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Dear Friends of BBR,

Back Bay Ringers and Back Bay Carillon took a couple of well-deserved weeks off after a memorable holiday performance season, which included popular solo concerts in Wellesley and Danvers, Mass., as well as some handbell caroling on Beacon Hill, home of handbell pioneer Margaret Shurcliff. The weather was cold, but our spirits were warmed by the numerous passersby who shared their own fond memories of Mrs. Shurcliff and the long-standing tradition of ringing handbells in this historic neighborhood during the Christmas season.

Now that we've turned the page on the calendar, we're looking forward to, and preparing for, another exciting spring performance season, one which will include appearances at the AGEHR Area I Directors' Seminar and several area festivals, as well as our first performances in Connecticut, Maine, and New York. We're also celebrating the work of composer Cathy Moglebust this June, bringing her to Boston for a day of interactive workshop sessions with area ringers and directors and then premiering her newest original composition, "Prologue and Rhythmic Dance," an exciting work commissioned by Back Bay Ringers! Please read on for more details about this spring's performances and other activities. We'll hope to see you at many of them!

--Back Bay Ringers

Ring with Back Bay Carillon!

Did you know that there's a way for ringers of all backgrounds and experience levels to participate in the Back Bay Ringers organization? Back Bay Carillon, BBR's locally-based ensemble, currently has openings for two additional ringers. The ensemble rehearses from 6:30-8:30 on Wednesdays at Old South Church in Boston's Back Bay. Members range from college students to grandparents; some have decades of ringing experience while others just started last year! Handbell experience is not required in this nonauditioned ensemble--just basic music reading skills, an eagerness to learn, and an enthusiasm for handbell artistry. Back Bay Carillon is a great place to learn new skills, gain confidence, and participate in a variety of lower-pressure, fun performance opportunities. If you have questions about the ensemble, please e-mail Griff Gall, Artistic Director, at ggall@backbayringers.org. We'll hope to see you Wednesdays at Old South!

Bring Chimes to Your Community!

Do you live in the Boston area? Would you like to help bring ringing instruments to your child's, grandchild's, or neighborhood school? You can, by encouraging your local public school music teacher to apply for BBR's Chime Donation Program, which, in conjunction with the Boston Handbell Festival, annually donates a two-octave set of Malmark ChoirChimes to a Boston-area public school, selected through a competitive application process. Simple application forms and more information about the program can be downloaded at BBR's [website](#). The application deadline is March 16, 2009; chimes will be presented to a representative of the selected school at the Boston Handbell Festival, Tuesday, May 19.

If you have questions about BBR's chime donation program, please e-mail Norah Piehl, Executive Director, at ncpiehl@backbayringers.org. Thank you for helping BBR bring ringing instruemtns to young people throughout greater Boston!

Ringing with Cathy Moglebust: Registration Now Open!

Please plan to spend Saturday, June 6, 2009 in Boston, working with Cathy Moglebust, one of today's most beloved handbell composers.

Sessions will include:

- Percussion techniques for handbell ringers
- Ringing musically!
- Master class featuring Back Bay Carillon
- More than a reading session: the music of Cathy Moglebust.



This workshop is designed to be of interest to both ringers and directors. Plan to bring your whole choir to enjoy a day of interactive workshop sessions, followed by an evening concert by Back Bay Ringers, featuring the world premiere of an original Cathy Moglebust composition, "Prologue and Rhythmic Dance," commissioned in honor of BBR's fifth anniversary season! The registration fee for the day-long event is \$45, and includes one free ticket to Back Bay Ringers' evening concert if your registration is postmarked by May 22, 2009.

Additional details and registration forms are at www.backbayringers.org/bbrworkshop.html. We look forward to bringing this dynamic composer and clinician to our region!

BBR Spring Performance Calendar

Solo Concerts:

- Family Concert, Sunday, April 5, 3 p.m., Quincy Point

Congregational Church, Quincy, Mass.

- Spring Concert, Friday, April 17, 7:30 p.m., Trinity United Methodist, Windsor, Conn.
- Spring Concert, Saturday, June 6, 8:00 p.m., Boston University Dance Theater, Boston, Mass.

Seminar/Festival Appearances:

- AGEHR Area I Directors' Seminar, Master Class with Michael Joy, Saturday, February 7, Framingham, Mass.
- Massachusetts Spring Ring, Saturday, March 21, Tewksbury, Mass.
- Riverside Handbell Festival, Sunday, April 19, New York, N.Y.
- Rhode Island Invitational Handbell Concert, Saturday, April 25, Woonsocket, R.I.
- Highlands Handbell Festival, Monday, May 4, Danvers, Mass.
- Boston Handbell Festival, Tuesday, May 19, Boston, Mass.

Special Events:

- Ringing with Cathy Moglebust Workshop, Sponsored by Back Bay Ringers, Saturday, June 6, Boston University College of Fine Arts

Help Support BBR's Programs



Back Bay Ringers has planned an ambitious schedule of programs for 2009. For the success of these events, we rely on a combination of earned income from performances and generous donations by supporters. If you'd like to help Back Bay Ringers' mission of expanding handbell artistry through performance, education, and community, please visit our online donations partner, [JustGive](#). All donations are tax-deductible; please be assured that, in these challenging financial times, **all** gifts are appreciated regardless of size, and all contributions will go toward supporting BBR's programs.

In 2008, we expanded our online presence, purchased new equipment, and reached out to new audiences. In 2009, we will be making several trips outside Boston, to concerts and festivals in New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Maine. We will also be holding a day-long event celebrating BBR's fifth anniversary and celebrating the work of composer Cathy Moglebust. If you'd like to make these programs a success, please consider giving a generous contribution to the Back Bay Ringers as part of our end-of-the-year fundraiser. Thank you for your ongoing support!

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