

Bill Alexander

Festival Conductor



Bill Alexander has been director of handbells at First United Methodist Church in Duluth, Minnesota for the past 33 years. His program there includes ringers of all ages and ability levels in five choirs, including Strikepoint, an ensemble which has toured extensively throughout Hawaii, Canada, Japan, Hong Kong, England, Scotland, Wales, and most regions of the continental United States.

In his non-handbell life, Alexander is a high school band director for Duluth's Marshall School, an independent college preparatory school where his bands consistently earn praise and superior ratings for their musicianship, energy, and professionalism.

Bill is also in high demand for teaching and conducting at regional, national, and international handbell events. His background in instrumental conducting, his ease of working with both youth and adult musicians, and his comfort conducting massed ensembles puts him in high demand as a clinician and massed ringing conductor.

Bill's performance experience with Strikepoint, his rapport with musicians and audiences, and his teaching style have earned him a reputation throughout the handbell world for musicality and outright fun.

2015 Festival Conference Music Selections

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Title	Composer or Arranger	Code	Octaves/Instruments	Level
Massed Music				
Kyrie	Cathy Moglebust	CGB480	2-5	3
El Shaddai	Susan Geschke, arr.	MHP2667	3-5	2+
Glorious Celebration	Cynthia Dobrinski	MHP2678	3-6	2+
Siyahamba	Robert Ward, arr.	AG46014	3-6 Chimes & Perc.	3
		MAG302343	Full Score	
Tins Division				
Do Lord	Valerie Stephenson, arr.	MCGB382	3-5 Chimes	2
Deep River	Bill Ingram, arr.	MRO3322	3-5	2
Clarion Call	Michael Joy	MCGB864	3-5	2+
Coppers Division				
With Tambourine and Dancing	Ron Mallory	MJHS9507	3-5 Percussion	3+
We Gather Together	Joel Raney, arr.	MHP2656	3-6 Chimes	3
Now All the Vaults of Heaven	Cathy Moglebust	MCO977488	3-5 Chimes	3
Bronze Division				
Tune My Heart to Sing Thy Praise	Sondra Tucker, arr.	MLC201642L	3-6	4
By the Lakeside	Michael Helman	AG46019	4-6 Chimes	4
Dorian Dance	Michael Joy	MJHS9365	3-6	4+