



Houston Bronze Ensemble  
**EXPECT EXCELLENCE**

*Dedicated to HandBell Excellence*  
*Ensuring the future of handbells for ringers and listeners*

**HOUSTON BRONZE CONCERTS**  
**2019 - 2020 PERFORMANCES**

**A BRONZE CHRISTMAS**

**Friday, December 6, 2019 7:00 PM**

Tomball United Methodist Church  
1603 Baker Dr. Tomball, TX 77375

*Free concert*

**Saturday, December 7, 2019 7:30 PM**  
**MATCH**

Midtown Arts and Theatre Center Houston  
3400 Main St, Houston, TX 77002

Ticketed concert

**Christmas at the Villa**

**Saturday, December 14, 2019 5:00 PM**

**Sunday, December 15, 2019 5:00 PM**

Performance with the Houston Chamber Choir  
Chapel at the Villa de Matel  
6510 Lawndale Street  
Houston, TX 77023

**Epiphany Services**

**Sunday, January 5, 2020 8:15 AM and 10:50 AM**

Trinity Downtown Lutheran Church  
800 Houston Avenue  
Houston, TX

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events for 2019-2020.

To schedule a concert, contact us at:

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**Highlights of our 30th Anniversary Season**

Our 30th Anniversary season has come to a close and there were so many wonderful moments. It began with our exciting Christmas season. We were busy with more gigs than we have had in any previous holiday period. We performed concerts for two fantastic audiences. We provided music at the Alley Theater. HBE began receiving submissions to our composition contest. The evening we read through the 14 submitted pieces and made our selections was so much fun. It was difficult choosing just two. We liked, but then grew to love, both of the winning pieces, "Trinity" by Caleb Onstead and "Tapestry" by Rob Riker. We also commissioned a third piece to perform with our friends in The Brookwood Handbell Ensemble. Kathleen Wissinger composed "Friendship" for the two choirs to play together. This was included in the program when in June we presented a combined concert for the Brookwood Community on their campus. HBE once again granted a scholarship for a college student to attend College Ring-In. This spring we performed "A Concert of Pearls" three times, each in a different part of Houston. The true highlight of our 30th Anniversary year was our Dinner/Concert at Maggiano's Little Italy. We joined our friends for a fantastic evening of fellowship, music and delicious food. We now look forward to another year and pledge to continue on our path towards **Excellence** in our concerts, educational outreach, and community outreach. We look forward to seeing you in our 2019-2020 season. If we can be of any help to your ensemble, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at [info@houstonbronze.com](mailto:info@houstonbronze.com).

# Summer Days!



**Tuesday, July 23, 2019  
 7:00 - 9:00 Room 205**

**Trinity Downtown Lutheran Church  
 800 Houston Avenue  
 Houston, TX**

**Registration requested.**

Do you suffer from the dreaded “Ringing Withdrawal” during the summer months? If you are looking for the opportunity to play different positions, work on new techniques, and meet other people who share your passion for all things bells, then you will want to join us for Summer Ring!

This summer we will host one Summer Ring event. We will be reading through Level 2+ to Level 3+ music sent to us by Jeffers.

If you would like to attend, please **reserve your place** by registering on our website. Bring your gloves, a handbell folder (if available), and a friend.

**For more information and to register go to:**  
<http://houstonbronze.com/summer-ring.html>



## HOUSTON BRONZE and BROOKWOOD HANDBELL ENSEMBLES TO PERFORM AT ASTROS GAME

On August 22 Brookwood and HBE will join their ensembles for the presentation of The Star Spangled Banner prior to the opening pitch of the Houston Astros baseball game. Make your plans to attend this game and cheer on these two ensembles as well as your Houston Astros. It promises to be a fun evening!



## BUILD A BELL WORKSHOP

We know that directors are already looking for music and making plans for next fall. We invite you to include in your plans a “Build a Bell Workshop” led by members of Houston Bronze. For more information and to schedule a Build a Bell Workshop go to our website and fill out the form. Houston Bronze offers these workshops free of charge but donations towards our educational efforts are always welcome. For more information go to

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Shop Amazon Smile and designate Houston Bronze Ensemble as your charity to donate to our organization.

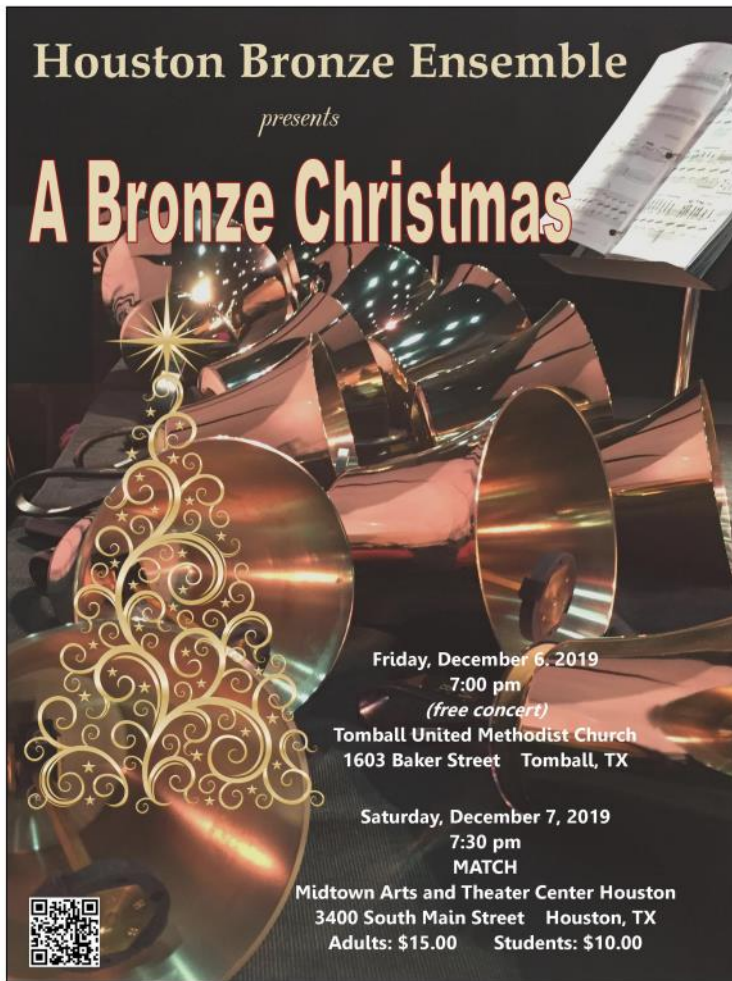
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**Houston Bronze Ensemble**  
presents  
**A Bronze Christmas**



Friday, December 6, 2019  
7:00 pm  
(free concert)  
Tomball United Methodist Church  
1603 Baker Street Tomball, TX

Saturday, December 7, 2019  
7:30 pm  
MATCH  
Midtown Arts and Theater Center Houston  
3400 South Main Street Houston, TX  
Adults: \$15.00 Students: \$10.00




**Congratulations Houston Bronze Ensemble  
2019-2020**

Auditions were held on June 24 for our 2019-2020 Houston Bronze Ensemble. Congratulations to our new members LeAnn Tromanhauser and Cloud Wang. We also congratulate returning members Kathy Beard, Penny Brehany-Wellman, Jimmy Clark, Jerry Conry, DruEllen Duncan, Linda Ellison, Amy Haller, Ben Harris, J. Marvin Havard, Lorna Noack, Cindy Robinson, Michelle Shuman, Wilson Van Tine. We look forward to bringing you another year of excellence.



**Prime Day deals start July 15**  
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**Houston Chamber Choir**

**Houston Bronze Ensemble to perform with the  
Houston Chamber Choir**

We are excited to announce that we will be guest artists performing with the Houston Chamber Choir during this upcoming holiday season. We are excited about the opportunity to share the concert stage with this wonderful choral ensemble. <https://www.facebook.com/HoustonChamberChoir/photos/>

**Saturday, December 14 - 5:00 PM**  
**Sunday, December 15 - 5:00 PM**

Check out our [YouTube](#) Channel.  
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**Houston Bronze  
Celebration Ringers**



Now is the time to schedule your holiday party music. Our holiday calendar is quickly filling up. Houston Bronze Celebration Ringers is a small group of HBE members. Because we are an ensemble of only 5-6 people, we are the perfect entertainment addition to your holiday gathering, neighborhood caroling party, corporate event, holiday bazaar, religious celebration or intimate dinner party. For more information, contact our event coordinator by filling out the form on our website, <http://houstonbronze.com/houston-bronze-celebration-ringers.html>

## Spring Concerts For Houston Bronze Ensemble

**Saturday, May 16, 2020 7:30 PM  
MATCH**

Midtown Arts and Theatre Center Houston  
3400 Main St. Houston, TX 77002  
Ticketed concert

**Sunday, May 17, 2020 4:00 PM**

Trinity Klein Lutheran Church  
5201 Spring Cypress Rd. Spring, TX 77379

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## Coming Soon!!!

A new HBE 30th Anniversary cd will be available sometime this fall. The recording will be made up of selections from both our Christmas 2018 concert and our Spring 2019 concert. It will include recordings of our composition contest winners and a special track with Houston Bronze and The Brookwood Handbell Ensemble performing together.

Brookwood Handbell Ensemble and HBE in recording session.



## Houston Bronze Ensemble Represented at DBE 2018-19

Houston Bronze had two members attend Distinctly Bronze East 2018-2019 held in Raleigh, North Carolina in June, 2019. This event was to have been held last October in New Bern, NC but a for a hurricane named Florence. Although the group in Raleigh was smaller, we had a wonderful time playing under the baton of Lee Afdahl. It is always good to renew friendships with ringers from across the country. The event will return to New Bern in February, 2020. Can't wait!



## 30th Anniversary Celebration



# Brookwood and Bronze



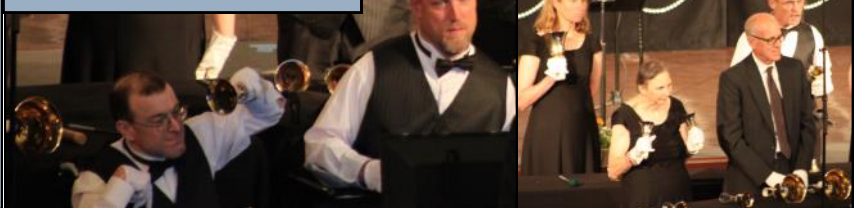
*A friend is one of the nicest things you can have and one of the best things you can be.*  
— Winnie the Pooh



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*Thank you!*

Houston Bronze Ensemble would like to thank our contributors for their donations during this past year. You have helped us to send our director to a national handbell event, purchase new music and equipment, offer scholarships to students to attend College Ring-In, and so much more. It is because of you that we are able to continue to bring you our dedication to

**EXCELLENCE.**

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## The Houston Bronze Ensemble

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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 group. <http://houstonbronze.com/build-a-bell-workshop.html>



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Thank you to Trinity Downtown Lutheran Church for providing us with rehearsal space and storage space. We are forever grateful to you.

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## About the Houston Bronze Ensemble

The Houston Bronze Ensemble is a professional, auditioned, handbell ensemble made up of musicians from the greater Houston area. Known as Houston's premier handbell choir, the ensemble performs regular concerts in the winter and spring as well as at community events, regional and national handbell events, weddings, and private parties. In 2014 HBE had the honor of performing with the Houston Symphony. The group plays a wide variety of musical genres, always with the goal of EXCELLENCE.

Founded in 1988, Houston Bronze Ensemble was started as an avenue for Houston area handbell directors to have a place to ring. A lunchtime meeting with Jeff Weiss, Christine Anderson and Hart Morris in attendance and with only a napkin to write the names of those who might be interested is what started it all. The rest, as they say, is history. In the fall of 1988, Hart Morris became the first director of Houston Bronze. After Hart moved to Tennessee, the ensemble rang under the direction of Margaret R. Tucker. In the 1995 season, the group rang ensemble style with various ringers, including G.W. Shepherd, Andrew Bowen, and David VanderMeer, directing the ensemble. Conductors since then have included David VanderMeer, Dolan Bayless, Ben Harris, Ruth Seiwel and James Roberts. Bill Nave was appointed the artistic director in August, 2014.

Houston Bronze recognizes the importance of investing in the future of handbell ringing. We offer a variety of educational opportunities designed to meet the unique needs of churches and schools who wish to build or improve their handbell program. Workshops designed to meet the specific needs of a choir, mini concerts, and petting zoos are a sample of what we provide to the Houston area handbell community. Houston Bronze also offers scholarships to students wishing to attend College Ring-In, an event sponsored by Handbell Musicians of America.

Whether it is through a concert, playing at your wedding, party, private or community event, conducting a workshop for your ensemble, or presenting an educational program for your school, we would love to share our art with you! Please look at our website, [www.houstonbronze.com](http://www.houstonbronze.com) for more information about our group and what we offer. Feel free to contact us at [info@houstonbronze.com](mailto:info@houstonbronze.com) with any questions or requests. We look forward to working with you to provide handbell excellence to meet your needs!

Houston Bronze Ensemble holds a  
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