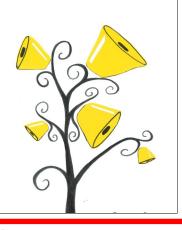


Area 2 Twice Tolled Tales December 2022



From the Chair . . .

Merry Christmas, Area 2, and the happiest of new years to you all!

Those of us who have been in the bell business a long time are always looking for ways to break out of the "Christmas bells" box, but I've always enjoyed leaning into the nostalgia and whimsy of hearing bells at Christmas. I like to polish mine up a bit (Thanks to Malmark for the gorgeous refurb job this year in place of ringer elbow grease!), ring some familiar tunes, and show up in all the places where people are gathering together with lights, trees, and hot chocolate. I don't love bells because I love Christmas, but I do love them both!

2023 is almost here and with it, the return of the Area 2 Festival Conference! We have such great things to share with you this year - living legends Bill Payn and Karen Lakey Buckwalter, dynamic performers Quadrants and Ron Bellamy, brilliant clinicians Stevie Berryman and Kathy Ebling Shaw, and an exciting unpublished manuscripts ringing session. I can't wait to see you there!



Elizabeth Nowik
Chair, Area 2
chair.area2@handbellmusicians.org

Please Forward and Share our newsletter!

Directors: Be sure to forward all Area 2 emails and Twice Tolled Tales issues to your ringers. As members of your bell choir, they are also members of Area 2. Help keep them in the loop and encourage them to participate in our handbell community!

Find Handbell Events with Our New Events Page

I am excited to announce the launch of <u>our new events page</u> on our website. This page is a valuable resource for our members to find handbell events in our area and for members to get the word out about their own events.

The page is easy to use and navigate. It features list and calendar views where users can see upcoming events and click on individual events for more information. The events page is constantly updated with new events as they are added, so be sure to check back regularly to stay informed about handbell events happening in Area 2.

If you are hosting an event that you would like to have listed on the events page, there is a link to a form you can fill out at the top of the page. Concerts, workshops, festivals, virtual events, and more can all be listed.

As a member of Area 2, we encourage you to take advantage of this new resource and we hope to see you at future events!

Billy Mild

Communications Coordinator, Area 2 communications.area2@handbellmusicians.org

Check out our new events page.

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2023 Festival Conference



Bill Payn Festival Conductor

> Karen Lakey Buckwalter Masterclass Clinician



Lancaster Convention Center June 23-25, 2023

Coppers			
Exultate Deo – J Fedon	Level 3	3-5 oct	AG35355
I Will Arise and Go to Jesus – M Compton	Level 3	3-5 oct	AG35313
Bronze			
Elegy – W Payn	Level 4	4-5 oct	HP1277
Te Deum – D Wagner	Level 4	4-7 oct/opt chimes	BL5027
Massed Ringing			
Exuberance – W Payn & M Glasgow	Level 3	3-7oct bells/3 oct chimes	CGB1100
Majestic Alleluia – J Raney	Level 2+	3-5 oct	HP2876
Soliloquy for Bells – K Buckwalter	Level 2+	3-5 oct	SPHP5175

2023 Festival Conference Composition Contest Winner Together as One Jason Krug

Area 2 Festival Conference Registration is Now Open!

You can register with the form attached to this issue, or find the form on our website. Additionally, see the website and our social media pages for information and updates.

https://area2.handbellmusicians.org/event/festival-2023/



Follow Area 2 on social media!



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Upcoming Area Events

Area 2 Festival 2023

June 23 – June 25, 2023 Lancaster Conference Center in Lancaster, PA

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AMERICA

Handbell Musicians of America Area 2

Registration Packet

Festival Conference

June 23 - June 25, 2023

Lancaster County Convention Center and Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square Lancaster, PA

Your registration Fee includes

- Massed Ringing, Level Ringing (Bronze/Coppers) and 6 classes
- Friday night dinner
- All concerts
- Option to perform in the solo concert with your choir/ensemble
- Direction under Bill Payn (Festival Conductor)
- Option to work with Karen Buckwalter (Masterclass Clinician)
- Reading Sessions for all levels and all seasons directors and ringers
- Classes for all position preferences: bass, treble, battery
- Technique Classes



Dr. William Payn - Festival Director

As music director and conductor of Pennsylvania's Susquehanna Valley Chorale for over twenty years, one of Bill Payn's major contributions to the Susquehanna Valley has been consistent quality performances enriched by a balance of traditional classical music with innovative new choral/orchestral works. He has "raised the bar" for introducing inventive and unique programming with a vision to inspire and engage audiences of all ages. With over 50 compositions to his credit, Payn's choral and handbell works represent distinctive, original music performed regularly through-out the world in major church and concert venues.

He recently retired as former chair of the music department, professor of music, and director of choral studies at Bucknell University where he led his choirs to international recognition. His Emmy-nominated Bucknell Candlelight Christmas production continues to be aired every holiday season on public television through-out the U.S.

In addition to his many professional accomplishments, awards and recognitions, Payn is often the guest festival conductor, headliner and clinician at hundreds of events throughout the world. Musicians and former students (who affectionately call him "DP") refer to his "clear, concise conducting - easy and free in motion and conveying beauty of musical phrase coupled with a caring attitude for each person and an insistence on the very best participation - never accepting second best."

Payn received a bachelor's degree in church music/organ from Westminster Choir College and master's and doctorate in organ and harpsichord from West Virginia University. Recently, Bucknell University (through the generosity of Robert and Natalie Rooke) honored him with the William A. Payn scholarship, an endowment fund that annually provides full tuition to a talented and promising incoming music student. He also was presented recently with the Elaine Brown Award for Choral Excellence by the American Choral Directors Association for outstanding lifelong work in the choral arts. Bill and his wife, Ruth, enjoy visiting their children and 11 grandchildren, world traveling and relaxing in the quiet countryside on their organic farm (Walnut Acres) along Penn's Creek in rural Central Pennsylvania.

Festival Music

MASSED	COMPOSER/ARRANGER	LEVEL	OCT	CAT.#
Exuberance	W.Payn/M. Glasgow	3	3-7	CGB1100
			opt/ chimes	
Majestic Alleluia	J. Raney	2+	3-5	HP2876
2021 COMPOSITION	CONTEST WINNER			
Together As One	Jason Krug		3-5	20680
			opt/ chimes	
Soliloquy for Bells	K. Buckwalter	2+		SPHPS175
COPPERS				
Exultate Deo	J. Fedon	3	3-5	AG35355
I Will Arise & Go to Jesus	M. Compton	3	3-5	AG35313
BRONZE				
Elegy	W. Payn	4	4-5	HP1277
Te Deum	D. Wagner	4	4-7	BL5027
			opt/ chimes	



KAREN BUCKWALTER

Masterclass Clinician

Karen Buckwalter, a distinguished organist, pianist and composer, served as a full time Minister of Music for 37 years in Hanover, PA. From 2002 until retiring in 2014, she served as Associate Minister of Music at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Hanover, where she was privileged to play a 241 rank Austin organ, one of the ten largest organs in the world.

Ms. Buckwalter is a 1974 graduate of Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ and a 1977 graduate of The Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, where she earned the prestigious Artists Diploma in Organ Performance. In 2005, she returned to the classroom at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, PA and was commissioned as an ELCA Deacon. Internationally known in the field of handbell composition, Ms. Buckwalter composed her first published work, "Danza" in 1982. Recognized for her original compositions such as "Soliloquy for Bells" and "Nocturne in a minor", she now has over 90 handbell/choral compositions in print. She has earned enthusiastic praise for her creative compositions, her colorful harmonies and her use of chromatics that have raised the musicality in handbell music as a genre.

Sought after as a handbell conductor/clinician for workshops and festivals throughout the US, her works have been performed and recorded in the United States, England, France, Estonia and Japan. Now, in "retirement," Ms. Buckwalter continues her work as a conductor and composer and enjoys playing her 38 string lever harp.

Music for Masterclass

Each participant must provide their own copy of the following:

TITLE	COMPOSER/ARRANGER	LEVEL	OCT	CAT.#
Fanfare in D	J. Behnke	4	4-6	AG46031
I Am a Poor Wayfaring Stranger	Raney/Sherman	3+	3-6	Agape 2826
Once in David's Royal City	K. Buckwalter	3	3-6	HB 644
			opt/chimes	
Hope Street Rag	K. Buckwalter	4-	3-5	HB 586



Area 2

BETTY B. GAREE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Betty B. Garee Scholarship Program was established by the AGEHR Area 2 Board of Directors to honor the memory of one who represented excellence as a director, composer, teacher and mentor. Betty Garee inspired all who knew her. Her legacy continues through her music and through the work of those whose lives she touched. Betty Garee epitomized our motto of "Uniting People through a Musical Art." The Board trusts that the scholarships will promote musical growth through handbells/handchimes, thereby continuing the work that Betty deeply loved.

Scholarship Guidelines:

- Only one scholarship will be awarded to an individual.
- Scholarships are available for *first-time attendees* to Area 2 summer events. All applicants must be members of Handbell Musicians of America
- All applicants must be members in HMA (at time of event)
- All applicants must be currently directing or under contract to direct a handbell/handchime choir or using handbell/handchimes in a school program in Area 2. Applications must be postmarked by April 25 of the year in which the award is being sought. A committee appointed by the Area 2 Chair will review all applications and select the recipient.
- Area 2 reserves the right to award all, some, or none of the scholarships based upon the number of applicants, their qualifications, and allotted funds available. The decision of the Area 2 Board is final.
- •Previous winners of the Garee Scholarship are ineligible to apply, as are members of the Area 2 Board.
- •Winners will be notified by May 30 of the year in which the scholarship is being awarded.

Applicant Information

Name	HMA Member Number			
Street Address				
City/State/Zip				
Phone				
Church/Schoo	l/Organization whe	ere you direct	handbells/hando	chimes
Name				
Street Address				
City/State/Zip				
Contact:	Phone:			Best time to call
Number of years directing:				
Submission Directions:				
Please include: (a) this completed form, (b) graph about your handbell/handchime work ence with handbells/handchimes, present pro (2) letters of reference, one from a person work general nature from your pastor, princhair: Jeremy Peters, 250 Fairhaven Road.	(Include anything to ogram details, benefi who is knowledgeab cipal, department ch	that will help to its you hope to ble about your nair, etc. Mail	he selection com obtain by attendi work with handb	mittee [e.g. education, expering the event, etc.], and (c) two bells/handchimes, and one of a
Signature			Date	



Director's Name

Area 2

Charlie P. Cramer Scholarship Application

Area 2 Festival Conference

The Charlie P. Cramer Scholarship was established when the Area Board received a gift in Mr. Cramer's memory from the Waverly Ringers of Waverly, NY, Janet Ty, director. Charlie was the roadie who cared and maintained Waverly's bells. This scholarship honors those people, who, while not a ringer, support handbell ringing with service and dedication.

One scholarship may be awarded for each Area 2 Festival Conference

Street Address	
City/Town	State/Zip
Phone: Daytime	
E-mail Address	
HMA Membership Number	(Membership is required to apply)
Applicant's Name	
City/Town	State/Zip
	Evening
E-mail Address	
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Signature of Director	Date

Festival Hotel Information

The Lancaster Marriot at Penn Square, Lancaster, PA

You must make your own reservation.

Hotel accommodations are NOT included with your Festival Registration.

- Rooms are standard—\$159 per night before tax for one to four people
- Reservations must be made by June 2, 2023 at 5:00pm
- Guests are responsible for their own reservation. Please identify yourself as an Area 2 Festival Conference attendee at time of booking:

1-888-850-6146

www.lancastermariott.com

- All hotel reservations must be accompanied by a first night deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card.
- Cancellations must be made within 48 hours of 6/23/2023
- Parking adjacent to the hotel is provided at a discounted rate of \$10 per night (one vehicle per room)

If you reside more than 30 miles from Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square but choose to stay elsewhere, you will be required to pay a \$75 per person surcharge (see registration info.)



Click or Scan with smartphone to access the Area 2 website, or visit:

www.area2.handbellmusicians.org

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Featured Performers at Festival



Quadrants Handbell Quartet

Quadrants is a professional handbell quartet located in Princeton, NJ. They are dedicated to performing high level repertoire with musicality and precision.

Members: Robert Lamb, Bethan Neely, Raymond Nugent, Hyosang Park

One of the outstanding ensembles who performed at the 2019 St. Louis Directors' Seminar, Quadrants playing is musical, stunning, and electrifying. You will enjoy this concert!

We need your help!!!

As you can imagine, a festival takes many hands to make it happen. Frankly, we're out of hands!

Can you volunteer?

- Bell Liaison to borrow bells for class use and get them to Lancaster
- Class Monitors
- Ushers to take the offering at the Festival Concert
- Chapel Service organizer and presenter on Sunday
- Assistance in loading and unloading



GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING YOUR REGISTRATION

Please make a copy of all forms for your records. Be sure to mail the **original**. Each registration form must be signed by an authorized adult (self, director of the choir, pastor, etc.), acknowledging the refund policy where indicated on the enclosed form. Forms not signed will be returned.

Refund Policy - If cancellation of your registration is made prior to June 1, 2023, Area 2 will refund all registration fees paid except the \$50 per person deposit. **NO FEES WILL BE REFUNDED AFTER JUNE 1, 2023.**

The Early Bird Discount is offered to HMA members only. To take advantage of the Early Bird Discount, registrants must meet the following two deadlines:

- 1. Complete Deposit for the group/individual attending must be POSTMARKED by February 28, 2023.
- 2. Complete Total Balance Due must be POSTMARKED by May 31, 2023.

Failure to meet either of these postmark dates will cancel the discount and result in ALL registrant fees being due based on the postmark requirements of May 31, 2023.

Handbell Musicians of America Fee Requirements

To be eligible for regular registration fees, all participating choirs and individuals in the 2023 Festival must be members of the Handbell Musicians of America (HMA). Non-members may attend the festival but must pay the higher non-member fee. Individual ringers are covered if their director or organization is a member. Your individual or organization membership number must be included on the registration. It can be found on your *Overtones* label.

Membership

For those who wish to join the organization before registering, membership information can be found on the National website: www.handbellmusicians.org. Area 2 adheres to copyright laws. Absolutely no copies of music may be used at the festival. Area 2 reserves all surprise inspection rights.

Registration Information continued

Ringers under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a chaperone age 21 or older. One chaperone needed for every 6 minors.

Festival t-shirts and polo shirts are not included in the registration fee. Festival shirts will be available for purchase online. If you wish to order a shirt, you may do so using the link included in the festival packet information to be e-mailed to you after your registration has been processed.

For your convenience, the Festival Packet forms and all registration information will be available on the Area 2 website. You are encouraged to use this resource to help Area 2 save on postage costs: www.area2.handbellmusicians.org

Please provide an accurate and legible e-mail, as all correspondence will be sent to you via e-mail after your registration is processed.

Please read the refund policy carefully; it will be strictly enforced.

Please combine your choirs' fees into one check.

Placement on the ringing floor is determined by the date your payment in full is received.

Information on class pre-registration will be sent in early spring.

Checks should be made payable to: *HMA*, *Area 2*.

Mail the completed registration form and check to:

Gail Posey,
Secretary/Registrar
120 S. Main Street,
Yardley, PA 19067



HANDBELL MUSICIANS OF AMERICA

Area 2 2023 Festival Conference

Registration Form

Mail completed forms and a check to: Gail Posey, Secretary/Registrar 120 S. Main St., Yardley, PA 19067

FC Reg. #	
For office use only	

Handbell Musicians of	
America Membership	
#	
America Membership	

<i>PLEASE</i>	PRINT	CLEARLY:

Individual Name (if not coming with a c	hoir)		
Choir Name (for festival program)			
Director's Name			
Preferred Mailing Address			
City		State	Zip
Phone: (Home) ()	Work/Cell()	
E-mail:			
Organization (Church, School, Other)			
City		State	Zip
My choir will play in Copper Division My choir will play in Bronze Division My choir will need feet (linear) of take choir is 36 linear feet, in a straight line ONI My choir will bring their own tables My choir will rent # 8 ft. Tables @ \$	(Level 5-6) ple space (estimate 2-3 feet pe LY.	r ringer). Maxi	mum space permitted per
My choir has participants wishing to n	ring in the Masterclass.		
Masterclass will consist of two 5 Octave choirs of a waiting list. Those who request to be Mastercla Please return this e-mail ASAP, as this will determine the control of two 5 Octave choirs of a waiting list.	ass participants will be sent an ac	lditional email, ii	
For orphan ringers or groups of three or lo	ess:		
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I would like to ring MASS	EED RINGING and Bronze Divi	ision.	

Handbell Musicians of America Area 2 Festival Registration Form (continued)

FC Reg. #
Postmark
Check #
For office use only

Extra bell sets are needed for festival classes. If you can bring extra bells, foam and

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table cover, please check below. An Area 2 Board member or local liaison will con-
tact you. Check the Area 2 website for the payment schedule for loaning of equipment for Area 2 events.
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REFUND POLICY—In the event of cancellation of your registration, HMA AREA 2 will refund all registration
fees paid, except the \$50 per person deposit, IF cancellation is made PRIOR TO June 1, 2023. I have read and agree to abide by the rules on the instruction sheet and I understand the refund policy above.
(authorized signature)
CHOIR PROFILE

Name of Choir (or individual):			
Director's Name:	Phone:		
# of male ringers, Chaperones Directors over the age of 21	# of male ringers	# of female ringers/ chaperones/directors over	# of female ringers under the age of 21
	under the age of 21	the age of 21	

REGISTRATION PROFILE

	INCLUDED	# TO BE REGISTERED	COST PER INDIVIDUAL (Postmarked)	TOTAL COST
FULLTIME REGISTRATION			\$300 per person by February 28	+
	Includes Festival events and Friday Dinner		\$325 per person from March 1 - June 1	+
			\$420 per person Non-HMA Member	
			\$150 per person Non-Ringing Attendee	
				+
Outside Hotel Surcharge	You are exempt from this fee IF you reside within a 30-mile radius of the hotel, or will be staying at the Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square, Lancaster, PA,		§ 75 per person Outside Hotel Surcharge	+
Total Registration Due				=
8' rental tables needed (max. 4 tables) \$15.00 per table		#	Total Table Amount	+
Total Amount Due				
Deposits \$50.00per person				
Deposit postmarked by 2/28 & balance received by 5/31 to receive Early Bird BALANCE DUE				:::



STIPENDS FOR LOANED EQUIPMENT FOR MAJOR AREA 2

Bells with Mallets	2 Oct.	\$20
	3 Oct.	\$30
	4 Oct.	\$40
	5 Oct.	\$50
	6 Oct.	\$60
	7 Oct.	\$70
	4-5 Oct	\$30
Lower and Upper		
Chimes	2 Oct.	\$20
	3 Oct.	\$30
	4 Oct.	\$40
	5 Oct.	\$50
	6 Oct.	\$60
	7 Oct.	\$70
Pads with Coverings		
	3 Oct.	\$15
	4 Oct.	\$20
Pads without Coverings	5 Oct.	\$25
Pads without Coverings	3 Oct (24')	\$10
Taus without Coverings	4 Oct. (30')	\$15
	5 Oct (30-36')	\$20
Voyboowd		\$25
Keyboard		, -
Deliver to Site/Return to Lender	\$10	

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