

# 2021 Greater Puget Sound Handbell Conference

## Virtual Ringing Event

Greetings!

Registration is now open for the 2021 Greater Puget Sound Handbell Conference! This year's event promises to be a great virtual ringing and learning opportunity for all who attend. The event will feature ring-along rehearsals under the direction of clinician Stephanie Rhoades, conductor and artistic director of Concert Bells of Fort Worth. Members of Bells of the Sound, a Seattle handbell community ensemble, will teach a couple of class sessions and present a panel discussion to answer any bell-related questions you may have - see if you can stump the panelists! And there will be an opportunity to check out some new music offerings from Choristers Guild.

We are taking advantage of the virtual nature of this year's conference to try a slightly different format. You will be able to rehearse along at home with Ms. Rhodes as she works with her ensemble giving guidance and feedback online. At the end of the event, Ms. Rhoades will lead her ensemble and those ringing at home through a performance of the conference repertoire. Note that you do not necessarily need bells at home to ring along - your trusty wooden spoons or empty root beer bottles will work just as well!

Included in this packet you will find information about the repertoire, registration, schedule, classes and clinician. Additional information can be found online at <https://www.bellsofthesound.org/community.html>.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2021 Greater Puget Sound Handbell Conference! If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.



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### **Online Registration - \$10 per attendee - click here**

Email [gps@bellsofthesound.org](mailto:gps@bellsofthesound.org) or call 206-574-8417 if you have questions about registration

### **Schedule** *(in Pacific Time)*

Times are approximate

#### **Saturday, May 22, 2021**

9 AM	Opening bell & Orientation
9:10 AM	Rehearsal 1 with Stephanie Rhoades
10:00 AM	Class 1 - Score Study for Musicality
10:40 AM	Rehearsal 2 with Stephanie Rhoades
11:30 AM	Class 2 - Practical Practice at Home
12:10 PM	Final Performance with Stephanie Rhoades
12:25 PM	Panel Discussion with Bells of the Sound & Stephanie Rhoades
1:00 PM	Closing Bell

## **Clinician - Stephanie Rhoades**



Stephanie has been the Conductor and Artistic Director of Concert Bells of Fort Worth since 2003, an auditioned community ensemble. With a reputation as an effective and engaging teacher, she has been a clinician and guest conductor for numerous workshops, summer camps and retreats, and festivals across the country. Most recently (just before the pandemic hit the US), she was the conductor for Distinctly Bronze East, a 4-day massed ringing event for advanced ringers sponsored by Handbell Musicians of America.

She has a long history of serving on the board for several musical organizations, including serving as an At-Large Member of the National Board of the Handbell Musicians of America. An accomplished ringer with more than 40 years of experience, she was a member of the acclaimed Dallas Handbell Ensemble, directed by David R. Davidson, and has participated in Distinctly Bronze (East and West) and several Advanced Seminar Choirs.

A graduate of Perkins School of Theology at SMU, Ms. Rhoades earned her Master of Sacred Music degree in choral conducting shortly after earning her undergraduate degree in music from Yale University. Her parents, both music teachers (retired), encouraged her to play the violin and trumpet in addition to singing, ringing, and dancing.

After retiring from church music at the end of 2019 she now works as a personal trainer, both in person and virtually. Her non-musical interests include training for sprint triathlons and attempting to train her dogs.

### **Repertoire**

Please purchase both pieces

#### **Here We Come Good Christian Friends**

Carol Lynn Mizell (CGB1004) - Level 3

<https://www.handbellworld.com/music/MusicPiece.cfm?Piece=17129> (Hardcopy)

<https://www.choristersguild.org/store/cgb1004e-here-we-come-good-christian-friends-digital-handbell-score/10723/> (Digital download)

#### **Acclamation in G Minor**

Karen Thompson (AG23046 (2-3 oct) or AG46030 (4-6 oct)) - Level 2+

<https://www.handbellworld.com/music/MusicPiece.cfm?Piece=15923> (Hardcopy & Digital download)

### **Class Topics**

Classes are designed to not need bells at home

Taught by members of Bells of the Sound

#### **Score Study for Musicality**

#### **Practical Practice at Home**



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