



# Houston Bronze Ensemble

## Calendar of Events

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.

*We hope you enjoy the first of the Houston Bronze Ensemble newsletters. It is our goal to produce this letter quarterly. This is a bonus newsletter. They will usually come out in July, October, January, and April. Newsletters will be issued electronically through emails, on the website and on Facebook. We hope you will enjoy them.*

## HEAVY METAL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

Amongst the many exciting happenings at our 25th Anniversary Gala was the launch of **Heavy Metal**, HBE's campaign to purchase our own 7th Octave of Schulmerich handbells. Houston's premier handbell ensemble will be the first in the entire state of Texas to own the 7th Octave! If you attended the Gala, you got a taste of what's to come as we were privileged to borrow a 7th Octave from the Schulmerich foundry to kick off our campaign. THANK YOU Schulmerich! 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** 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

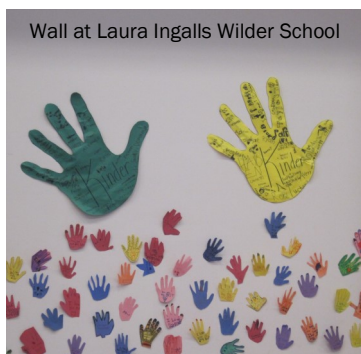
Houston Bronze Ensemble and help us build on the foundation laid by the first 25 years. Visit our website for more information on giving and thank you so much for your generous support.

*Submitted by Jerry Conry  
President of HBE*



## HBE Performs at Fine Arts Night at Laura Ingalls Wilder Elementary School

On May 8, we packed our trailer with bells and chimes and headed to Laura Ingalls Wilder Elementary School in Pearland. They were having their Fine Arts Night. Before the concert the students had experimented with sound, made musical instrument, painted, and done all types of activities around the fine arts. The evening concluded with a concert in the gym.



Houston Bronze Ensemble was honored to be a part of this concert. While there, we were treated to music on recorders, drums, voice, and boomwhackers. They made us feel like rock stars with their applause, screams and whistles at the conclusion of each piece. Afterwards, we stayed and enjoyed sharing the bells with the students.



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*Sharing the art of handbell ringing.*

The **Houston Bronze Ensemble** is a professional auditioned, handbell ensemble made up of musicians from the greater Houston area. The ensemble rings on a 6 octave set of **Schulmerich** handbells and 6 octaves of **Malmark** handchimes. Houston Bronze was founded in the fall of 1988 by Hart Morris. The ensemble has also rung under the musical direction of arranger and composer Margaret Tucker, David VanderMeer, Dolan Bayless, Ben Harris and Ruth Seiwel. James Roberts accepted the position of Artistic Director in August 2012. In 2013 Houston Bronze celebrated 25 years as Houston's premier handbell ensemble.

The Houston Bronze Ensemble seeks to bring a distinctive level of expertise and artistry of English handbell ringing to the public through concerts and educational venues. With this as our goal, Houston Bronze performs concerts throughout the greater Houston metropolitan area as well as regionally and nationally. Houston Bronze participates in such educational venues as FebFest, August Adventure, and handbell master classes for individual organizations in Houston and beyond.



### 25th Anniversary Gala—A Night to Remember!!

May 3, 2014 was truly a night to remember. HBE celebrated their 25th anniversary with a wonderful Gala which brought back all of the directors of Houston Bronze Ensemble. It was a wonderful party. We look forward to sharing the art of handbell ringing through concerts and workshops for another 25 years. Thank you to everyone who was in attendance for sharing this special evening with us.

### HBE Releases New CD!

Houston Bronze Ensemble has now released a new cd. **Houston Bronze Live** is a compilation of tracks from several seasons. Contact us at [info@houstonbronze.com](mailto:info@houstonbronze.com) if you are interested in ordering the cd. We hope you will enjoy it.

