garden, bike, and read.



**Derrick Sanders**

**MEMBER SINCE 2015**

Derrick has been playing handbells since 2003 when as a favor to a friend joined a California Community Church Handbell Choir. He enjoyed the experience so much he kept on playing. In 2012, he moved to Illinois for work and joined another local Community Church Handbell Choir. When not playing handbells, Derrick can be found Go-Karting, hanging out with friends, playing video games, and checking out the sites of the Chicago Area.



**Cynthia Seputis**

**MEMBER SINCE 2014**

Cynthia began trio ringing in 2001 before joining a handbell choir. A University of Illinois and Northwestern University alum, Cynthia has taught general music at Carpenter Elementary in Park Ridge for 31 years and recently retired from teaching summer courses at VanderCook College of Music. When not ringing bells, she loves to play the banjo and hang out with her awesome family.

**Noel Streacker**    **GUEST PERCUSSIONIST**

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## Our Spring 2022 Performance Schedule

**Saturday, April 30 | 7:00 pm**

**First Presbyterian Church**

824 Waukegan Road  
Deerfield, IL 60015

**Sunday, May 1 | 3:00 pm**

**St. John’s Lutheran Church**

215 S. Lincoln St.  
Lombard, IL 60148

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### Anne Kivikko

MEMBER SINCE 2016

Anne Kivikko of Lakewood is a retired band and orchestra teacher of 30 years and has been enjoying bell ringing for about 20 years. She is very involved in her church's music ministry, as choir member, flute player and handbell director. She and her husband, Kevin, enjoy spending time with their grandchildren.



### Kathy Murray

MEMBER SINCE 2011

Kathy lives in Elmhurst, is a retired Hospice nurse and has been ringing handbells for 30 years. Upon hearing bells for the first time in 1990, Kathy was instantly hooked. However, her church needed a bell choir director so Kathy decided to take the job! Having earned her BMU in piano performance, she became a "quick learner" of the art of ringing and has been ringing ever since. Outside of bells, Kathy enjoys time spent with family and friends as well as her new role as Grandma.



### Matt McLeod

MEMBER SINCE 2021

Matt McLeod of Evanston started playing handbells in high school in Albuquerque. He continued the adventure while at Northwestern, where he met our director Andrea Handley, getting drawn more into the art. He has played as part of several handbell ensembles and has directed a handbell group for adults with disabilities. A former middle school math teacher, he now helps teachers improve instruction for all students and tries to keep up with his wife and three kids (17, 14, 9), all of whom are musicians as well.



### Laura Olsen

MEMBER SINCE 2004

Laura Olsen of Barrington is owner of A Joyful Sound piano service, tuning and repairing pianos to support her music habit. She is Handbell Director at Barrington United Methodist Church and Lutheran Church of Atonement and plays flute and tin whistle in the Irish Pub band, The Ragged Rascals. Laura has 3 sons, a grandson, and a granddaughter.



### Bill Ondratschek

MEMBER SINCE 2007

Bill attended North Park College in Chicago where he played in the concert band. Bill received a BA degree and taught elementary education for 9 years. He then served as corporate trainer and a CE course instructor in the restoration industry for 32 years before retiring. Bill started ringing handbells in 1999 and is also a member of the St. John Ringers.

Coincidentally, he and his wife, Cheryl, share the same outside interests.



### Chicago Bronze

is a community English handbell ensemble from the Chicago area. Membership in Chicago Bronze is by audition. The ensemble was established in May of 1999 by a group of directors and advanced ringers who were seeking a challenging ringing experience.

In the past 21 years, Chicago Bronze has performed hundreds of concerts throughout the Chicago area and beyond. We have had 6 directors, and have approximately 30 alumni ringers.

Within the Chicago area, Chicago Bronze has performed in Long Grove, Elgin, Ft. Sheridan, Mt. Prospect, Rolling Meadows, Park Ridge, Elk Grove, Arlington Heights, Deerfield, Morton Grove, Lake Zurich, Northbrook, Wilmette, Chicago, Schaumburg, Lake Forest, Oak Lawn, and Evanston. Beyond Chicago, we have performed in St. Charles and Belvidere, IL as well as Madison, WI.



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## Andrea Handley

### CHICAGO BRONZE MUSICAL DIRECTOR

Andrea Handley lives in Evanston, and has been directing handbells since 1983. She holds an undergraduate degree in piano from the Indiana University School of Music, and a graduate degree in organ from the American Conservatory of Music. As Director of Music and Worship at the First Presbyterian Church of Evanston, IL, she directed a graded handbell choir program which grew to six choirs over a span of a few years, playing two sets of handbells (one seven octaves) and two sets of handchimes. She directed the handbell program at Marvin United Methodist Church in Tyler, TX in 2007-8, and currently is Organist and Director of Handbells at Trinity United Methodist Church in Wilmette, IL. She is a published handbell composer and has written several articles for Overtones magazine.

Andrea's husband David is a retired Presbyterian pastor and she has three grown children - a pastor, a professional cellist, and a childcare worker. She also has four adorable grandchildren, two in Madison, WI and two in California.



**Chicago Bronze Breve** is a division of Chicago Bronze that combines the artistic talent of the larger group in a more portable arrangement ideal for weddings and events. This smaller group is made up of eight Chicago Bronze members ringing four octaves of handbells. Our current repertoire includes a selection of holiday, wedding, and summer music.



## Denise Caliendo

MEMBER SINCE 2013

Denise began ringing bells in 1995 and soon after became her church's handbell director. She first joined Chicago Bronze in 1999. Denise has been a music teacher/choral director for over 30 years and currently teaches at Jane Addams Jr. High alongside her husband, Eric, the band director. Denise enjoys spending time with her husband, two children, Chris and Andrew and step daughter, Nina.



## Max Dykla

MEMBER SINCE 2021

Maxwell Dykla of Chicago started playing handbells in 2nd grade. He graduated from VanderCook College of Music in 2014 and is currently teaching PreK-8th Grade Music in Logan Square. Maxwell also serves as Music Director & Accompanist for various school theatrical productions and amateur performance groups in Chicago and the surrounding suburbs.



## Holly Evans

MEMBER SINCE 2019

Holly was a four-year member of her college handbell choir, playing at mass and concerts, as well as on tour around the country, even on the Great Wall of China! She graduated from Notre Dame in 2017 in Applied Math and Economics and started work at NCSA as a data analyst. Holly moved to Chicago in 2018 and lives in Logan Square. In her free time, she likes to visit her family in Valpo, play board games, watch HS and college basketball, and keep the scorebook at Cubs games!



## Meryl Franck

MEMBER SINCE 2021

Meryl has been playing in church handbell choirs for more than 20 years. During the pandemic, she learned to ring solos and duets for her home church. She is a retired church office manager. She and her husband very recently moved to Forest Park, returning to their home state after living in NY, NC, TX, CO, VA and MS. She is a graduate of the University of Illinois and the daughter of Welsh immigrants. Meryl has 2 adult children and 2 grandchildren.



## Michele Harbeck Haley

MEMBER SINCE 2014

Michele was introduced to handbells when her mother started a choir at their church. She started and directed a handbell choir in West Chicago for 17 years. Michele is a church organist/pianist, plays flute and has served as a church choir director. She is the VP/CFO for National Covenant Properties. She is Mom to four grown children and grandmother to 3 energetic grandsons. In her free time, Michele loves to travel with her husband, David and spend time with their family.