# 12th Annual
# Snake River Handbell Conference
## January 29-30, 2027
## Central Gym
## 1415 6th Street South
**(NW corner of 15th Ave South & 6th St South)**
## Nampa, Idaho

## Clinician: Stevie Berryman

Come and join many other handbell musicians ringing six great pieces under the direction of Stevie Berryman. The pieces are level 2-3 incorporating various music styles, techniques, and seasons. The weekend begins with set-up Friday, January 29 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 $60 per person postmarked on or before December 11, 2025 and $70 after December 11. This includes all conference activities plus light 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.



**Stevie Berryman** can't whistle. But she makes fantastic pesto, and she can fold a fitted sheet. Likewise, her skills as music director and teacher have also been acquired through long hours of arduous and dedicated practice. For much of her career Stevie has directed seven or more ensembles each week, meaning she has 127 years of experience (in dog years).

Her effusive energy and wild creativity found a perfect setting in 2013 when she became the Artistic Director of the Houston Chamber Ringers, which has let her smash together her love for music, laughter, and tacos in a truly remarkable way. She has a particular passion for teaching beginners how to ring, and her innovative, play-based methods have made her a sought-after educator and clinician at area, national, and international handbell festivals.

Stevie serves as the handbell director at First Congregational Church Houston, and co-leads Rocket Bells in League City, TX. She loves helping other choirs as a private clinician or planning epic concerts for them as a creative consultant. She and her husband Paul are co-owners of Truly Horrible Things, a snarky card game company, even though her mother always told her that no one would ever pay her to be sarcastic.

- **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 covers 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. Getting everything to fit is also a consideration. 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 12th Annual Snake River Handbell Conference!!!

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This event is sponsored by Handbell Musicians of America, dedicated to uniting people through the musical art of handbell and handchime ringing. www.handbellmusicians.org.

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:**

**Friday, January 29**

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| 4:00 pm | Gym open for marking floor. No equipment in gym until marking is complete |
| 4:45 pm | Registration and set-up begins |
| Dinner on your own | |
| 6:30 pm | Opening bell and rehearsal |
| 8:30 pm | Time to sleep |

**Saturday, January 30**

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| 8:00 am | Gym opens for afternoon showcase concert rehearsals |
| 9:00 am | Rehearsal with Break |
| 12:00 noon | Lunch |
| 1:15 pm | Showcase concert |
| 1:45 pm | Rehearsal with Break |
| 4:30ish | Dinner on your own; evening showcase concert rehearsals |
| 6:15 pm | In place for concert |
| 6:30 pm | Concert |
| 7:30 pm | Pack up |