

Monica McGowan, Clinician

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Saturday, February 25, 2012

- Division and Massed ringing
- FebFest 2012 Concert

Location
Stafford Centre
10505 Cash Road
Stafford, TX 77477

Friday, February 24, 2012

- Various classes including workshop by Monica McGowan
- Meet the Clinician for reading session

Location
Memorial Drive Christian Church
11750 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77024

FebFest 2012

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Educating the public about the art of handbell ringing.

Sondra Tucker, Registrar
14011 Cherry Mound Rd.
Houston TX 77077-1105

**FebFest 2012 Handbell Festival
February 24-25, 2012**

Monica McGowan, Guest Clinician



Monica S. McGowan took her music education background (Bachelor of Science, Music Education, Chadron, Nebraska) and found her life's passion in handbells.

A quarter of a century later, she is a ringer, director, clinician and conductor. Whether it's the Handbell Musician of America (AGEHR), the International Music Camp, Artistic Director for Twin Cities Bronze or as a Master Bell Technician at Ringing Restorations, McGowan brings her extensive training, experience and enthusiasm for handbells and handchimes to every forum and venue.

Festival Location

Stafford Centre • 10505 Cash Road, Stafford, TX 77477

Directions:

From Downtown Houston

South on Hwy 59. Exit Murphy Rd/FM 1092 (one Exit past the Sam Houston Toll Road). Left on Murphy Rd/FM 1092 (2nd light on the feeder road). Left on Cash Rd (3rd light).

From Sugar Land

North on Hwy 59. Exit Hwy 90A. Right on Hwy 90A (towards Houston). Left on Murphy Rd/FM 1092 (2nd light), travel to Cash Rd. Right on Cash Rd (1st light).

Heading South on the Sam Houston Toll Rd (Beltway 8). Exit W Airport (one exit past Hwy 59). Right on W Airport. Left on Murphy Rd/FM 1092 (1st light). Left on Cash Rd (2nd light).

Heading North on the Sam Houston Toll Rd (Beltway 8). Exit W Airport (one exit before Hwy 59). Left on W Airport. Left on Murphy Rd/FM 1092 (1st light). Left on Cash Rd.



Contact Information

Church/School Name _____
Choir Name _____
Director's Name _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone (Day) _____ (Evening) _____
Email _____

Festival Division

Please register the above group in the following division:

- Division 1 - beginning to intermediate
 Division 2 - intermediate to advanced

Solo Concert Participation (optional)

Yes, we wish to ring a solo selection in the afternoon concert: (All solo selections MUST be by a Houston composer).

Title _____ Composer _____

Registration Fees

deadline 1/15/2012

GHHA Annual Membership Dues

\$ _____ 20.00

Dues are REQUIRED once per year for participation in any or all GHHA events.

Please note, the \$20 GHHA dues are payable at FebFest and membership continues until the next FebFest. Dues are payable annually as you register for FebFest.

Friday, February 24, 2012

Classes for ringers and directors (2:00pm-4:00pm) _____ participants @ \$20/person \$ _____

Meet the Clinician and Reading Session (4:30pm-8:30pm) _____ participants @ \$40/person \$ _____
Includes buffet dinner and packet of music.

Saturday, February 25, 2012

FebFest 2012 Handbell Festival Choir Fee \$ _____ 25.00

PLUS Ringer/Director participation fee _____ participants @ \$10/person \$ _____

Ringer not associated with a choir (orphan) fee _____ participants @ \$15/person \$ _____

Tables - Request for _____ linear feet of table space \$ _____ 0.00

Tables are provided as part of your registration fee. Pads are **not** provided.

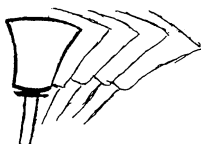
\$25.00 Late Fee for registrations postmarked after January 15, 2012 \$ _____

FEES PAID ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

Mail check and registration form to:

FebFest 2012
c/o Sondra Tucker, Registrar
14011 Cherry Mound Rd.
Houston TX 77077-1105



Make checks payable to:
Greater Houston Handbell Association

www.houstonhandbells.org

For registration questions, please contact Sondra Tucker • 281 531-4245 • sondratucker@gmail.com

Registration

Please complete the attached registration form (may be photocopied) and mail it with your full payment due no later than January 15, 2012. Registration is limited to available floor space and choirs are assigned positions based upon the date the registration is received. Registration confirmation will be e-mailed to you prior to the festival.

Continental Breakfast

Coffee, bottled water, and donut holes will be offered at **no** additional cost to the participants on Saturday Morning.

Lunch

Lunch is **not** included in the registration fee. Groups may try one of the local area restaurants or groups may elect to bring their own lunch and gather as a group in the Stafford Centre lobby. The hour and a half of each lunch period will be determined by the division in which your choir rings.

Solo Concert Participants

Individual choirs may choose to ring a solo piece on Saturday. Solo concert spaces are limited so register early. IN KEEPING WITH GHHA'S 2012 THEME honoring Houston composers, all solo numbers must be composed or arranged by a Houston composer.

Schedule

The festival will be hosted at the Stafford Centre, 10505 Cash Road, Stafford, TX 77477. Check-in and set-up will begin at 8:00am with the first rehearsal at 9:00am. The afternoon concert will begin at 3:00pm.

Music

Choirs shall select and prepare music from one division **plus** the mass ringing pieces. All music is to be prepared in advance of the festival. PHOTOCOPIED MUSIC IS ILLEGAL AND NOT PERMITTED AT FEBFEST.

FebFest 2012 Repertoire

The Greater Houston Handbell Association is pleased to announce that the repertoire for FebFest 2012 features music from Houston-area composers.

Massed

Resounding Alleluias (Level 3) D. Linda McKechnie, Choristers Guild CGB 559.

There Is a Balm in Gilead (Level 3) Bill Ingram, RingOut! Press, RO 3014

Grace Alone (Level 2+) Tammy Waldrop, Alfred Publishing, #33936.



Division 1 (Easier)

Bell Boogie (Level 3) Jim Smith, Red River BL5014.

Shall We Gather At The River (Level 2) Margaret Tucker, Choristers Guild, CGB 298

Division 2 (Harder)

His Eye Is On the Sparrow (Level 3+) Sondra Tucker and Ben Tucker, From the Top, #20258.

Sing and Dance (Level 3) Kirtsy Mitchell, Jeffers Publishing, JHS 9392.

Audio & Video Recording

Video or audio recording of the rehearsals and the concert are **not** permitted.

Contacts

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