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October, 2015



Houston Bronze Ensemble

Calendar of Events

Houston Bronze Ensemble is currently scheduling events for the 2015-2016 season. If you are interested in hosting the entire ensemble or perhaps just a small ensemble for a concert, party, or wedding, please contact us at:

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CALENDAR:

November 19, 2015

Small Ensemble to perform mini concerts at Wilder Elementary School in Pearland

December 1, 2015 7:00 pm

Christmas Dreams
Tomball United Methodist Church
1603 Baker Drive
Tomball, TX 77375

December 4, 2015 7:30 pm

Christmas Dreams
Ticket: \$15.00
(More ticket information to be posted on Facebook and website)

MATCH
3400 Main Street
Houston, TX 77002

January 10, 2016

Epiphany Service
Trinity Lutheran Downtown
(Watch for more information on our website and Facebook.)

April 24, 2016

4:00 pm
Spring Concert
Trinity Klein Lutheran Church

We are also available to conduct workshops for handbell organizations throughout the Houston area.

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.

A photograph of a young child with blonde hair, wearing a purple long-sleeved shirt, sleeping peacefully on a patterned pillow. The child is lying on a bed with a white blanket. In the background, there is a Christmas tree decorated with lights and ornaments, and a lit candle in a holder. The overall scene is warm and festive, with a soft, golden glow.

Christmas Dreams

Presented by

The Houston Bronze Ensemble

Directed by Bill Nave

The Houston Bronze Ensemble will have two performances of their holiday concert, "Christmas Dreams". The first concert will be held on December 1, 2015 at 7:00 pm at Tomball United Methodist Church. Our second concert will be held on December 4, 2015 at 7:30 pm at Houston's newest performance facility, MATCH, Midtown Arts & Theater Center. We hope that you will be able to join us at one of these concerts. See our website for links to location and parking for these facilities and for ticket. We hope to see you in December!





THE HOUSTON BRONZE ENSEMBLE

Saturday, July 18, 2015 6:00 pm

Hyatt Regency DFW, Dallas, Texas

A Handbell Musicians of America event

The Houston Bronze Ensemble was selected through an audition process to present a Feature concert for Pinnacle 2015, a Handbell Musicians of America event. We had a wonderful time being together, meeting old friends from across the country and making new friends. The concerts were wonderful and the workshops were well presented.

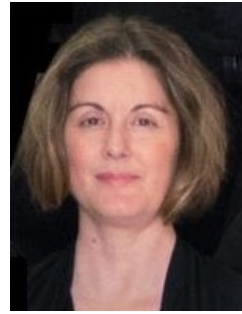
This was a wonderful opportunity! Thank you Handbell Musicians of America for all you did to make Pinnacle 2015 such an awesome event.





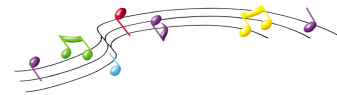
HBE Welcomes Patrick Murphy

Patrick graduated from Florida State University with a B.A. in Recreation and Leisure Administration. Patrick began ringing handbells in Austin over 25 years ago. He served on the Area 9 Board of Handbell Musicians of America and helped run many small handbell events while in Florida. During his years in music ministry, he directed several youth and adult choirs in churches in Texas and Florida. He is currently a member of the Festival Ringers handbell choir at Moody Methodist Church in Galveston. He enjoys solo ringing for churches and events and also plays percussion when needed. Patrick works for the City of League City as a Recreation Specialist. He and his wife, Ami, live in Galveston and have four children: Alysia, Eva, Jacob, and Caralyne.



HBE Welcomes Back Michelle Shuman

Michelle became a member of Houston Bronze in 2001. She is a pediatrician with Texas Children's Pediatric Associates. She has been busy with her practice and continued medical training over the past couple of years and has taken a hiatus from playing with Bronze. She has returned to play with us this Christmas season. Michelle is a fanatical Kansas State Wildcat fan; she also plays violin in the Doctor's Orchestra of Houston and enjoys participating in medical mission trips to Honduras.



The Houston Bronze Ensemble had the privilege of presenting a workshop at Trinity Lutheran Downtown for their bell choir and for the bell choir of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. We had a wonderful time working with the groups. We hope they each took some gem with them to take into their own rehearsals. This was our opportunity to say thank you to Trinity for allowing us to store our equipment and to rehearse at their facility. We don't know where we would be without them. We look forward to performing there in January and to presenting more workshops in the future. Houston Bronze is available to present workshops for bell choirs in the Houston area. If you are interested in scheduling a workshop contact us at info@houstonbronze.com



DISTINCTLY BRONZE EAST

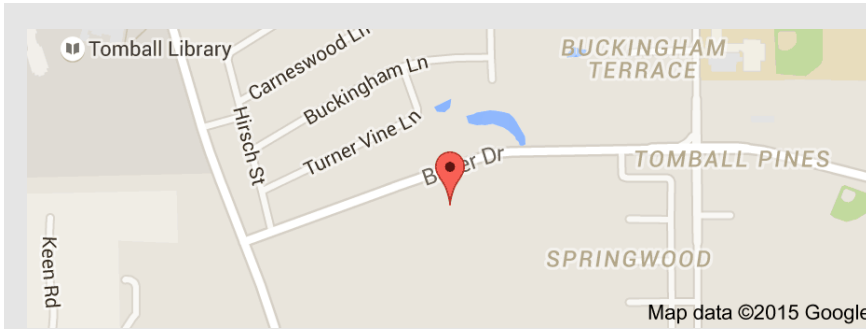
Seven members of HBE spent part of the summer preparing for this annual event held in New Bern, N.C. in October. Handbell ringers from all over the

country and even from abroad come to ring in this event. Members who attended this event are: Jerry Conry, Linda Ellison, Ben Harris, Lorna Noack, Michelle Shuman, Ruth Seiwel, and Wilson Van Tine.

HEAVY METAL CAMPAIGN

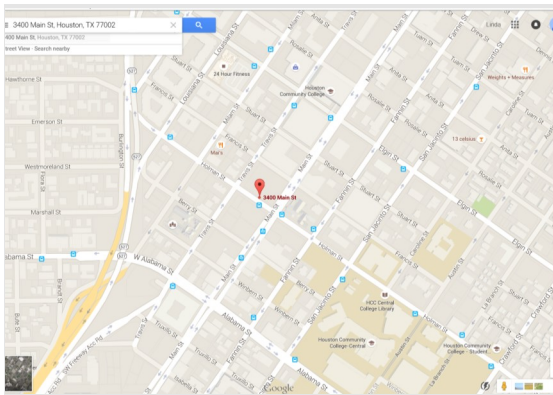
It is not too late to make a contribution to the Houston Bronze Ensemble **Heavy Metal** Capital Campaign to fund the purchase of a seventh octave of Schulmerich handbells. The bells are now in our possession and made their debut in our Spring concert this year. The purchase of a seventh octave has expanded 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 now have the equipment to ring any music published for handbells and HBE is the only community ensemble in the State of Texas to own a seventh octave! But all that additional bronze didn't come cheap, cashing in at nearly \$35,000. Please consider making your contribution today. And your gift is tax-deductible as HBE is a 501 (c)3 organization.

Links to Location information for December Concerts



December 1, 2015 7:00 pm
Map showing the location of Tomball UMC
1603 Baker Drive Tomball, TX

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Tomball+United+Methodist+Church/@30.1066892,-95.6347772,15z/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x0:0x47c0cfe356a49787>



December 4, 2015 7:30 pm
Map showing the location of MATCH.
3400 Main Street, Houston, TX

<http://matchouston.org/location-parking>

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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. These included G.W. Shepherd, Andy Bowen and David VanderMeer. 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. In 2014 the ensemble celebrated their 25th Anniversary year. The ensemble performed at Pinnacle 2015 held in Dallas, TX in July of 2015.