



Ontario Guild of  
English Handbell  
Ringers

# CLAPPER CHATTER

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## FESTIVAL 2017



May 25-27, 2017

McMaster University, Hamilton

It hardly seems possible that the Festival is just months away. Hopefully everyone has registered or is in the process of registering through the [Festival Website](#). Let's make this our biggest year yet!

No doubt you will want to take in all the great activities that are planned, so be sure to book your accommodations at Hedden Hall - a 6 minute walk from the Burrige gym where we will rehearse. Breakfast is included in the room rate. Lunch and dinner are included in the Festival registration fee (unless the "no meal" option is selected). There are double occupancy rooms (2 single beds), as well as single occupancy rooms (1 single bed.) All rooms are equipped with free Wi-Fi. A special MACID password will be issued with your room key. **ALL** room reservations will be made **DIRECTLY ON LINE** through McMaster University Conference Services. To book accommodations click <https://conferencereg.mcmaster.ca/go/conferences/OGEHR-2017>

The music committee has already confirmed eleven applications for the mini ring concerts. If you want your choir, solo, or small group to share work with festival registrants, please do not hesitate to get your application in as soon as possible. We have room for a total of 15 performances in our two mini ring concerts, due to scheduling limitations. Applications are accepted on the basis of the first 15 received, so don't delay! Applications are available on the festival website, under the music drop down.

The Workshop Committee is looking for choirs that would be willing to lend their bells so we can run the  
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### HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Festival 2017 news

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### MORE ON SUBMISSIONS

A newsletter thrives or dies based on its content, so we need your input! Do you have a concert coming up, a review of a performance just accomplished, a significant event in the life of your bell choir, or a favourite piece of music that you would like to recommend to others? Send it in! Anything is fair game (subject to editorial review.) Accompanying photographs are encouraged, as they really liven things up.

Clapper Chatter will be published in two formats: in full colour on the website, with a link sent out via the email tree, and hard-copy in black and white mailed out to those who are not on the email list. If you are one of the latter, why not sign up for the email tree and get the full Clapper Chatter experience?

We want your feedback. Let us know what you like, or don't like, or would like to see, by emailing Helen at [hcoxon@sympatico.ca](mailto:hcoxon@sympatico.ca)

Submission deadline for the next issue: May 31, for publication June 15

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Clapper Chatter is also distributed electronically via a download link sent out in the Thursday evening email digest.

## Winter 2017—Fresh Directions for the Guild

J.-C. Coolen

This past October, your Board took a look back, and a look forward. We evaluated how we had grown since our last visioning in September 2010, and imagined what our next five years might look like.

We concluded that our Mission—the reason why we exist—remains clear, and unchanged:

***We are the voice of the handbell community in Ontario, fostering growth through relationships, education and awareness.***

However, our Vision for the next five years—how we aim to achieve our mission/where we want to go during this period—has evolved. While over the past five years, we've given our primary focus to governance and handbells in education,

***By 2021, we will foster dynamic member engagement and provide inspiring ringer and director development within the Ontario handbell community.***

To give focus to our Vision, we have identified four Strategic Directions:

- ◆ Communication (web site, Area Representatives, social media)
- ◆ Provide tangible benefits to the people of the handbell community
- ◆ Member engagement (Area development)
- ◆ Ringer and Director development (mentoring of directors/choirs/ringers)

In this work, we continue to be guided by our values of:

***Openness • Generosity • Ethics • Honesty • Respect***

But, most deeply, we are inspired, and guided, by our new Tag Line (part of our previous Mission), which captures why we we're so passionate about our art form:

***Experience the magic of ringing***

We invite **you** to experience the magic of ringing with us this year—at our exciting Festival in Hamilton this May; at our revitalized Fall Workshop (expanding to London, Ottawa and Greater Toronto Area sites this fall); in local events in each of our Areas (and know that you are wholeheartedly welcome to participate in events in Areas other than your own!); and in direct communication, with both the Guild leadership and also your fellow handbell enthusiasts.

We welcome and invite your feedback, your engagement and, most importantly, your participation, as we work together toward these goals this year. Let us know how we're meeting your needs, and how we can better support you and help us all to ring more vibrantly!

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great workshops that are planned. If you are an “orphan” ringer or a choir unable to participate this year we would love to be able to use your bells. If this is an area in which you would be willing and able to help us out, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Judy King at [festivalworkshop@ogehr.ca](mailto:festivalworkshop@ogehr.ca)

We are hoping to have a wide variety of crafts for sale at our Marketplace. While we have four confirmed to date we are still looking for more vendors. Please contact Margaret Merkley at [festivalmarketplace@ogehr.ca](mailto:festivalmarketplace@ogehr.ca) if you know a vendor who might be interested in being part of our event.

For our Silent Auction, we have already received some jewellery, a leisure basket with an off white afghan etc, a wall hanging, a Winter Olympic Skating throw (thinking ahead to seeing Scott and Tessa) and a watch. Many choirs are planning to donate a basket - perhaps your choir can be one of them.

Be sure to read Michael Glasgow's notes regarding the pieces he will be conducting. If you read each one of them, you will see that he has a wonderful sense of humour and know that we are in for a wonderful ringing experience with him. On June 11, 2017, Michael's 40th birthday, he will be conducting his *Requiem* at Carnegie Hall. Wouldn't it be great if choirs could join him for this amazing event!

***Attention all members who were participants at the IHS this past summer and are planning to attend Festival 2017 in Hamilton...***

A piece of music has been selected from the IHS repertoire which we are planning to share with our fellow OGEHR members as a mini-ring entry at Festival.

To confirm your involvement in performing this piece, please contact Barbara Neal at: [barbara.neal@sympatico.ca](mailto:barbara.neal@sympatico.ca).

\*Please also include the position you rang for “*Spirit of Freedom*” from Handbell Ringers of Great Britain with Conductor Malcolm Wilson.

## ***Come Ring in the Bell Tree Forest!***



This opportunity is for Guild members interested in performing as a bell tree solo/duet entry at Festival in the Mini-Ring. By participating in this \*simultaneous performance\*, you will be joining over a dozen trees confirmed to date, playing the same piece in unison!

If you have access to a bell tree or to Malmark Cymbells, why not consider joining in? The more the merrier! and the more amazing the forest and performance will be!

The piece has already been selected and can be easily ordered. Some additional copies are available for purchase as well. And, if you do not have a bell tree, there is plenty of time to beg, borrow or purchase one and rehearse in time for May 2017! .... and yes, you will have to bring your tree to Festival. 😊

To confirm your participation in this event, or for more information about it, please contact Cheryl McFarlane @ [oliver.mcfarlanec@gmail.com](mailto:oliver.mcfarlanec@gmail.com)

## **EAST AREA WORKSHOPS—PAST AND FUTURE**

### **East Area Fall Workshop Report**

On Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, about 60 ringers gathered at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Carp, on the west edge of Ottawa for an East Area Handbell Ringers Workshop. For nearly half of the group, this was their first exposure to ringing beyond their own choir.

The day began in the church's sanctuary, with a Read and Ring, using 3 selections from this year's Festival. Ringers were then able to participate in their choosing of three smaller sessions.

Midday, there was a break for lunch and socialization, while the 10 directors present met to continue their round table discussions, which have been ongoing since the last area workshop in October 2015.

When the workshop ended, ringers returned home to Perth, Arnprior, Glenburnie, Brockville, Hawkesbury, Portland and Ottawa with much enthusiasm, and maybe having learned something new. Hopefully many will return next fall.

Gail Bowes, OGEHR East Area Rep

### **Upcoming Workshop**

East Area Handbell Directors of Ontario are holding a Workshop in Carp, Ontario ( just west of Ottawa ) on Saturday April 22, 2017, with Martha Alford, Artistic Director of the Philadelphia Bronze, as Clinician.

This Workshop is open to all Handbell Directors and anyone interested in becoming a Handbell Director. I am hoping that you can post our invitation on your face book page, email tree, newsletter and website, so as many Directors as possible will know about it.

My thanks

Lynn Boothroyd

Chair, East Area Handbell Directors Round Table

## Welcome, New and Reinstated Members

We welcome new and reinstated Members of the Guild! We're glad to welcome you, or welcome you back, into the Guild family.

We encourage all Members of the Guild to reach out to the new Members in your vicinity. Welcome them personally, and offer your support, encouragement and assistance to them as they grow and develop as handbell musicians.

J.-C. Coolen

OGEHR Membership Secretary

### New Member

#### *Individual*

##### *South*

Lynn Loftus (Pulaski VA)

#### *Affiliate*

##### *East*

#### **Glenburnie United Church (Glenburnie ON)**

Karen Boese (Glenburnie ON)

#### **St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (Ottawa ON)**

Chun-hui (Grace) Cho (Ottawa ON)

Maila Gray (Ottawa ON)

Sylvia Shiau (Ottawa ON)

#### **St. Lambert United Church (Saint-Lambert QC)**

Judith Schurman (Saint-Lambert QC)

#### **St. Paul's United Church (Perth ON)**

Julie Andrews (Perth ON)

#### **Trinity Presbyterian Church (Carp ON)**

Deana Kosabek-Anderson (Carp ON)

##### *Central*

#### **St. John's York Mills Anglican Church (Toronto ON)**

Kelly Cholvat (Toronto ON)

Zack Goodman (Toronto ON)

Nicolas Martino (Toronto ON)

Thomas McDonald (Toronto ON)

Grace Oliver (Thornhill ON)

Charlotte Quinn (Toronto ON)

##### *Central West*

#### **Westminster United Church - United 2 Ring**

Rick Wilson (Mississauga ON)

##### *South*

#### **St. Paul's United Church (Dundas ON)**

Dorothy Haartman (Hamilton ON)

#### **Trinity United Church (Grimsby ON)**

Liz Betts (Grimsby ON)

#### **Wellington Square United Church (Burlington ON)**

Eileen Burns (Cambridge ON)

John McKenzie (Burlington ON)

##### *West*

#### **Colborne Street United Church (London ON)**

Nancy Wren (London ON)

#### **First-St. Andrew's United Church (London ON)**

Susan Knutson (Strathroy ON)

#### **Oakridge Presbyterian Church (London ON)**

Doris McKinley (London ON)

Jolyon Mitchell (London ON)

Sylvia Mitchell (London ON)

#### **St. Marys Presbyterian Church (St. Marys ON)**

Brenda Cousins (St Marys ON)

Lily Darling (St Marys ON)

Lorraine McDonald (St Marys ON)

#### **Wesley-Knox United Church (London ON)**

Wendy Eaman (Delaware ON)

Georgina Galba (London ON)

##### *North East*

#### **Alliston Golden Bells, Inc. (Alliston ON)**

Myrna Corbett (Alliston ON)

Emma Den Haan (Alliston ON)

Joan Den Haan (Alliston ON)

Felicity Gazley (Tottenham ON)

##### *North West*

#### **St. Dominic's Roman Catholic Church (Thunder Bay)**

Cheong Lo Lee (Thunder Bay ON)

Kathleen Noy (Kakabeka Falls ON)

## Reinstatement

#### *Group*

##### *North East*

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### *South*

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Diane Lynn Solvason (Ottawa ON)

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Nagaty Banayoty (Markham ON)

Charlotte Bent (Toronto ON)

Hudson Bent (Toronto ON)

Maya Charles (Toronto ON)

Annie Likhachova (Toronto ON)

Sean Martin (Bolton ON)

John McNeish (Aurora ON)

Daniel Mitchell (Toronto ON)

Charlotte Polo (Toronto ON)

#### *Central West*

#### **Westminster United Church - United 2 Ring**

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Judy Fricker (Toronto ON)

Marilyn Hayden (Mississauga ON)

Beverley Peebles (Mississauga ON)

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Kelly McCaughey (Dundas ON)

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Leen Tuk (Hamilton ON)

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Sheelagh Wood (Dundas ON)

#### **Wellington Square United Church (Burlington ON)**

Brenda Malvern (Brantford ON)

#### *West*

#### **Bellissima Ringers/Bells Ablaze (Ingersoll ON)**

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Jessica Cann (London ON)

Kathleen Cann (London ON)

Susan Carscadden-Mifsud (Ingersoll ON)

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Linda Jenetti (Mulmur ON)

Jennifer Malcolm (Palgrave ON)

Donna Newell (Alliston ON)

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Martha Wood (Bracebridge ON)

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Tannys Laughren (Sudbury ON)

Anne Pile (Sudbury ON)

## **Org'n Flat Fee (Aff)**

#### *West*

**Bellissima Ringers/Bells Ablaze (Ingersoll ON)**

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Data as of February 12, 2017

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*\*Terms expire at the adjournment of the Annual Meeting*

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Data as of February 11, 2017

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