



# 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

**August 16, 2014**  
August Adventure  
(www.ghha.net)

**September 19, 2014**  
**7:00 pm**  
St. Martin's Episcopal Church  
717 Sage Rd  
Houston, TX. 77056

**December 6, 2014**  
Private Event

**April 26, 2015**  
Trinity Klein Lutheran  
5201 Spring Cypress Road  
Klein Tx.

More events coming soon!

## HBE to Perform at St. Martin's Episcopal Church

The Houston Bronze Ensemble will open the 2014-2015 concert season on September 19 at 7:00 pm at St. Martin's Episcopal Church located at 717 Sage Road in Houston, TX. We are so excited to be invited to perform in this beautiful church.

Houston Bronze in Concert  
Friday, September 19, 2014  
7:00 pm  
717 Sage Rd  
Houston, TX 77056

*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.*

## Bill Nave Named Artistic Director of The Houston Bronze Ensemble



The Houston Bronze Ensemble is thrilled to announce that Bill Nave has been named as the new Artistic Director of HBE. Bill will take the baton beginning in August when the ensemble heads back to rehearsal to prepare for a September 19 concert at St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Houston.

Bill is a lifelong music educator whose experience ranges from directing high school marching bands to leading community and church handbell groups. He holds a Bachelor of Music Education and Master of Education degrees from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, OK. He earned a Master of Music from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, TX.

Bill taught band, choir and music at elementary, intermediate and high school levels. For the past 15 years, he worked as a music specialist using the Orff approach at Briargrove Elementary. In addition to his public school experience, Bill has been active in church and community groups. At Houston Baptist University, he was an adjunct professor of music education and handbell pedagogy, and he directed the University Bells. He was handbell director for many years at South Main Baptist and St. Luke's Methodist Church in Houston. He has presented workshops for bell choirs in the Houston area, The Greater Houston Handbell Association, Texas Choral Directors Association convention in San Antonio, TX and the Handbell Musicians of America, Area 9 workshop in Conroe, TX. In 2008, he co-founded Bayou City Bells, where he served as director for the past six years.

He has been named "Teacher of the Year" twice at Briargrove Elementary in Houston and once at Decker Prairie Elementary School in Tomball, TX. He has twice served as President of the Texas Gulf Coast Orff Association and is an active member of the American Orff-Schulwerk Association, Texas Music Educator's Association and Handbell Musicians of America.

In his spare time, Bill likes to garden, play the guitar and mandolin, listen to a variety of music, travel, and go hiking in the mountains.

Houston Bronze Ensemble is looking forward to working with Bill.



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# The Houston Bronze Ensemble, Inc

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Houston, Texas 77052

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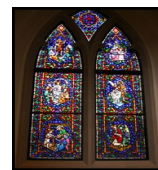
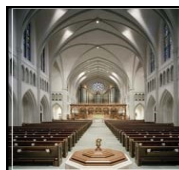
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Houston Bronze Ensemble also loves conducting workshops for handbell organizations throughout the Houston area. We would love to do one for your ensemble.



Sharing the art of handbell ringing.

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), Sondra Tucker (Spring 2006), Ben Harris (Fall 2006—July 2010), Ruth Seiwel (Fall 2010—June 2012), and James Roberts (Fall 2012-May 2014). Bill Nave was appointed the artistic director in August, 2014. The ensemble has just celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> 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.



St. Martin's  
Episcopal Church  
Houston, TX  
Sept. 19  
7:00 pm

## Welcome to Ashlea Mangum!



HBE welcomes Ashlea to the our ringing family this fall. Ashlea is a native of Dallas, and began ringing handbells at First United Methodist Church Dallas when she was nine years old. She continued ringing with the Baylor Bronze at Baylor University, and completed her undergraduate degree in Telecommunications in 2009. After graduating, she spent a year teaching English in Thailand and traveling in Asia. She has recently returned to Texas after graduating from Tulane University Law School in 2014. Ashlea is looking forward to living in Houston and being a part of a handbell ensemble for the first time since college.

## HEAVY METAL CAMPAIGN

Houston Bronze launched their **Heavy Metal Capital Campaign** in May. Now we need your support to make this dream of taking HBE to the ultimate level a reality. All that bronze doesn't come cheap, cashing out at about \$35,000. We thank our past supporters for the success of our previous endeavors like **Bells for Bronze**, **Chime In** and **Chime and Chime Again** and we cherish your continued support. And to our new friends, here's your chance to join in the legacy that is Houston Bronze Ensemble and help us build on the foundation laid by the first 25 years. Visit our website for more information on giving and thank you so much for your generous support.



Each note represents \$500 towards the purchase of the 7th octave of Schulmerich bells. Let's add some bells before the next edition of the newsletter.

Thank you for your support.

