

Conductors

Barbara Meinke



Barbara Meinke, a life-long California girl, holds a BA in Music from Cal State Fullerton and is celebrating 25 years directing handbell and choral music at Hope Lutheran Church in Temecula, CA. Having rung with Timbré Ensemble and Sonos Handbell Ensemble, she now rings regularly in Distinctly Bronze and is accredited to teach Handbell Ringing Techniques for the Guild's Certification Program. A conductor and teacher in her heart and soul, Barbara has taught classes and inspired massed ringers at past National Seminars and events all over the United States and in Germany, including serving as the advanced handbell conductor for PAM's Conference on Music and Worship in Montreat, NC in 2016. In her spare time, she is in demand as a substitute teacher and enjoys cooking and entertaining, crafting, and traveling. Barbara brings enthusiasm, energy and superb musicianship to the classroom and podium.

Ellie Hodder



Ellie holds a Bachelor of Music Degree from Crane School of Music, an advanced teaching certificate from New York State and Master of Fine Arts Degree with a concentration in composition from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. She served as Director of Handbells at First Unitarian Church, Portland for 15 years and is currently serving as Director of Music Ministries at Murry Hills Christian Church. Ellie is founder of the Pacific NW Handbell Directors' Forum and the Pacific NW Youth Handbell Festival. In 2009, Ellie founded the community handbell ensemble, Pacific Ringers. She currently serves on the Area 10 board.