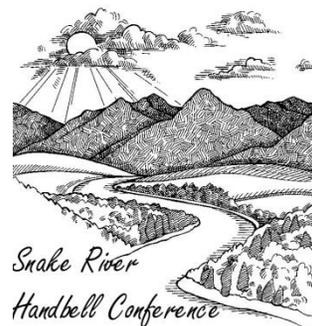


**9th Annual
Snake River Handbell Conference
February 9-10, 2024
Central Gym
1415 6th Street South
(NW corner of 15th Ave South & 6th St South)
Nampa, Idaho**



Clinician: Michael Joy

Come and join many other handbell musicians ringing six great pieces under the direction of Michael Joy. 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 15, 2023 and \$65 after December 15. 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.



Born and raised in Canton, OH, Michael Joy has lived in Philadelphia, PA since 1974. He received a Bachelor of Music Degree in Theory and Composition from Baldwin-Wallace University in Berea, OH. He studied handbells with Donald Allured and handbell composition with Arnold Sherman. For the last 48 years Michael has been the Music Director at First Presbyterian Church in Ambler, PA where he started the handbell program in 1978. In 2019 Michael retired from The Shipley School in Bryn Mawr, PA where he taught for 21 years and developed the handbell program there.

Michael is the Executive Editor for the GIA *Foundations Series*, designed specifically for developing handbell ensembles in schools. He is the co-author (with Sandra Eithun) of *Pathways to Musical Ringing*, a reproducible series from Choristers Guild. Michael is a published composer and has taught at Handbell Musicians of America Area festivals and National Seminars, PMEA district and state conferences, and the 2008 and 2022 International Handbell Symposia. He was the inaugural director of the first College Ring-In from 2016-2018. In June of 2019, Michael was the inaugural conductor for Reaching for Bronze, a handbell event for ringers who aspire to become advanced level ringers. He received the Donald E. Allured Original Composition Award for 2011. Jeffers Publishing Company named Michael Composer of the Year in 2004 for his composition *Dorian Dance*.

- **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” gold button on the 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 9th Annual Snake River Handbell Conference!!!

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

Friday, February 9

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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 showcase concert rehearsals |
| 8:30 pm | Time to sleep | | |

Saturday, February 10

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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 |