



THREERIVERS RINGERS

The mission of the Three Rivers Ringers (TRR) is to advance the art of handbells and to educate the tri-state area (Western Pennsylvania, Northern West Virginia, and Eastern Ohio) through performance at the highest artistic level and through educational programming for handbell musicians. We are available to give concerts throughout the tri-state area and offer educational programs for ringers and directors.

As an advanced handbell ensemble, Three Rivers Ringers take on a technically and musically difficult repertoire that challenges the abilities of our members. Each TRR musician also plays with (and/or directs) at least one other handbell ensemble. As a result, the overall handbell community grows and improves. TRR concerts also feature music specifically written for the ensemble, thus contributing to the canon of handbell music.

Each Three Rivers Ringers performance serves to enlighten our audiences. The audience is introduced to musical aspects of interest or special techniques that the ringers

will utilize for each selection in the program. Following every concert, TRR invites the audience to the stage for an interactive session with the ringers, instruments, and equipment. The public can meet the ensemble and literally get their hands on the bells and chimes and experience what it is like to be a handbell musician.

As most handbell ensembles exist as a component of church sponsored music programs, most handbell music is of a sacred nature. As an independent organization, TRR performances give audiences a rare opportunity to experience a secular handbell repertoire.



"We brought this group together so that ringers and enthusiasts could experience this instrument to its fullest musical potential." NANCY LUTZ, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

2011 WINTER CONCERTS

4pm Sunday December 4th
FIRST U.P. CHURCH OF CRAFTON HEIGHTS
50 STRATMORE AVE, PITTSBURGH PA 15205

8pm Friday December 9th
BOWER HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH
70 MOFFETT ST, PITTSBURGH PA 15243

8pm Saturday December 10th
ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
501 EAST MAIN ST, EVANS CITY PA 16033

4pm Sunday December 18th
ST. STEPHENS CHURCH
405 FREDERICK AVE, SEWICKLEY PA 15143

14 ringers

The Three Rivers Ringers is composed of 14 skilled and passionate musicians with over 300 years (!) of combined handbell ringing experience. Our members come from all over Western Pennsylvania and give generously of their time and expertise. New members are selected each year through an audition process with guest adjudicators.

169 instruments

We play with 96 individual handbells, and 73 individual handchimes (or 169 individual instruments). Some ringers have to handle up to eight bells/chimes in a given piece, or up to three bells in each hand at the same time. Each bell can be played at least 19 different ways using different techniques, not even counting dynamics!

500+ fans (and growing)

Since its debut in December 2010, over 500 people have experienced Three Rivers Ringers in concert. We have received countless acts of in-kind support and donations. These contributions are our sole source of funding, and as a public charity under Section 501(c)3, all donations to Three Rivers Ringers are tax-deductible.

