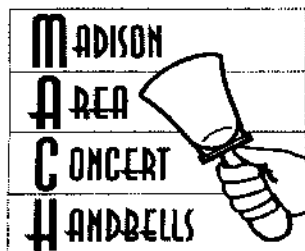


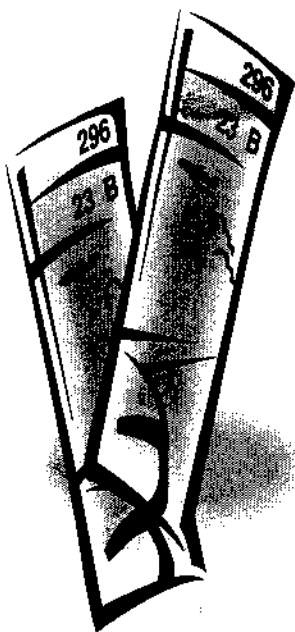
Madison Area Concert Handbells

Messenger

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EXCURSIONS!

Do you wish you could travel around the world without having to do all that packing and unpacking at different sites? We can take you on a musical journey around the world that enables you to visit distant lands through their characteristic tunes and rhythms: the Caribbean islands, Ireland, England, Africa, Russia, and Japan, to mention only a few.

Excursions! is the theme for our Spring Concerts, to be presented in Madison:

Friday, May 21st at UW's Mills Concert Hall in the Humanities Building, corner of Park Street and University Avenue

Saturday, May 22nd at Asbury Methodist Church, 6101 University Avenue

Both performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Optional dinners precede each concert. Please see p. 2 & 3 for more information about the dinners and/or visit our website: www.madisonhandbells.org

The concert opens with *Excursion for Bells*, and continues with America's always popular *Chattanooga Choo-Choo* to get us in the mood for travel. Then we leave terra firma while bells and percussion play the Caribbean tune *Halle, Halle, Halle* before crossing the ocean for a nostalgic visit in *When I Get to Ireland*. A *Reel Jig* will set your toes a-tapping, the Scottish *Annie Laurie* will romance your soul, and our new seventh octave of bass chimes will enhance Westminster's tower bells in *London Bells*. *Rondeau "Le Coucou"* represents our stop in France, Beethoven's *Für Elise* brings memories of Germany, and Strauss's wonderful *Tritsch-Tratsch Polka* will add to your delight of Austrian music.

The South African song *Siyahamba* opens the second half of our program before we return to the northern hemisphere for a rollicking arrangement of Italy's folk tunes in *FUN-iculi, FUN-icula*. Tchaikowsky's brilliant *Sleeping Beauty Waltz* represents our stop in Russia, a chime-enhanced *Sakura* (Cherry Blossoms) puts us in Japan, and then we're back to familiar folk tunes in *Americana*, a lively pastiche of color and nostalgia. The concert closes with John Philip Sousa's *Stars and Stripes Forever*, with all its bells and whistles. This concert is a wonderful value for your wanderlust spirits.

Buy your tickets ahead of time (Borders Book Stores) or at the door. Tickets — Adults: \$10, Youth through age 16: \$5. This is one travel opportunity you won't want to miss!

Experience the **UNIQUELY BEAUTIFUL MUSIC** of one of the nation's finest bell choirs!

Excursions! is generously underwritten by the Norman Bassett Foundation with additional support from the Wisconsin Arts Board and individual contributors such as you.

DINNER AND RESERVED CONCERT SEATING INFORMATION

Indulge yourself before joining MACH's musical trip around the world by taking part in one of the pre-concert dinners held in restaurants near the performance sites! These dinners, arranged for our patrons only, will begin at 5:30 p.m. In case you wish to linger over dessert, front & center reserved concert seats will be held right up to concert time (7:30 p.m.) for all attending the dinners.

Friday, May 21, 2004. The University Club, an elegant club and dining spot since 1907, is located at 805 State Street on the UW Library Mall, just a short walk from Mills Concert Hall. For a combined dinner and reserved concert seat ticket, the adult cost is \$40 or, for youth through age 16, \$35. Tax and tip are included. Gordon and Helen Baldwin will be your hosts. (Gordon is on MACH's Board of Directors.) Socializing with cash bar begins at 5:30. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. The University Club offers a choice of two entrees:

1. Sesame Grilled Mahi Mahi with fruit salsa, coconut rice and grilled asparagus
2. New York Strip Steak with caramelized onions and horseradish butter, potato au gratin and asparagus

Accompanying the dinner are salad, bread, Chocolate Mousse Parfait for dessert, coffee or tea.

Saturday, May 22, 2004. Imperial Garden, a popular Chinese restaurant in the Madison area, is located at 2039 Allen Boulevard (corner of University Avenue and Allen Boulevard), across from Asbury Church. For a combined dinner and reserved concert seat ticket, the adult cost is \$34 or, for youth through age 16, \$29. Tax and tip are included. Nancy and Stan Johnson will be your hosts. (Nancy is on MACH's Board of Directors.)

Imperial Garden will serve a sumptuous banquet that begins with an assorted appetizer platter of BBQ pork, egg rolls, grilled pot-stickers, crispy shrimp, and calamari tempura. Five entrees will follow: Mongolian Beef, Garlic Pork with Fresh Green Beans, Governor's Spiced Chicken, Shrimp with Pea Pods, and Sauteed Chicken with Spring Vegetables.

Accompanying the dinner are rice, almond and fortune cookies for dessert, tea, and coffee.

Please send your dinner and concert seat reservations with a check to the president of our ringers:

Rachel Bain
5215 Big Bow Court
Fitchburg, WI 53711

Reservations must be received by **May 14th**. Your tickets will be sent to you. Make checks payable to MACH. If you have questions, feel free to contact Rachel at 288-8248 or MACH's Executive Director, Kristi Menninga, at 845-2476.

Reservation forms on facing page.



University Club Dinner and Reserved Concert Seat(s) in Mills Hall

_____ will attend the dinner at
the University Club on Friday, May 21, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Choice of entree: _____ Mahi Mahi _____ New York Strip Steak

Enclosed is a check for _____ adults at \$40 each.

My check includes _____ youth reservations at \$35 each.

Please provide a vegetarian option for _____ person(s)

Special dietary restrictions: _____

Imperial Garden Dinner and Reserved Concert Seat(s) in Asbury Church

_____ will attend the dinner at the Imperial Garden on
Saturday, May 22, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Enclosed is a check for _____ adults at \$34 each.

My check includes _____ youth reservations at \$29 each.

Please provide a vegetarian option for _____ person(s)

Special dietary restrictions: _____



MACH's New Ringer

Kathryn Meyer began playing handbells in 1995, when she was in seventh grade. She continued ringing with Concordia University's Alleluia Ringers while in college. Katie currently attends the University of Wisconsin, where she is a pharmacy student. In her free time, she enjoys reading, crocheting, and is currently learning to quilt.

Join MACH in welcoming Katie at our upcoming concerts!

Future Concert Dates:

MACH's *Bells of Christmas* Concerts for 2004 are scheduled for Saturday, December 11 (7:30 p.m.) and Sunday, December 12 (3:00 p.m.).

See Below for concert locations.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

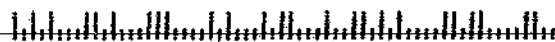


HOW TO CONTACT US

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- ☎ Call our Director, Dr. Susan Udell, at
271-3514

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More MACH Engagements

Ⓐ On April 7, 2004 MACH is one of the opening acts prior to **Duck Soup Cinema**--a program for families in The Oscar Mayer Theater of the Civic Center. We are planning to perform *Siyahamba*--an African drumming song and *Alexander's Ragtime Band* to acquaint people with our May program, **EXCURSIONS!**

Ⓐ **Concerts for the Elderly:** This Spring we plan to give special performances at Oakwood East, Oakwood West, and Middleton Village as part of our community service commitment. These concerts will be supported in part by the Wisconsin Arts Board.

Ⓐ Sunday, Sept. 26 MACH will give a 45 minute program at the **Overture Center's opening** beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Ⓐ MACH has been invited once again to perform with the **Madison Symphony Orchestra** in their Holiday Spectacular concerts, December 3 (7:30 pm), December 4 (8:00 pm) and December 5 (2:30 pm), to be held in the new Overture Center. Dr. Susan Udell, MACH director, is in contact with composers and directors across the country in an attempt to find more music that has been scored for orchestra and handbells or orchestra, chorus and handbells. It's a relatively small playing field!

Ⓐ Locations for **Bells of Christmas** Concerts for 2004:

Saturday, December 11, 7:30 p.m. at First Congregational Church, 1609 University Avenue

Sunday, December 12, 3:00 p.m. at Asbury Methodist Church, 6101 University Avenue

