



a comprehensive  
ringing  
opportunity for  
youth ringers!

## YouthFest 2018: June 28-30

Young ringers grades 3 through 8 are invited to attend the Area 8 Festival in Omaha, Nebraska, to work with handbell expert Patrick Gagnon. He has taught children's music classes throughout his career, and his handbell knowledge and directing experience are amazing. He's fun, knows how to talk to youth, and has a great sense of humor. After YouthFest 2018, you will spend a lot of rehearsal time saying "Remember what Patrick said about ..." and hearing "Remember, Patrick told us to do it this way ..."



### Two Ringing Divisions

Division 1 ringers will receive Level 1 music at the conference and can ring on chimes or handbells. Division 2 ringers will purchase and rehearse the Level 2/3 music before they arrive.

### Ringer/Choir Participation

Bring the entire choir, or just a few ringers.

### Performance Opportunity

YouthFest participants present a concert on Saturday morning.

### Rehearsals

Each division is scheduled for at least six rehearsals with clinician Patrick Gagnon.

### Classes

Ringers will attend classes geared for young ringers. Topics include skill-building, community-building, and fun, plus maybe an art project or two.

### Activities

The conference hotel includes an indoor water park. YouthFest concludes around noon on Saturday, leaving the afternoon free for a trip to the world-famous Omaha Zoo (not included in the registration fee) or more time at the water park.

### Registration Information

- Registration Deadline: April 15, 2018.
- Price: \$85 for ringers, \$70 for chaperones.
- Handbell Musicians of America Membership Fee - \$95 per church, school, or organization (applied for non-members only).
- Registration includes 2.5 days of massed ringing, division ringing, classes, concerts, water park admission, t-shirt, gloves, and more! Two meals are also included. Hotel is not included.

*Bring it! Ring it!*

**June 27-30, 2018**

*exciting plans are  
in the works for you!*

YouthFest, scheduled for June 28-30, is one component of the Handbell Musicians of America Area 8 Festival

### Hotel RL-Omaha

**3321 S 72nd St**

**Omaha, Nebraska**

Our venue is in the midst of a complete renovation this year, even the sleeping rooms! It will be an almost brand new place when we arrive. Our venue has a water park! It too is being upgraded this year. YouthFest participants receive three-day passes to the water park as part of their YouthFest registration. (Hotel rates are \$115 + tax per night.)

### YouthFest Division II repertoire

*Serenity* - Jason Krug - L2  
Soundforth 20/1835SF

*I Will Arise and Go to Jesus*  
Cathy Moglebust - L2  
CGB747/748 (compatible versions for  
2-3 and 3-5 octaves)

*March of Praise*  
Valerie Stephenson - L1  
AGEHR - AG35184

*Festive Promenade*  
Kathleen Wissinger - L3  
Lorenz 20/1252L  
(Division 2 ringers Bell part)

### YouthFest Division I Repertoire

Division I ringers will receive Level I music at YouthFest, and music is included in the registration fee.



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For registration information and more details about the 2018 Area 8 Festival and YouthFest, please visit <http://areaviii.org>.