2021-2023 Audition Information Form

Due by Sunday, August 1, 2021

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Preferred Phone (please indicate home, work, cell) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I am a director \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ringer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Church\_\_\_\_\_\_Community\_\_\_\_\_\_School\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I have been directing Ringing (indicate # of years)

Summarize your music and handbell background including other instruments played & musical training:

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Are you a solo ringer? Yes No Do you play in a small ensemble? Yes No

If you play in a church ensemble, does the choir play concerts outside of the church service? Yes No

List the four most advanced pieces you have played in the last two years and, if known, the difficulty level of each piece.

**Rate your ability with the following techniques:**

(1) Very experienced (2) Experienced (3) Minimal experience (4) No experience

Four-in-hand \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Shelley \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Multiple Bells (weaving, non-keyboard order assignments) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Bass Bells (C2-B3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
What is your regular assignment as a ringer? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

For this audition, you will be asked to prepare and play multiple positions. Please choose **three** of the four categories below, listing in order of preference (1st, 2nd, 3rd). We will honor specific requests as much as possible but may not be able to honor every request in order to put together a complete ensemble for the audition.

High Treble (C6-C8, Shelly/Four-in-Hand) Preference\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

High Battery (C5-B5) Preference\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Low Battery (C4-B4) Preference\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Bass (C2-B3)\* Preference\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*Bass bells from C3-B3 will be split into two positions (CDFB**/**EGA)

**Audition Details**

**Location:** Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church, 3319 West Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15216

**Date:** Saturday, August 28, 2021 at 10:00 AM

**Ringing term: Auditionees selected at this full ensemble audition will be asked to commit to a minimum of a 2 year ringing term, covering the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 concert seasons (see below for tentative hold dates for the 2021-2022 season).  All members of TRR are required to audition every 2 years. The next full ensemble audition will be in 2023.**

**Ringer Expectations: All ringers are required to be at all TRR performances & events.  TRR rehearsals are Sunday evenings, 6-9pm at Mt. Lebanon UMC. Ringers are expected to be at all rehearsals, and any rehearsal absences must be approved by the Artistic Director.**

**The audition will consist of:**

* **Technical exercises** intended to gauge rhythmic accuracy and technical proficiency
* **An informational interview** with the directors of the ensemble
* **Prepared group piece:** You will be asked to prepare **2 separate positions** for *"Thundersnow" by Elizabeth Peters; From the Top Music, Cat #MFM20642*, available here:  <https://www.handbellworld.com/music/MusicPiece.cfm?Piece=18464>.
* **Sight-reading in a group setting;** during the audition, you may be asked to sight-read at several different positions

**Other Details:**

* All equipment will be provided (7 octaves Schulmerich handbells, 6 octaves Malmark/Schulmerich handchimes, mallets, etc)
* **Auditionees must provide gloves, music (for the prepared piece), music folder, and pencil**
* **All auditionees are expected to have Thundersnow prepared at performance level**
* Audition forms are due by **Sunday, August 1, 2021** and can be returned via email: artisticdirector@threeriversringers.org or via US mail: Three Rivers Ringers, P.O. Box 79180, Pittsburgh, PA 15216.
* **Questions?** Contact Linda Boice at artisticdirector@threeriversringers.org

**2021-2022 Concert Holds**

**All dates are subject to change, though typically not all concert holds are used during a series.**

**Reserve the entire day. Afternoon concerts may involve a morning set up.**

**All ringers are required to be at all TRR performances & events.**

**When specific hold dates are no longer needed, their release will be communicated to you.**

**Winter 2021 Series**Friday, December 3

Saturday, December 4

Sunday, December 5

Friday, December 10

Saturday, December 11

Sunday, December 12

Friday, December 17

Saturday, December 18

Sunday, December 19

**Spring 2022 Series**

Friday, April 29

Saturday, April 30

Sunday, May 1

 (Friday, May 6 – NO HOLD - Mt. Lebanon UMC concert)

Saturday, May 7

(Sunday, May 8 – NO HOLD – Mother’s Day)

Friday, May 13

Saturday, May 14

Sunday, May 15

Friday, May 20

Saturday, May 21

Sunday, May 22