



**Massachusetts Spring Ring**  
(Formerly Merrimack Valley English Handbell Festival)

December 20, 2009

Dear Handbell Director,

You and your choir(s) are invited to participate in the Massachusetts Spring Ring (formerly the Merrimack Valley English Handbell Festival) to be held on Saturday, March 20, 2010 in the gymnasium of Tewksbury Memorial High School in Tewksbury, MA (location tentative).

Invitations are being sent to groups throughout Massachusetts, southern New Hampshire and beyond! Although the facilities allow space for many choirs to participate, we were near maximum capacity last year. An early registration will ensure your participation and a good location on the ringing floor.

The highlight of the Festival will be the presentation of a concert, which will be open to the public. Your choir will have the opportunity to participate in some “massed ringing” when all choirs will play simultaneously under the direction of one conductor. In addition, if you would like, your choir or ensemble (1-6 ringers) may also perform a solo piece of music. Solo selections are limited to five minutes (including set up and applause) so that many groups may have this opportunity. Please note - solos will be assigned by date of receipt of the registration form and last minute additions will only be permitted as space in the program allows.

The massed selections are listed below. Please purchase sufficient copies for your ringers and rehearse the music thoroughly ahead of time. Our rehearsal time together is limited and intended for developing an ensemble performance, rather than learning the music.

**Please note – AGEHR strictly adheres to the copyright laws**  
**NO PHOTOCOPIES of any published music will be allowed.**

1. Celebrate With Joy – Cynthia Dobrinski, Hope Publishing MHP2515, 3 – 6 Octave, L3-
2. Simple Dance – Michael Glasgow, Choristers Guild MCGB637 (2 or 3 Octave) OR MCGB638 (4, 5, or 6 Octave), L2+
3. How Can I Keep From Singing– arr. Arnold Sherman, Red River Music MRRHB0060 3-6 Octave, L3-

We are also planning a Youth Division again this year. Repertoire selected is:

1. Reperquissio – Timothy Waugh, From The Top Music, MFM201623 (3 Octave)  
OR MFM201625 ( 5 Octave), L2

The proposed schedule for the Festival will be as follows:

2:00 – 3:00 individual choir setup and rehearsals as scheduled  
3:00 – 4:30 massed rehearsal – **Adult** Division in gym  
4:30 – 5:00 individual choir rehearsals as scheduled  
5:00 – 5:30 massed rehearsal – **Youth** Division in gym  
5:00 – 6:00 supper and fellowship (bag supper) – **Adults** in cafeteria  
5:30 – 6:00 individual choir rehearsals as scheduled  
5:30 – 6:30 supper and fellowship (bag supper) – **Youth** in cafeteria  
6:00 – 6:30 final massed rehearsal – **Adults** in gym  
7:00 – 8:30 concert in gym  
8:30 – tear down and refreshments in cafeteria

Registration cost is \$7.50 per ringer (you may list multiple choirs on a single form), which covers performance royalties, guest musicians, massed conductors, and insurance liability coverage. Participants typically bring a bag supper and share fellowship time together before the final rehearsal. Following the concert they enjoy refreshments with the audience, which are supplied by the participant groups. The program is sponsored by the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers, Area I Inc.

If you would like to be part of this exciting event, **please fill out the enclosed registration form and return it to David Wurth by March 1, 2010.** Please give this opportunity serious consideration as you plan your calendar of events for the spring. This event is happening earlier than it has in years past, but the organizers

All questions about registrations can be sent to David Wurth at [maspringring@gmail.com](mailto:maspringring@gmail.com)

Please mail your completed registration, and check or money order made out to **Massachusetts Spring Ring**, to:

David Wurth, Registrar MSR  
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Looking forward to seeing you in March,

David Wurth, MA Chair  
AGEHR Area I, Inc