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English Handbell  
Ringers

# CLAPPER CHATTER

June 2016



# SOUNDINGS

Music of Our Lands and Our Lives

17TH INTERNATIONAL  
HANDBELL SYMPOSIUM

 JULY 26-30, 2016

VANCOUVER, CANADA

Our best wishes go with those travelling to Vancouver next month for IHS 2016. We hope you have a fabulous time!



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## HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Festival 2017 update
- ◆ Conducting workshop
- ◆ OGEHR Clinician listing

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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.

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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)

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# CONDUCTING WORKSHOP



**DATE: Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup> 2016**

**TIME: 9:30am – 3:00pm**

**LOCATION: Murray Street Baptist Church  
175 Murray Street, Peterborough ON.**

**REGISTRATION: OGEHR Member: \$25.00**

**Non Member: \$65.00** \*includes one year complimentary membership

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## COURSE OVERVIEW

This workshop is being offered in advance of the new ringing year, when directors are in preparations. Participants, with clinician Debbie Fingas, will examine the components of conducting and the means of how musical indicators and patterns contained in the score get communicated from conductor to ringers. This workshop will give participants ample individual attention.

### **This workshop will include:**

- Teaching correct posture and stance
- Teaching correct baton technique
- Learning how to mark the score and identify the score elements through score study
- Conducting music beginning on different beats
- Conducting patterns of 4/4, 3/4, 2/2, 3/2 and simple mixed metres 2/4, 3/4 and 4/4
- Indicating and conducting tempo changes
- Conducting a clear preparatory beat and clear cut-offs
- Indicating and maintaining a steady pulse
- Conducting dynamic changes with the use of the conducting hand, and the non-conducting hand
- Develop the ability to recognize missing and incorrect notes easily
- Learn how to conduct various and distinctive musical features: fermata, cuing, legato, ritardando and staccato

# FESTIVAL 2017



**May 25-27, 2017**  
**McMaster University, Hamilton**

## Meet the conductors!



**Michael Glasgow**

### **Massed, Bronze and Copper choirs**

He's young, talented, dynamic and energetic. He is an award winning composer and a much sought after conductor so we're in for a real learning treat. Michael holds several degrees in music as well as a Master of Church Music degree, in both choral and handbell music. He is the full time Minister of Music at North Raleigh United Methodist Church, Raleigh North Carolina. He also serves as the editor for the Handbell Musicians of American Area 3 newsletter, The Bell-O-Gram, and is a member of ASCAP, American Composers Forum, Mensa and several other professional organizations.



**Terry Head**

### **Tin choirs**

For over twenty years, Terry Head has been in the music ministry and is presently the Minister of Music at Bridge Street United Church in Belleville, Ontario. He holds several music degrees and has completed post-graduate work at the Royal Conservatory of Music in the Artist-Teacher Diploma Program at the Glenn Gould Professional School. Terry maintains an active music studio in Belleville working with students of all ages in organ, voice, and handbell ringing. He is a sought after handbell workshop leader and those who have attended his workshops speak of his magnetic teaching style.

## 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 Members

#### Affiliate

##### East

Glenburnie United Church (Glenburnie ON)  
Helen Chisholm (Kingston ON)  
Pearl Corcoran (Kingston ON)  
Judy Froud (Kingston ON)  
Mikayla Hagerty (Kingston ON)  
Lorna Hendry (Glenburnie ON)  
Heather Johnson (Kingston ON)  
Lynn McIlroy (Kingston ON)  
John E Morrison (Kingston ON)  
Janet Pentney (Glenburnie ON)  
Beth Seymour (Glenburnie ON)  
April Smith (Glenburnie ON)

##### West

Metropolitan United Church (London ON)  
Jane Macdonald (Dorchester ON)  
St. Marys Presbyterian Church (St. Marys ON)  
Chris Mainprize (St Marys ON)

### Reinstated Members

#### Individual

##### Central East

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (Scarborough ON)  
heather nicholson (Ajax ON)

#### Affiliate

##### East

Glenburnie United Church (Glenburnie ON)  
Betty Sangster (Gananoque ON)

##### West

Metropolitan United Church (London ON)  
Ruth Baker (London ON)  
Bill Burdick (London ON)  
Lauren Burdick (London ON)  
Rob Cairns (London ON)  
Catherine Gray (London ON)  
Laurel Hoover (London ON)  
Sydney Jones (London ON)  
Kennedy Kimber-Johnson (London ON)  
Kathy Milligan (London ON)  
Debbie Obokata (London ON)  
Barb Sadler (London ON)  
Clara Tuckey (London ON)

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

Willy Drost (St Marys ON)  
Wilma Duizer (St Marys ON)  
Judy Hamilton (St Marys ON)  
Orrie Hartwick (St Marys ON)  
Judy Newman (St Marys ON)  
Jan Soutter (St Marys ON)  
Ora Walz (St Marys ON)

## A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL...

The OGEHR AGM and Gala Dinner held at the end of May was a very successful event. Fifty-nine ringers from Orangeville to Belleville to Mississauga came together to celebrate over thirty years of ringing!



Five choirs shared performances throughout the afternoon and evening, from beginner to bronze level, including Trinity St. Andrews, who played "A Joyful Ring" on their bells borrowed from the OGEHR Loan Program. Other participating choirs included The Bells of Bowmanville, The Bells of Westminster, Orangeville, and from Mississauga--Eden Bells aPeel, and a duet played by Debi Sproule and Barbara Neal. It was pretty special to watch The Bells of Westminster parade down the 'yellow brick road' in full costume before ringing The Wizard of Oz!



*The Bells of Westminster*

The business of OGEHR was taken care of at the Annual General Meeting, and it was followed by an ice breaker of handbell humour, and a chance to meet new people and visit with old friends. The three-course dinner was interspersed with anecdotes and OGEHR history shared by Marjorie Slinn, Joan Plume and J.-C. Coolen. Marjorie chatted about the founding years of the Guild and shared some memories of international festivals, Joan talked about the undertaking the IHS in Toronto and travelling over the world with her choirs, and J.-C. talked about OGEHR's Mission and Vision. Marg Merklely shared information about the upcoming festival "United We Ring" in Hamilton, May 2017, and we met the new Malmark rep, Barbara Cooper. The evening wrapped up with thank-yous, and lots of positive feedback.



*Incoming Board members (l-r) Linda Wilson, Cheryl McFarlane, J.-C. Coolen, Shirley Jemmett, Janis Cowie, Barbara Neal*

# OGEHR Board of Directors

Data as of May 14, 2016

## Directors (Year of Term Expiry\*)

*Officer Position(s)*

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

Committee Chairships; Guild Representatives to external committees

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# OGEHR Board-appointed Positions

Data as of May 26, 2016

## Name

Position (Year of Term Expiry\*, where applicable)

\*Terms expire at the adjournment of the Annual Meeting, except as otherwise noted

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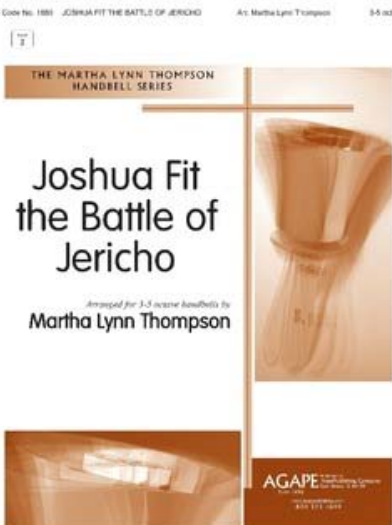
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## MUSIC REVIEW



Jubilate Junior youth ringers enthusiastically jumped at the opportunity offered by the Guild's Music Lending Librarian Debi Sproule, to provide a review on a piece of music found in OGEHR's collection. We chose a super fun piece that interestingly, as well as coincidentally, resembles and captures the spirit and energy of our ringing! If you ever directed a youth handbell choir, you may know ringing "until the walls come tumbling down" would be considered as an extremely cool rehearsal!

Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho, is an enjoyable piece. Its big in sound with chunky chords and accidentals, is irresistible in rhythms, has options for ringing it straight or swung, and it includes a variety of techniques: mal-lets, marts, mart lifts, shakes, ring touch, making it an exciting experience and entertaining to play! It is Jubilate Junior approved, comes highly recommended and scores high on the fun factor!

Publisher: Hope Publishing Co. 1996  
Composer: Traditional  
Arranger: Martha Lynn Thompson  
Octaves: 3 octaves (23 bells)  
4 octaves (30 bells), 5 octaves (36 bells).  
Rating: Level 2 Easy-Medium

*Jubilate Junior Youth Handbell Choir rings happily in residence at Trinity United Church in Cobourg, in the Central-East Area, where their brilliance and skill continues to ever bedazzle and cleverly outwit their director, Cheryl McFarlane.*



## OGEHR Clinician Listing

OGEHR is currently compiling a list of members indicating they are available to serve as clinicians and workshop presenters at handbell or handchime events.

The Guild, by developing this database, will assist those fellow members and member handbell choirs with locating potential clinicians for a plethora of workshop topics and with various skill development instruction. Please complete the following form and submit your information as outlined. Any questions please contact Cheryl McFarlane at 905.269.1203.



### Ontario Guild of English Handbell Ringers Guild Workshop Clinician Form

*\*You must be a current OGEHR member in good standing to be added to the Guild's Clinician List.*

Name:

Community of Residence:

Guild Area:

Telephone number you wish to be contacted at:

Email address:

Website if applicable:

Inform us about your areas of interests, skill sets and experiences as it applies to serving as a handbell/handchime clinician:

Please return completed form to Cheryl McFarlane @ [oliver.mcfarlanec@gmail.com](mailto:oliver.mcfarlanec@gmail.com)  
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