



HAPPY 25TH ANNIVERSARY,  
CHICAGO BRONZE!

## Let's Celebrate!

Chicago Bronze is celebrating a big anniversary this spring, and are we ever excited! We've got concerts planned for April and May that feature some incredible repertoire played by the ensemble over the years, as well as an exciting new piece by Arnold Sherman commissioned in honor of our anniversary celebration. On April 27th, we'll hold a reception after our concert at First Congregational Church of West Dundee, and we are inviting Chicago Bronze alums to join in at that concert as we play Kevin McChesney's arrangement of "Now the Green Blade Riseth", a Chicago Bronze favorite. We hope you will make time to hear one of our anniversary concerts, where you'll get to hear about our 25-year history making music in the Windy City and beyond!

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## New Ringer Alert

### MEET HANNAH MARRS

Chicago Bronze welcomed Hannah MARRS to the group last fall. Hannah started ringing in her church bell choir as a middle schooler and rang at Purdue University. Now settled in the Woodridge area and working as a test engineer, she says her favorite thing about Chicago Bronze is "being able to continue playing handbells at an advanced level with a great group of people."





# Representing CB at Distinctly Bronze East

**THEY RETURNED TIRED, BUT EXHILARATED!**

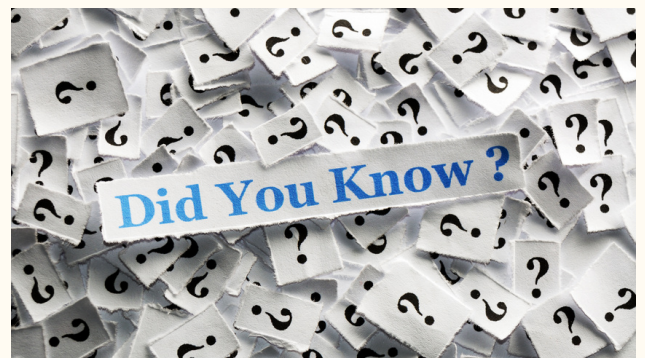
Please join us in congratulating Kathy Murray and Laura Olsen, who represented Chicago Bronze at Distinctly Bronze East in New Bern, North Carolina on March 3. DBE is an annual event for advanced handbell ringers from around the country who meet in New Bern for four days of rehearsal leading up to a concert under the direction of a guest conductor. This year's participants were fortunate to work with esteemed conductor Emily Li from Hong Kong. In between rehearsals, Kathy and Laura were lucky enough to catch up with former Chicago Bronze member Meryl Franck who has relocated to North Carolina and stopped by New Bern for a visit.



## \$25 for our 25th

**WOULD YOU CONSIDER DONATING?**

We greatly appreciate *all* financial contributions made to Chicago Bronze, as they help us offset costs of purchasing music and equipment, repairs, rental space for rehearsals, insurance, and more. Visit our website at [chicagobronze.org](http://chicagobronze.org) to make a donation.



## We Can Help!

**NEED A GUEST CLINICIAN?**

If your handbell choir could benefit from a rehearsal or workshop with a guest clinician, we can help! Contact our business manager Max Dykla at [businessmanager@chicagobronze.org](mailto:businessmanager@chicagobronze.org) to arrange for one or our ringers to visit your rehearsal.

# Another New Face

## MEET SARAH GREENWOOD

Chicago Bronze was also fortunate to welcome Sarah Greenwood this past January. Sarah picked the coldest, snowiest weekend to relocate from Nashville to Chicago. She says that her favorite thing about ringing with Chicago Bronze is “being a part of something bigger than myself and making music as group, and learning things from everyone else.” When she isn’t ringing, Sarah teaches Pre-K and enjoys cooking, doing puzzles, and traveling with her family.



# December Concerts Were A Success

## SIX CONCERTS IN TWO WEEKS!

This past December, we were delighted to share our music with audiences at Barrington United Methodist Church, Elia Area Public Library, All Saints Parish in Morton Grove, and Friendship Village in Schaumburg. We also shared the stage with West Towns Chorus, a men’s barbershop group based in the southwest suburbs. We’d like to thank all our supporters who came out and attended one of our concerts!



# Bass Bell & Chimes

## CAN YOU TELL WE'RE EXCITED?

Our bass ringers Matt McLeod and Derrick Sanders are having a blast with our new bass chimes, purchased with funds from generous donors! We are also anxiously awaiting the arrival of our new G2 bell, due any day now. Bass bells and chimes require lots of strength as well as special ringing techniques, and Matt and Derrick, with a little help from a few other Chicago Bronze ringers, handle these “buckets” with ease! We are very grateful to our generous donors who allow us to expand and maintain our 7 octaves of Malmark and Schulmerich bells and chimes.

# Spring Concert Schedule

JOIN US FOR ONE OF OUR UPCOMING  
ANNIVERSARY CONCERTS

**Saturday, April 27, 2024 @4:00 pm**

First Congregational Church  
900 S 8th Street  
West Dundee, IL

No tickets are required, and you are invited to join us for a  
reception at the church following the concert.

**Sunday, April 28, 2024 @4:00 pm**

Trinity United Methodist Church  
1024 Lake Avenue  
Wilmette, IL  
No tickets required

**Sunday, May 5, 2024 @4:00 pm**

First Presbyterian Church of Deerfield  
824 Waukegan Road  
Deerfield, IL  
No tickets required

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