



Houston Bronze Ensemble

Calendar of Events

Houston Bronze Ensemble is currently scheduling events for 2016 and beyond.

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CONCERTS:

2016

Tomball United Methodist Church

Friday, Dec. 2, 2016 7:00 pm
1603 Baker Drive
Tomball, TX 77375

MATCH

Midtown Arts and Theater Center Houston
Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016 7:30 pm
3400 Main St.
Houston, TX 77002

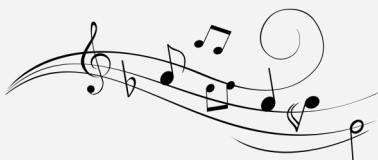
2017

Trinity Klein Lutheran Church

Sunday, April 30, 2017 4:00 pm
Concert Series
5201 Spring Cypress Rd.
Spring, TX

MATCH

Midtown Arts and Theater Center Houston
Friday, May 5, 2017 7:30 pm
3400 Main St.
Houston, TX 77002



Newsletters will be issued in January, April, July, and October. Newsletters will be issued electronically through emails, on the website (www.houstonbronze.com), and on Facebook.



Members of the Houston Bronze Ensemble are going to be busy this summer with various activities. Many involve staying closely attached to those bells that we love so dearly! Others will be busy planning our next year as the new board prepares to take over the running of the organization. Some will be involved with other music activities

throughout the summer. Here is just an example of what members will be involved with this summer. "Lazy days of summer"? I think not!



Wilson Van Tine, Ruth Seiwel, and Erin Lillian along with other members of Area 9 are taking to the high seas for an adventure in handbell ringing. **Summit 2016: The Ocean Journey** will be setting sail from Galveston, Texas, aboard Royal Caribbean's Liberty of the Seas® with clinician Stephanie Rhoades at the helm.

Members of Houston Bronze Ensemble along with a large number of ringers from all over Area 9 will be ringing the National Anthem to open the Texas Rangers baseball game against the Detroit Tigers at Globe Life Park in Arlington, Texas on August 13.



Lorna Noack, Amy Haller, Wilson Van Tine, and Linda Ellison will be working to prepare music for **Distinctly Bronze East 2016** held in New Bern, North Carolina in October.

Bill Nave, Artistic Director of HBE, will be attending **National Seminar** in Rochester, N.Y. He hopes to bring back a wealth of knowledge and new ideas to share with the ensemble.



Ben Harris will present a handbell class entitled "Director as Diagnostician" at the **National Convention of the American Guild of Organists**. The class is designed to help organists learn and understand basic handbell techniques and how to diagnose and fix musicality issues caused by less-than-ideal technique and execution. Two other members of Houston Bronze, Lorna Noack and Linda Ellison, will be helping Ben as he presents the workshop.

Wilson Van Tine and Ruth Seiwel will be attending **SOUNDINGS: Music of Our Lands and Our Lives, the 17th International Handbell Symposium** in July in beautiful Vancouver, Canada. They will be joining handbell ringers from around the world for a massed ringing event under some of the best conductors from each country attending the event.





A Note from our President, Jerry Conry

As I say farewell as President of the HBE Board, I look back at the exciting events we shared together such as our 25th Anniversary Gala, performing for Pinnacle in Dallas, the first

Texas Bronzefest in Waco and ringing with the Houston Symphony. The long hours rehearsing for these events and the time spent planning and organizing to make them successful will provide memories to last a lifetime. Then, of course, there are all those equipment purchases, particularly the seventh octave, giving HBE an entirely new dimension. We also made a change in Artist Director during my tenure. As president I've worked closely with each of them as they have shared their vision and left their unique mark on the ensemble. So the evolution of HBE continues and I pass the gavel to fellow ringer, Lorna Noack. I love to ring handbells. Unlike playing in the orchestra or the band or singing in a choir, no one person ever has sole control of the melody. The ENSEMBLE makes the melody with each individual finding their proper place and contributing to every nuance of the musical line. I've never found another experience like it. It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your President and I look forward to continuing with HBE as a ringing member and sharing our exciting future together. Thank you.



HBE Board Elections

The elections for the new board of Houston Bronze were held on May 14, 2016. We welcome this new board and look forward to the new ringing year to begin on August 1.

- Lorna Noack, President
- Amy Haller, Vice President
- Linda Ellison, Secretary
- Wilson Van Tine, Treasurer
- Sarah Moore, Member at Large



A Note from our President Elect, Lorna Noack

When I was approached a few months ago to consider running for president of the HBE Board, my initial reaction was "No way! That's not my skill set. I can't do that!" As I

thought and prayed about it, I was reminded of my first impressions of Houston Bronze. My husband and I attended our first HBE concert over 12 years ago at the invitation of Ben Harris, who was also trying to convince me to audition for the group. After hearing the concert, seeing the ensemble in action, and reading the incredible bios of each ringer, I was totally impressed and incredibly intimidated. When Ben asked what I thought, my response was, "There's no way I could ever do that!" Well, as the saying goes, "Never say never." In August 2004, I received a phone call asking if I would sub with HBE for a mini concert they were going to perform at August Adventure. Since it was only for a few rehearsals and they were only playing a few pieces, I figured it was a safe way to try ringing more advanced music. I was in awe of the people I was ringing along side and felt I had no business being part of such an accomplished ensemble, but everyone was so supportive and encouraging. The short term sub position turned into a semester long sub position. By then I was hooked and loved being part of the group. When offered "official" ringer status the following semester, I was still feeling intimidated and overwhelmed, but knew that I wanted to take on all the challenges HBE could possibly present. Little did I know when I said "yes" how many blessings being part of HBE would bring! Now, as I prepare to take over as president on August 1, I feel that same combination of nervous trepidation and anticipation of what the future holds. The difference this time, however, is that I now have a 12 year history of being part of this group of exceptional ringers who I trust will continue to encourage and support every endeavor on our journey to build on HBE's past successes and embrace a future full of exciting opportunities!



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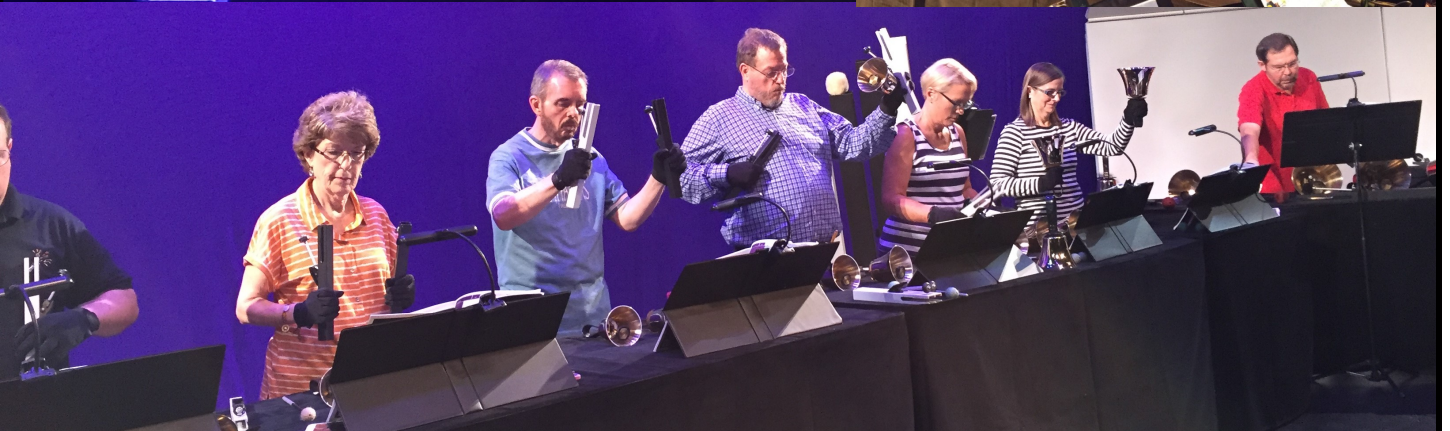
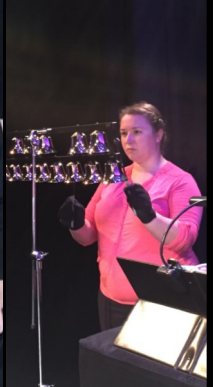
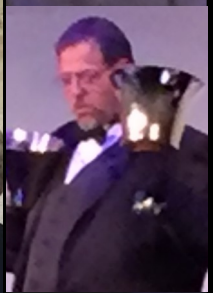
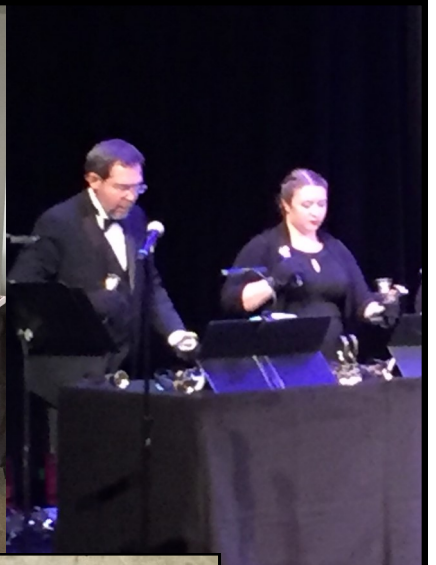
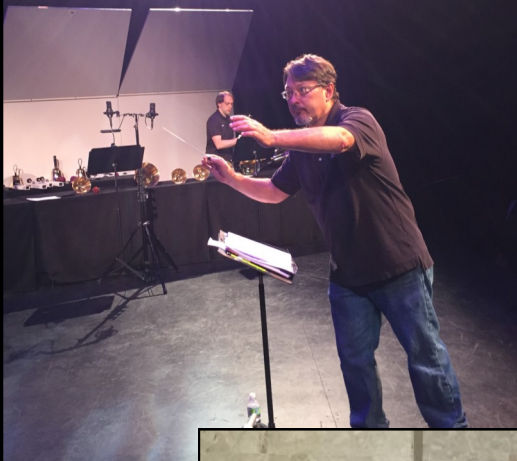
About The Houston Bronze Ensemble

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 1994. During the 1995 season, the group rang ensemble style with various ringers, including G.W. 'Dub' Shepherd, Andrew Bowen and David VanderMeer, 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—June 2012), and James Roberts (Fall 2012-May 2014). Bill Nave was appointed the artistic director in August 2014. The ensemble celebrated its 25th Anniversary year in 2014. That day, May 3, 2014, was designated as HOUSTON BRONZE ENSEMBLE DAY in the City of Houston by Mayor Annise Parker. We look forward to creating another 25 years of memories. In December 2014, The Houston Bronze Ensemble was honored with an invitation to perform with The Houston Symphony as a part of their Family Concert Series. In July 2015, the ensemble was invited to and performed at Pinnacle 2015 held in Dallas, TX



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As of December 2015

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