



Houston Bronze Ensemble

Calendar of Events

Houston Bronze Ensemble is currently scheduling events for the 2014-15 season. Contact us at:

Phone: 1-866-908-RING (7464)
www.houstonbronze.com

Email:
eventcoordinator@houstonbronze.com

November 2, 2014
Private Event

November
Spring Creek Growers
23803 Decker Prairie-Rosehill Rd.
Magnolia, TX 77355 | 281-259-8114
Time and date to be announced.

December 6, 2014
Private Event

December 8, 2014
Performing with The Boys and Girls
Choir of Spring Branch

December 12, 2014
7:30 pm
"Christmas Reflections"
"The Well"
Memorial Drive United Methodist
13186 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX

More events coming soon!
Check out our website for more holiday performances!

Newsletters will be issued in July, October, January, and April. Newsletters will be issued electronically through emails, on the website (www.houstonbronze.com), and on Facebook. We hope you will enjoy them.

Ways to Support The Houston Bronze Ensemble

This newsletter is about the many ways you can support
The Houston Bronze Ensemble

- * Attend a concert. Bring a friend.
- * Forward the HB newsletter and flyers you receive on line to your friends.
- * Buy one or both of our CD's so that you can enjoy us any time.
- * **LIKE** us on Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Houston-Bronze-Ensemble-Inc/38158183647>
- * Share our posts on Facebook with your friends.
- * Shop using the iGive program and /or Amazon Smile program. Designate Houston Bronze Ensemble as your cause.
- * Donate to our Heavy Metal Campaign. You may choose to donate in honor of or in memory of a family member or friend.
- * Make a general donation to HBE. These monies are used to pay for music, trailer storage, guest artists, auxiliary instruments, etc.
- * Invite Houston Bronze to be a part of your concert series or hire us for a party or a wedding or any other occasion. Contact us.
eventcoordinator@houstonbronze.com
- * Donate a space for a Houston Bronze Concert.
info@houstonbronze.com
- * Volunteer to help at concerts or at other times we need an extra hand.

Christmas Reflections

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2014
7:30 PM

"The Well"
Memorial Drive United Methodist Church
13186 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX

ADMISSION: \$10.00 ADULT
\$5.00 SENIOR/STUDENT





A Note from our President

Jerry Conry



Dear Friend of Houston Bronze:

Our 2014/2015 season is off to an exciting start. We welcomed our new Artistic Director, Bill Nave, and quickly dived into rehearsals on a new night, allowing us an extra half hour of rehearsal time each week. HBE co-hosted the Greater Houston Handbell Association's August Adventure and helped Michael Glasgow, noted Handbell Clinician, and Houston Area Directors prepare for the FebFest massed ringing event in February 2015. We submitted audition videos for the Handbell Musicians of America National Convention in Dallas in 2015 and are planning a tour of Texas for July that will hopefully culminate with a performance at Pinnacle. However, before Pinnacle, we have our Christmas Concert on December 12, 2014, at 7:30 pm at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church in "The Well". We also have numerous private holiday gigs including Lights in the Heights, and a Christmas Tree farm. In the spring, we have scheduled a performance at the Trinity Lutheran Klein Concert Series on April 26, 2015, and our Spring Concert series, details TBD. We want to invite you to join us for one of our upcoming performances. More information about all of these can be found on our website, www.houstonbronze.com.

Other exciting news concerns our Heavy Metal campaign. If you attended our Gala in May 2014, you witnessed the kick-off of our campaign which included HBE performing the Gala concert with a loaner seventh octave from Schulmerich. I'm happy to report we have already raised enough money to make the significant down payment and we have placed the order. We expect delivery in early December, making HBE the first community ensemble in Texas to own the seventh octave! However, we are not finished yet. We need your help to meet the remainder of our financial obligation. The next page of this newsletter provides all the details you need to share in our campaign and help us realize this tremendous goal, placing Houston Bronze Ensemble in the company of the top ensembles in the country.

As always, thank you for your continued support of HBE and thank you especially for your generous support of our Heavy Metal Campaign.

The Houston Bronze Ensemble, Inc

Houston Bronze Ensemble is currently scheduling events for the 2014-15 season. If you are interested in hosting the entire ensemble or perhaps just a small ensemble for a full concert, party or wedding, please get in touch with us at:

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Houston Bronze Ensemble also loves conducting workshops for handbell organizations throughout the Houston area. We would love to do one for your ensemble.

Sharing the art of handbell ringing.

About The Houston Bronze Ensemble

The *Houston Bronze Ensemble*, Houston's premier handbell ensemble, is a professional, auditioned, handbell ensemble made up of musicians from the greater Houston area. Houston Bronze was founded in the fall of 1988 by Hart Morris, formerly the Director of Music Ministries at Grace Presbyterian Church in Houston. After Hart moved to Memphis, Tennessee, the ensemble rang under the musical direction of arranger and composer Margaret (Maggi) R. Tucker until 1993. During the 1994 season, the group rang ensemble style with various ringers directing the ensemble. Conductors since then have included David VanderMeer (Fall 1996—Spring 2001), Dolan Bayless (Fall 2001—January 2006), Ben Harris (Fall 2006—July 2010), Ruth Seiwel (Fall 2010—July 2012), and James Roberts (Fall 2012-May 2014). Bill Nave was appointed the artistic director in August, 2014. The ensemble has just celebrated their 25th Anniversary year. All the past directors and many past members returned to join us for that celebration. We look forward to creating another 25 years of memories.

HEAVY METAL CAMPAIGN

Houston Bronze Ensemble is excited to announce our **Heavy Metal Capital Campaign** to fund the purchase of a seventh octave of Schulmerich handbells. Those of you who joined us at our 25th Anniversary Gala in May heard what the addition of 12 bells to our current six octave set can do. Thank you again Schulmerich for the loan of the seventh octave to celebrate this significant milestone and to kick off our capital campaign. The purchase of a seventh octave will expand our melodic range, giving us a total of 85 bells in our primary set and placing us on par with the top ensembles in the U.S. We will have the equipment to ring any music published for handbells and HBE will be the only community ensemble in the State of Texas to own a seventh octave! But all that additional bronze doesn't come cheap, cashing in at nearly \$35,000. So we are asking for your financial support to help us achieve this goal. Your gift to **Heavy Metal** can honor a loved one, show your appreciation to a deserving person or organization, or demonstrate your love and support of the art of handbell ringing! And your gift is tax-deductible as HBE is a 501 (c)3 organization.

Each note represents \$500 towards the purchase of the 7th octave of Schulmerich bells. Let's add more notes before the next edition of the newsletter. It's exciting to see the increase since our last newsletter when we had only two notes. Thank you for your support.



HEAVY METAL

Donor Information (please print or type)

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Billing address _____

City, ST Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Pledge Information

I (we) pledge a total of \$ _____ to be paid:
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You can make your contribution to the Heavy Metal Campaign by copying and mailing this form to Houston Bronze. You may also go to our website and make your contribution on our web page

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Thank you, thank you... thank YOU! Thanks to donors like you, Houston Bronze Ensemble has raised \$300.16 so far through this amazingly simple, no cost to you, donation platform, iGive.com! AMAZING!!

Don't forget to utilize the iGive donation options when doing your holiday shopping this year. Together, we can work to raise even more money simply by shopping at iGive's partner sites and clicking the iGive button to confirm your donation to Houston Bronze Ensemble. If you are anything like me... the simplicity of having all of my holiday gifts delivered is a HUGE benefit during this busy time of year... so most of my gifts come from online stores, and almost all them are iGive partners!

The iGive Button does it all for me! I have the iGive button on all of my browsers so I don't have to "think" about it... it just tells me if I am on a partner site and asks me to confirm that I want to give. If you don't already have the button (the little dandelion seed next to your browser), please consider downloading this option. It makes donating even easier so you never miss an opportunity. Get it here: <http://www.igive.com/button/>

Another great way to give back: ask friends to use iGive to help Houston Bronze Ensemble via Facebook, Twitter, or go "old school" and just send them an email. Go to iGive's tell-a-friend page to make it easy: <http://www.igive.com/html/tellafriend.cfm>.

Together we can raise money for Houston Bronze Ensemble without spending anything we wouldn't already be spending. And isn't that a gift in itself? It sure makes shopping more bearable to know that the store is giving part of my purchase back to **Help our cause**.

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www.iGive.com/houstonbronze



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