

Snake River Handbell Conference

February 4-5, 2022

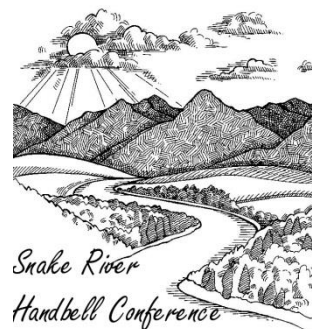
Central Gym

1415 6th Street South

(NW corner of 15th Ave South & 6th St South)

Nampa, Idaho

Clinician: Matthew Compton



Come and join many other handbell musicians ringing six great pieces under the direction of Matthew Compton. The pieces are level 2-3 incorporating various music styles, techniques, and seasons. The weekend begins with set-up Friday, February 4 in the late afternoon with the opening rehearsal at 6:30 pm. It continues Saturday beginning at 9:00 am and concludes with a concert for the community at 6:30 pm.

Cost is \$55 per person postmarked on or before December 10, 2021 and \$65 after December 10. This includes all conference activities plus snacks on Saturday. A \$10 discount is offered for 2 or more from the same immediate family. The first family member pays full price; each additional person from the family is \$10 less.



Matthew Compton is Bells of the Cascades' music director. He is also the director of music ministries at Salmon Creek Church in Vancouver, Washington where he directs the handbell ensemble, choir, and praise team. A Colorado Springs native, he has been composing, arranging, and conducting music for handbells since 2007 when he was in the eighth grade. He had his first composition published at the age of 15, making him one of the youngest ever published handbell composers. Matthew has numerous compositions and arrangements in print or in the publishing process.

An avid performer, player and student of handbell music, Matthew is known for his high-energy originals and arrangements and beautiful harmonies. His music has been performed across the world by many elite groups, including The Agape Ringers, the Alleluia Ringers of Concordia University Wisconsin, Pikes Peak Youth Ringers, and Hong Kong Youth Handbell Ensemble.

In addition, Matthew's music has been selected for the repertoire for regional and national handbell festivals, including Distinctly Bronze East and West, and the International Handbell Symposium.

Matthew graduated in 2016 from Concordia University Wisconsin with a degree in music and a focus on composition and conducting. During his time at Concordia, he rang with the Alleluia Ringers, a touring handbell choir; started a student handbell choir to perform at an annual campus event; and was the handbell director at a local church.

- **Lunch on Saturday** – There are many fast food restaurants within a couple of miles of the school. There will be enough time in the schedule for you to grab a bite or bring your own lunch.
- **Driving Directions to Central Gym** – Take I-84 exit 38 and head south toward Nampa on Garrity Boulevard. Turn left at the stop light at 16th Avenue. Go over the railroad tracks (high bridge going over them) and turn right on 6th Street South. In one block the gym will be on your right.

- **Membership in Handbell Musicians of America (HMA)** – You will need to be a member in some manner. Either your organization/church belongs or you have your own membership. To join, go to www.handbellmusicians.org and click the “Join HMA” on the black bar, top right. One membership is good for all ringers from that organization.
- **Concert Dress** – For the concert, please wear whatever you typically wear when you perform.
- **Placement on the Ringing Floor** - This will be determined by the postmark of your registration. First come first served whenever possible. It is most important that your exact length of space needed is properly noted.
- **Showcase Concerts** – There are two opportunities for your choir or ensemble to perform – after lunch on Saturday for all the ringers or during the evening concert. Please fill out the section on page 2 of the registration form.
- **Do we have to ring all the pieces?** No. If you find a piece or two more challenging than you want to tackle, you are welcome to sit and listen to the rehearsal. However, remember that a massed setting is a good place to challenge yourselves. Others are playing the same notes so if you miss some of yours, no problem.
- **Do we need to purchase and rehearse the music before coming?** Yes! The purpose is to work together polishing the pieces as one large ensemble. Learn the notes beforehand then make gorgeous music at the conference.

Make plans now to attend the 7th Annual Snake River Handbell Conference!!!

For More Information Please Contact:

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

Friday, February 4

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| 4:00 pm | Gym open for marking floor | 12:00 noon | Lunch |
| 4:45 pm | Registration and set-up begins | 1:15 pm | Showcase concert |
| | Dinner on your own | 1:45 pm | Rehearsal with Break |
| 6:30 pm | Opening bell and rehearsal | 4:30ish | Dinner on your own; evening |
| 8:30 pm | Time to sleep | | showcase concert rehearsals |

Saturday, February 5

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| 8:00 am | Gym opens for afternoon showcase concert rehearsals | 6:15 pm | In place for concert |
| | | 6:30 pm | Concert |
| 9:00 am | Rehearsal with Break | 7:30 pm | Pack up |