

About Concert Bells of Fort Worth

Concert Bells of Fort Worth is an auditioned community ensemble of advanced handbell ringers whose broad repertoire, musicality and advanced range of ringing techniques have thrilled and delighted audiences across North Texas.

Founded in 1998, the ensemble is dedicated to musical excellence through artistic handbell performance. Its yearly spring concert series and holiday concerts, held throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, have been described as having achieved that “elusive balance of technique and musicianship.” The ensemble’s handbell artistry is on display in its Christmas CD, “Holiday Favorites.”

Stephanie Rhoades, conductor and artistic director since 2003, brings 20 years of handbell experience to the ensemble. She is a music teacher at Parish Episcopal School in Dallas. She holds music degrees from Yale University and Southern Methodist University. The choir’s members also bring years of professionalism and experience in both ringing handbells and directing handbell choirs.

Concert Bells of Fort Worth is honored to have been chosen as the Showcase Ensemble for the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers (AGEHR) Area IX festival that will be held in June of 2010 in Arlington, Texas. The group has served as the local liaison for the 2005 and 2007 AGEHR national seminars held in Dallas and were selected to ring as the master class choir for the 2005 event and presented a hymn festival at the 2007 event. They were also the featured performer at the 2005 Greater Dallas Handbell Association (GDHA) fall seminar. Concert Bells also is privileged to work with Choristers Guild on their demo handbell recordings.

Concert Bells of Fort Worth is organized as a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation and receives most of its funding through performance fees, demo recordings and donations made through the Friends of Concert Bells program.

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