



Houston Bronze Ensemble

Calendar of Events

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

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CALENDAR:

February 28, 2015

FEB FEST — Stafford Center
www.ghha.net

April 26, 2015 4:00 pm
Trinity Klein Lutheran Church
Concert Series
5201 Spring Cypress Rd.
Spring, TX

July 18, 2015 7:30 pm
Feature concert at Pinnacle
Hilton Anatole Hotel, Dallas, TX

Watch for more spring concert dates to be posted on Facebook and our website!

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.

Wow!! What a Season!

Houston Bronze Ensemble had a wonderful holiday season to close out our 25th Anniversary Year. We performed all over the city of Houston. We began in November performing for the first time at the River Oaks Country Club. Our next performance has become an annual after Thanksgiving appearance at Spring Creek Christmas Tree Farm. We had another first performance in the Rothko Chapel.



HBE with the Houston Symphony
Jones Hall

We would love the opportunity to be there again. The acoustics were perfect for bells. We performed for a wedding and were asked to play some unusual music. We discovered that it was lovely and will be filing it into our "music for weddings" folder! We were then given a wonderful opportunity to play with the Spring Branch Boys and Girls Choirs. The students did a fantastic job. We played our own Christmas concert, "Christmas Reflections". This was our first formal concert under the baton of our new artistic director, Bill Nave. The highlight of this season has to be the opportunity that we had to play with The Houston Symphony. The ensemble was invited to be a part of their Family Series, performing two concerts with them on a Saturday morning. We were still not finished; after our symphony debut we had four more appearances to make about town. We performed at Lights in the Heights, the Heritage Society Candlelight Tour, the welcoming home of a wounded warrior through an organization called Helping a Hero, and finally Zoo Lights. We hope you enjoy this photo diary of a season to remember. This was one for the record books.

The Houston Bronze Ensemble



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2014
7:30 PM
"The Well"
Memorial Drive United
Methodist Church
13186 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX

Houston Bronze Ensemble Selected to Present a Feature Concert at Pinnacle, 2015

Houston Bronze is excited to announce that the ensemble has been chosen to perform at Pinnacle, 2015. We sent in an audition tape last fall and are so excited to finally share this information. Houston Bronze was selected to present a feature concert on Saturday night, July 18, at 7:30 pm. The concert will be held at the Hilton Anatole Hotel in Dallas, Tx. Pinnacle is an event for performers and challenges all handbell musicians to strive for their personal performance pinnacle. Bill Nave, the director of Houston Bronze, has selected a repertoire list that will certainly do that. The ensemble will be working hard to raise our level of playing as we journey to Dallas in July 2015. We are looking forward to playing for our handbell friends from all over the USA and the world! Go Bronze!!!!



Holiday Happenings!



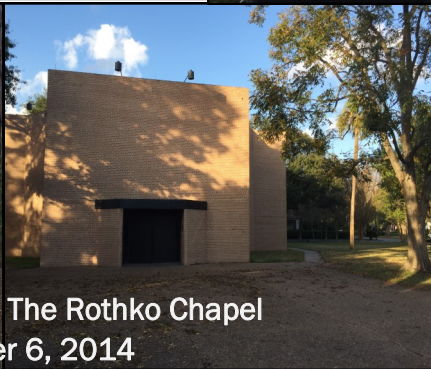
Christmas
Tree Farm



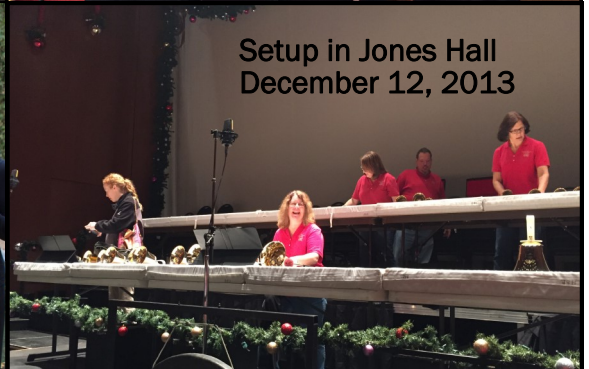
River Oaks Country Club
November 2, 2014



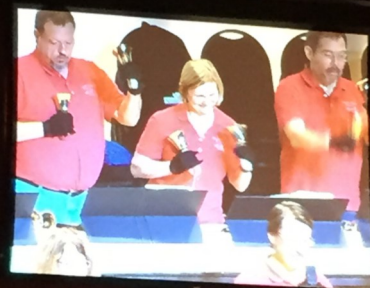
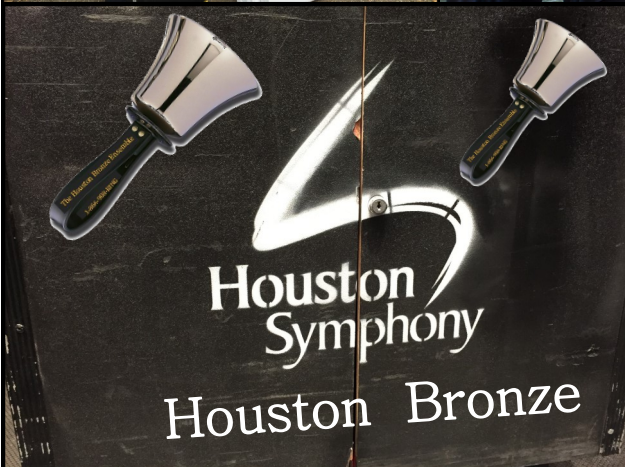
Houston Bronze at The Rothko Chapel
December 6, 2014



Spring Branch
Boys and Girls Choir
December 8, 2014



Setup in Jones Hall
December 12, 2013





Rehearsal room in Jones Hall, December 12, 2014



Houston Bronze performs with The Houston Symphony!
December 13, 2014

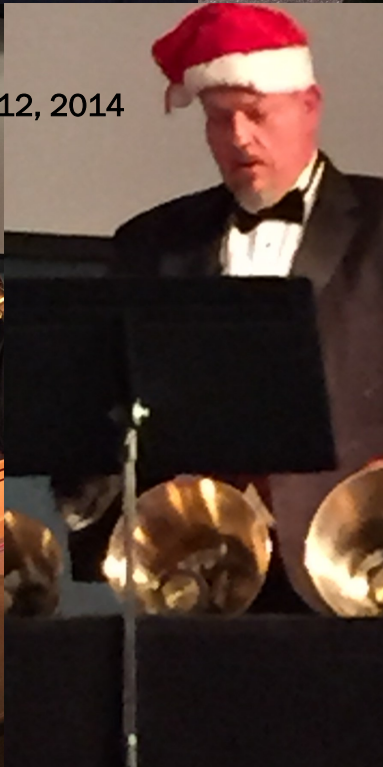


Houston's Premier Handbell Ensemble

Christmas Reflections



December 12, 2014





Lights in the Heights
December 13, 2014



<i>Welcome Home.</i>	
PO3 (Ret.) Jennifer Penn, USN	
Holiday Music	Houston Bronze Ensemble
Welcome	Meredith Iler National Chairman, Helping a Hero
Presentation of the Colors	Tomball HS Naval JROTC Commander Greg Boucher
Pledge of Allegiance	Kids R Kids Kevin Kilgore, Jr.
National Anthem	Lisa Pierre
Surprise Performance	Houston Bronze Ensemble
On Behalf of Wimbledon Falls	Kent Puckett Caldwell Companies
On Behalf of Castle Rock Builders	Lance Wright CastleRock Communities Partner
On Behalf of a Grateful State	Charles W. Jenness Chairman Emeritus, Helping a Hero
On Behalf of Helping a Hero	Colonel (Ret.) Jeff Ragland, USA President and Executive Director Helping a Hero.org
Our Hero	PO3 (Ret.) Jennifer Penn, USN
<i>Official Key Presentation</i>	
PO3 Jennifer Penn, USN (Ret.)	
<i>"God Bless the USA" - Lee Greenwood</i>	
Blessing of the Home	MAJ John Lee Baker Jr., USA



Heritage Society Candlelight Tour
December 14, 2014



Jones Hall, December 13, 2014



Zoo Lights
December 23, 2014



The Houston Bronze Ensemble, Inc

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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.

A Final Reflection on the Season

As I look back on this season, I am reminded how very proud I am to be a part of this community handbell group. As we moved through the season, we were dealt several obstacles to overcome and we did. We were given opportunities that we never would have thought about when we began in August. Some of these requests came quite late in the progress of concert preparation. However, we pulled together, rehearsed longer and worked harder still so that we could accomplish what we needed to in order to be a part of some wonderful opportunities that don't come every year. We shared the art of handbell ringing freely all over the city of Houston. Some of the gigs increased our coffers; some did not but from each one we grew stronger as a unit and participated in some wonderful and memorable events. I am honored to be a part of this wonderful group. -Linda Ellison

GO BRONZE!

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. This year, 2014, the ensemble celebrated their 25th Anniversary year. All the past directors and many past members returned to join us for that celebration. What a grand party we had! 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. Thank you for your support.