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Mark your calendar for  
***Jingle Bell Jazz & More!***

Friday, December 10 at 7:00 pm  
Saturday, December 11 at 7:00 pm

Special one-hour matinée performance  
Saturday, December 11 at 1:00 pm

Middleton Performing Arts Center  
2100 Bristol St.  
Middleton, WI  
(see map below)

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# Jingle Bell Jazz & More!

## How to Get Concert Tickets

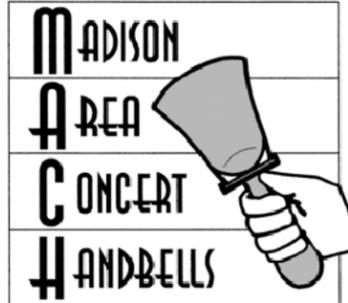
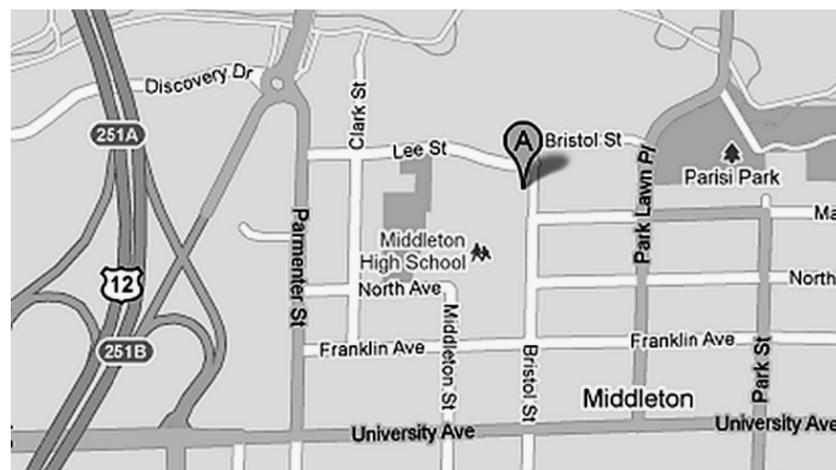
Tickets for our Christmas concert, *Jingle Bell Jazz & More!*, are available in advance at Borders East and West, Orange Tree Imports, and online at [www.madisonhandbells.org](http://www.madisonhandbells.org).

Tickets will also be available at the door. Advance ticket prices are \$12 for adults and \$9 for seniors and students. Tickets at the door are \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors and students.

*Tickets for the 1:00 matinée concert are only available at the door.* Prices are \$8 for adults and \$4 for students.

## Middleton Performing Arts Center

2100 Bristol St., Middleton, WI ("A" on map)



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## Madison Area Concert Handbells

# Messenger

Fall 2010

### *Jingle Bell Jazz & More!* at the Middleton PAC...you're invited!

Dear Friends,

I hope the headline caught your attention! We're moving to a new location for our Christmas concerts this year—the Middleton Performing Arts Center, 2100 Bristol Street, Middleton. Very easy to find, it's only a short distance from Asbury Methodist where our concerts have been in previous years (please see the map on page 4 for directions). The group has performed in this fine facility before as part of our school outreach program, and is excited about returning for our Christmas concerts this year. The beautiful atmosphere of the PAC, its fine acoustics, and the pizzazz of the MACH ensemble with special guests is destined to create special memories for you and your guests. We hope you will join us!

Part one of the concert opens with the ever popular *Ukrainian Bell Carol (Carol of the Bells)*, interwoven with another Christmas favorite, *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*—arranged by Wisconsin composer and arranger Dr. John Behnke. Other highlights from the first half include a contemporary Lorie Line arrangement of Handel's *For Unto Us*, the German carol *Ring, Little Bells*, my own setting of *The Holly and the Ivy*, a handbell quartet playing the beloved *Little Drummer Boy*, and an electric close to the first half with *On This Day Earth Shall Ring* by handbell arranger extraordinaire Cathy Moglebust.

After intermission, return to the popular sounds of Leroy Anderson's *Sleigh Ride* complete with sound effects, and *Jazzy Jingle Bells* for handbell quartet—four ringers playing quite a few bells! The excitement of the evening continues with our special guest Community Christmas Chorus including singers from the Chancel Choir of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Madison. The chorus and MACH ensemble combine for a touching contemporary setting of *Breath of Heaven* by Chris Eaton & Amy Grant, an exciting carol sing with the audience, and the *Hallelujah Chorus* with handbells! The MACH team wraps things up with a unique and exuberant setting of *We Three Kings* arranged by Joel Raney.

There is something for everyone, from the classical to the jazzy. We hope you will be there with family and friends to enjoy and celebrate the great music of the Christmas season—*We Wish You a Merry Christmas!*

Mark Bloedow  
Music Director

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Student / Senior \$12

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(available only at the door)

## MACH in the Community

### Workshop Participants “Polish” their Ringing Skills

On October 23, forty-four ringers and directors from Wisconsin and Illinois gathered at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church’s Central campus in Madison to join MACH for a handbell workshop. The morning was spent in classes, group activities and a “buffet” of stations offering demonstrations of techniques and answers to participants’ questions. MACH also performed a mini-concert of several pieces from our upcoming Christmas concerts. The workshop participants were very excited about all they learned that morning, and left ready to try some new things with their own handbell choirs!



### More Christmas Concerts

In addition to our annual ticketed Christmas concerts, MACH will also perform Christmas concerts on Friday, November 19, at Asbury United Methodist Church, for area retirement communities; Wednesday, December 8, 6:30pm, at UW Hospital; and give a special guest concert for the second year in a row at Sinsinawa Mound Retreat Center, Sinsinawa, Wisconsin.

### Listen to that Bell SING! – by Karen Paschke

“Miss Paschke, can we ask you a question, even if it doesn’t have anything to do with math?” This question was asked of me by two of my students. “Of course,” I replied. They looked at each other for a moment, and then one of them pulled out a piece of handbell music. They explained to me that they were in a church handbell choir and that there was a footnote in their music that they didn’t understand and neither did their director. It talked about using the “Singing Bell Technique”\* and they wanted to know if I had ever heard of it. “Yes, I do know how to do it.” So a few weeks ago I had the opportunity to go to their rehearsal and teach them the technique and had a wonderful time. I recently also had the pleasure of hearing them play the piece at Mass. The moral of the story: always make sure that your math teacher is also a handbell ringer.

\*Think about sliding your finger around the top of a glass and making it hum. The Singing Bell Technique is similar to this, except it uses a wooden dowel rather than a finger. Drinking glasses are meant for drinking and only hum. Bells are made for music and do truly sing.

### Are you an experienced ringer? Come ring with us!

Does playing challenging and enjoyable music with a fun-loving group whet your appetite? To arrange an audition, contact Music Director Mark Bloedow at musicdir@madisonhandbells.org.

**Experience the uniquely beautiful music of one of America’s finest handbell choirs!**

## MACH Welcomes New Ringers

### Sara Junio

I joined MACH as an opportunity to ring again after years of directing choirs. I began playing the bells in Waukesha just over 15 years ago. However, during most of my tenure associated with the bells, I have directed choirs at several churches. I live in Oconomowoc with my husband, Paul, of 22 years and our three boys, Adam (15), Ben (13) and Evan (9). I enjoy playing several other musical instruments, too, such as the piano, flute and am learning the mandolin. The best part about MACH is being challenged by a talented group of people.

### Erin MacMillan

I started playing music at the age of 5 with organ lessons. Organ led to trumpet, guitar, piano, and chimes during my grade school and high school years. I took a hiatus from music while in college but started up again a few years after graduating. I started ringing handbells in 2005 at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Fort Atkinson and became their handbell director in 2006. We had a wonderful group of ringers and I was sad to leave them when my husband and I moved to Waunakee this past summer. While I am sad to leave my directing days behind for a while, I am excited to be ringing again with MACH! During the day I stay at home with my two lovely children, Joseph, age two, and Kjersen, who just turned a year in July. They keep me busy and I sure look forward to Monday night practices with MACH for some much needed adult conversation!

### Caitlin Ristow

I've been ringing ever since I was in seventh grade and saw handbells being played in church. I was instantly hooked and haven't stopped playing since. Before coming to MACH I played for the Tower Ringers of Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and several church choirs. I moved from Milwaukee this summer to take a position with Epic Systems in Verona and was fortunate enough to land an audition and a position with MACH. When not ringing for MACH, I fill in for Eastside Lutheran Church's choir.

## Your Support is Appreciated!

MACH has grown throughout the years by offering seasonal concerts, educational workshops, and festivals in the community, region, and state. Although our ringers volunteer hundreds of hours of rehearsal and performance time, there are many costs associated with producing concerts and events. Some of these include music, rehearsal and performance space, concert advertising, postage and printing, compensation for guest artists, technical assistance, and artistic and administrative staff expenses.

Whether you are a long-time supporter or new friend, we invite you to consider helping us continue to make a positive impact on the artistic and cultural life in our community by making a financial contribution. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, your contribution to MACH is fully tax-deductible as your individual tax situation allows. Please mail your gift to: Madison Area Concert Handbells  
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