

2015 Festival Concerts

Featured Performing Groups

Timbre is an advanced small ensemble focusing on classic and avant-garde original handbell literature. They seek to advance the artistic growth of handbells by setting high standards of musical performance and by encouraging composers to write new works for handbells, either alone or in combination with other instruments and voices. The members of Timbre run handbell workshops and are considered excellent handbell clinicians.



Impulse Handbell Ensemble

Impulse Handbell Ensemble, recently hailed by leaders in the world of music education as “bringing the WOW factor to handbell ringing” and having “such great attention to small details”, is an auditioned group of experienced young ringers from Monmouth and Somerset County, New Jersey. They often perform challenging repertoire, and tend to “steal the show” with their incredible rhythmic accuracy and physical coordination

. Last year, Impulse was the first group to ever perform an encore in the 30 year history of the Music in the Parks competition. Recently, Impulse produced a video performance of Adele's "Rolling in the Deep" with the help of BuzzFeed.com. The video went viral instantly, and gained the attention of The Huffington Post, NBC's Today Show, and radio stations across the US and Canada. The ensemble was recently featured on the cover of “Overtones” magazine, the official publication of the Handbell Musicians of America. Impulse is directed by Ryan Guth. Impulse was recently the opening concert for Handbell Musicians of America 2014 National Seminar.

Additional 2015 Festival Concerts

Participants Showcase Concert - Festival attendees including full choirs, ensembles, or soloists can sign up to perform in this concert.

Performance Track Concert - Both Performance Track groups will perform.

Festival Conference Concert - All registrants participating in massed ringing will perform in this concert.