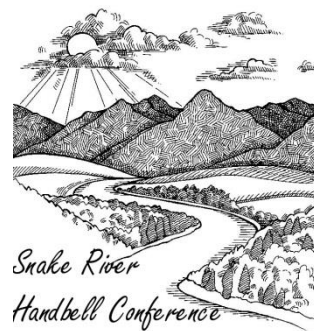


**8<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Snake River Handbell Conference  
February 10-11, 2023  
Central Gym  
1415 6<sup>th</sup> Street South  
(NW corner of 15<sup>th</sup> Ave South & 6<sup>th</sup> St South)  
Nampa, Idaho**



**Clinician: Sandra Eithun**

Come and join many other handbell musicians ringing six great pieces under the direction of Sandra Eithun. The pieces are level 2-3 incorporating various music styles, techniques, and seasons. The weekend begins with set-up Friday, February 10 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, 2022 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.



SANDRA EITHUN, M.M.Ed—is a graduate of Silver Lake College in Manitowoc, WI, with an emphasis in the Kodály teaching method, keyboard, and flute. She is currently on the faculty at Holy Family Conservatory of Music in Manitowoc, WI leading the handbell program there. She served as Director of Music Ministry, handbell director, children’s choir director, organist and choral accompanist at First Congregational United Church of Christ in New London, WI from 1992-2021. She directed the Silver Lake College Handbell Ensemble from 2009-2020, is an active member of the Handbell Musicians of America and has served on their Area VII Board of Directors. She has been commissioned to write music for many events and for numerous individual handbell ensembles. Most recently, she received the honor of being given the esteemed Donald E. Allured Original Composition Award for the 2020 Week of Handbells in Bay View, MI.

She has over 600 pieces for handbells in publication as well as several sacred keyboard books and teaching collections for the incorporation of handbells in the music classroom. In 2013, Sandra had the honor of working alongside Doc Severinsen and the Fox Valley Symphony to include handbells in his holiday show, Jingle Bell Doc at the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center in Appleton, WI. Sandra’s compositions have been recently featured on the PBS Christmas special Holiday Handbells as well as concerts by noted groups across the country including the Bells on Temple Square in Salt Lake City. She continues to work as a handbell clinician and conductor at numerous festivals and workshops throughout the United States. She has four grown children and currently resides in Appleton, WI.

- **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 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Go over the railroad tracks (high bridge going over them) and turn right on 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 perfect 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 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Snake River Handbell Conference!!!

### For More Information Please Contact:

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### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

#### Friday, February 10

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 11

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