

## MEET Kent Knappenberger



## YOUNG RINGERS INFORMATION

Kent Knappenberger started ringing bells at the age of 2, using a set of colored bells. At the age of 7 he began playing in his church's junior bell choir, joining AGEHR (now HMA) at the young age of 13. Kent has been a music teacher and choir director at Westfield Academy and Central School for 25 years. He holds a bachelor's degree from the State University of New York at Fredonia and a master's degree in music education, harp performance and literature from Eastman School of Music, and is a member of the National Education Association. Knappenberger has taken his passion for teaching abroad by serving as a volunteer music teacher at the Ana Gonzaga Methodist Institute in Rio de Janeiro.

In January 2014 Kent was announced as the recipient of the first annual Music Educator Award presented by The Recording Academy and the GRAMMY Foundation, being selected from 10 finalists.

He currently lives in Westfield NY with his wife Nanette and their children. We are pleased to have Kent as our 2015 Young Ringers Festival Director. (information above from the June/July issue of Overtones)

### Young Ringers Music

Title	Arranger/Composer	Code	Instruments	Octaves	Level
<u>Massed Music</u>					
<b>Toccata</b> (for combined choirs)	Michael Helman				
*Division A Choirs		CGB335	Handchimes	2-3	1+
*Division B Choirs		CGB335		2-3	2
		CGB336		4-5	2
<b>Ring Together Patriotic: Star Spangled Banner</b>	Kevin McChesney	MJHS9318	Chimes	2-3	1+
<b>Ring Praise, O My Soul</b>	Margaret Tucker	MCGB400		2-3	1+
		MCGB401		3-5	1+
<b>Grandeur</b> (Contest Winner)	Karen Thompson	AG23048	+ opt. D7	2-3	2
<u>Division A</u>					
<b>Tranquil Chimeings</b>	Sandra Eithun	MCGB600		<b>2-3</b>	<b>1-</b>
<b>Ring Together Patriotic: America the Beautiful</b>	Kevin McChesney	MJHS9318	Chimes	2-3	1+
<u>Division B</u>					
<b>Celebrate with Gladness</b>	Susan E. Geschke	MHP2668		2-3	2
<b>Scherzetto</b>	Jill Fedon	MAG35309		3-5	2