

**Concert Bells of Fort Worth** is an auditioned community handbell ensemble of advanced ringers from North Texas dedicated to musical excellence through artistic handbell performance. Founded in 1998, the group performs a diverse repertoire, from classical transcriptions to innovative original works, with precision and musical sensitivity. In addition to performing holiday and spring concerts, Concert Bells was recently selected to present a featured concert at Pinnacle in Dallas – a national event sponsored by Handbell Musicians of America that takes place in July, 2015. The group has also been invited to premiere a work commissioned for organ and handbells by Sondra K. Tucker at the Fort Worth AGO convention in June.

In the past, Concert Bells performed the Showcase Concert for the Handbell Musicians of America Area 9 festival in June of 2010 in Arlington, Texas. They were also the featured performer at the 2005 and 2013 Fall Seminars presented by the Greater Dallas Handbell Association. The group has served as the local liaison for the 2005 and 2007 Handbell Musicians of America National Seminars held in Dallas, and was also selected to serve as the choir for the master class in conducting (2005) and for the hymn festival (2007). Several of the ringers also serve as handbell clinicians and conductors for local and national workshops, seminars, and camps.

Concert Bells is privileged to work with Choristers Guild, recording new releases for their demonstration recordings. The ensemble's artistry is also on display in their Christmas CD, "Holiday Favorites," and on their more recent release, "Radiance." They are currently working on a new Christmas recording scheduled to be available for Christmas 2015.

Stephanie Rhoades, conductor and artistic director since 2003, brings over 30 years of handbell experience to the ensemble. She is Minister of Music and the Arts at Northaven United Methodist Church in Dallas and serves on the Handbell Musicians of America's national board. She holds music degrees from Yale University and Southern Methodist University.

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

## BOOKING AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Concert Bells is ready to make your next event unforgettable.

No matter how big or small your event, CBFW can add something special to your program.

We are accepting bookings for upcoming seasons.

Book early to get the best available dates.

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