

INTENSE RINGING with Debra Carr

**Rehearsals: Friday, March 23, 2012, 7 to 10 p.m. and
Saturday, March 24, 9 to 10:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. Concert at 6:30 pm.
Valley Church, 10885 No. Stelling Rd, Cupertino, CA 95014**

Dear "Need to be Challenged" Ringer:

This is our 6th year of the Intense Ring. This special event was featured in last years May-June, 2010 issue of *Overtones*. We continue with another fabulous conductor, Debra Carr. As co-founder of the Columbia Handbell Ensemble, a superb community group, Debra is quite capable of drawing the best out of an advanced ensemble. She is meticulous in rehearsal with high standards for performance.

We are again maintaining the fee of \$25 plus music costs. Four and one-half hours of **intense ringing**, something that handbell addicted ringers will adore.

We will be playing fun, challenging pieces! Assignments will be made as much in advance as possible. Some may wish to look over the music in advance, while others may wish to wait until the first rehearsal. You can order the music yourself; cull from your personal library or order from me directly which might involve an extra postage fee.

Canticle of Praise is an Arnold Sherman jewel. This L4 piece utilizes two hymn tunes, Hosanna, Loud Hosanna and I Sing the Almighty Power of God. They are woven together with mixed meters and a variety of handbell techniques. The bass is kept busy with melody and counter rhythms.

Carillon is a transcription of an organ piece of Louis Vierne by Fred Gramann, an organist himself at the American Church in Paris. Although rated as a L4+, the allegro tempo, constant movements in 8th notes in either the bass or treble, plus the heavy use of accidentals makes this piece a real challenge.

Expect to work hard, fast and intensely! By the time you have completed the rehearsals and performed it at the Spring Ring concert on Saturday evening you will be exhilarated.

The fun part of such an event is the opportunity to ring and socialize with other bell fanatics! If you need to spend the night in the area, some of the locals will even have an extra bed available. Let us know. Of course, there are lots of motels available, as well as fine eating establishments. Make it a weekend!

We prefer fourteen ringers for this advanced stuff. If enough ringers subscribe we will consider a second or third row! Your registration date, ringing experience, and ringing assignment will determine in which row you will play.

There are no classes. Just ringing! Fill out the form, wait for confirmation, and enjoy. I'm ready. Ringers may participate in the Spring Ring for an extra fee.

Best wishes,
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