

Dear Directors,

The 37th Annual Hudson Valley Handbell Festival/Conference will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2012 in Bowman Gymnasium at Nyack College, Nyack, NY.

This year's conductor is David Harris, music director of the Raleigh Ringers, an internationally recognized touring handbell ensemble based in Raleigh, NC. Under his leadership, the Raleigh Ringers have performed in Paris, France; on the "Hour of Power" program; as a showcase choir for the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers (AGEHR) National Seminar; and with the North Carolina Symphony during their Holiday Pops Concerts. The Raleigh Ringers have released five popular CDs, as well as a full length concert video, "One Winter Evening at Meymandi." David has led handbell festivals and workshops in 24 states as well as Puerto Rico, Canada and the Caribbean.

Attached is a registration form. (Additional forms are available at: www.hudsonvalleyhandbells.org). Registrations must be postmarked after February 15, 2012 and no later than March 15, 2012. Checks should be made payable to **Hudson Valley Handbell Festival**. Please make a copy of your completed form for your records and send the original to:

Joyce Aitken
100 Rock Road, Apt. 93
Hawthorne, NJ 07506

A list of the music selections for this year's festival is included on the registration form. We have limited space on the program for solo choirs. Preference for solo selection will be given to choirs that have not performed at previous festivals.

Our overall budget is based on registration fees and proceeds from the sale of CD's, T-shirts and other memorabilia. Please encourage your ringers to place an order. CD order forms will be available at the festival.

If you have any questions please contact me by email or phone. I look forward to your participation in a wonderful day of handbell ringing with David Harris.

Very truly yours,

Yvonne Roux, Chair

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