


The **PIKES PEAK RINGERS**

directed by Kevin McChesney

and **FORTÉ HANDBELL QUARTET** present



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A HANDBELL CONCERT

Saturday
February 4, 2023
6:00pm

Smoky Hill United
Methodist Church
Centennial, CO

Sunday
February 5, 2023
3:00pm

First Lutheran Church
Colorado Springs, CO

Admission is free — a free-will offering will be collected



PIKES PEAK RINGERS



The Pikes Peak Ringers

<i>Kevin McChesney, director</i>	<i>Lance Doran</i>	<i>Michelle Mason</i>
<i>Christina Chisum</i>	<i>Michelle Eads</i>	<i>Tracy McChesney</i>
<i>Laurie Cox</i>	<i>Mark Horst</i>	<i>Lisa Phillips</i>
<i>Kathe Cunningham</i>	<i>Joan Kuehn</i>	<i>Melanie Schmocker</i>
<i>Clarissa Daghita</i>	<i>Bonnie Linder</i>	<i>Cathy Wood</i>
<i>Ingrid Daniel</i>	<i>Neil Mahon</i>	<i>Yelena Yund</i>

Since 1991, the Pikes Peak Ringers have continually expanded the boundaries of traditional handbell music, bringing their extensive repertoire, innovative techniques and distinctive visual approach to numerous projects and venues around the country. Recognized worldwide as one of the premier handbell ensembles in North America, the Pikes Peak Ringers perform local and out-of-state concerts and have been featured at national handbell events and on promotional recordings. They also have seven studio CDs, an instructional DVD, and a live concert DVD. Today, as a non-profit organization, the Pikes Peak Ringers continue to provide an outlet for advanced ringers in the greater Colorado Springs community, to teach others about handbells through workshops and other venues, and to create vivid performances that showcase the instrument of English handbells with the highest-quality presentation and musicianship. For more information about the group, visit us on Facebook and our website (pikespeakringers.com).



KEVIN MCCHESNEY

Kevin graduated with highest honors from the University of Colorado at Boulder with a Bachelor of Music in Composition and Music Theory. A career composer and arranger of handbell music, Kevin has over 1,000 handbell titles in print and is one of the very few musicians who has made handbells a full-time vocation.

He has been Music Director of the Pikes Peak Ringers, a virtuosic handbell choir based in Colorado Springs, for 30 years, and was also the Artistic Advisor for the Atlanta Concert Ringers for many years. His work with PPR has included the premiere and thirteen further performances of his Concerto for Handbell Choir and Orchestra, and a recording with world-renowned cellist Yo-Yo Ma.

Kevin is the handbell editor for Jeffers Handbell Supply and the RingingWord catalog. He was also a co-founder of STEP, the Solo To Ensemble Project (sonologymusic.com). He has been in demand throughout the handbell world as a composer/arranger, workshop clinician, and festival conductor.

Kevin was Music Director of the National Honors Handbell Ensemble, an intensive performance opportunity for advanced teens, for their first five events. He has conducted at Carnegie Hall, Radio City Music Hall, Central Park, and Disney World, and his music has been played on the Boston Pops stage. He has won numerous awards, including winning American Guild of English Handbell Ringers Composition Contests and Jeffers Composer of the Year.

As a continuation of his career-long focus on mentoring handbell choirs, conductors, and composers/arrangers, Kevin now devotes considerable energy to bringing opportunities to other teachers, conductors, performers, and writers.

Stemming from a lifelong passion for the classical guitar, Kevin is the founder of ClassyGuitarMusic.com, a web resource for original works, arrangements, and transcriptions for classical guitar.

Kevin lives in Colorado Springs, CO, with his wife Tracy and their cats, Pearl and Aileen.

CONCERT PROGRAM

Gaudeamus

by Arnold B. Sherman

Change Ring Prelude on "Divinum Mysterium"

by Fred Gramann

All of Me

by Jon Schmidt
presented by Forté

Momentary

by Matthew Compton
Keith Redpath, violin & Jenny Yopp, cello

Go the Distance

by Alan Menken and David Zippel, arranged by Valerie W. Stephenson

Gabriel's Oboe

by Ennio Morricone, arranged by Kevin McChesney

Angels from the Realms of Glory

by Henry T. Smart, arranged by Kevin McChesney

Nexus

by Matthew Compton
*commissioned by the Pikes Peak Ringers, the Atlanta Concert Ringers,
and the Forté Handbell Quartet in honor of Kevin's retirement and in
thanks for his contributions to us and the whole handbell world,
presented by PPR, Forté, and members of the ACR,
and directed by Matthew Compton*

Carillon

by Kevin McChesney
presented by Forté

Time After Time

by Cyndi Lauper and Rob Hyman, arranged by Kevin McChesney
*presented by Megan Corey, Megan Reishus, Shelley Williams,
Reese Phillips, and Rachel Cerullo*

Dona Nobis Pacem

arranged by Kevin McChesney
Jenny Yopp, cello

Capriccio

by Kevin McChesney
presented by Forté and featuring Kevin McChesney

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

by Helen H. Lemmel, arranged by Kevin McChesney

Joy In All Things

by Brian Balmages, arranged by Kevin McChesney

Encore: Baba Yetu

by Christopher Tin, incorporating "God of Grace and God of Glory",
"To God Be The Glory", and "Ode to Joy",
arranged by Kevin McChesney
Reese Phillips, soloist
*Children's Choirs from Smoky Hill UMC/St. Paul's Presbyterian Church
led by Becky Stevens (Centennial Concert) and Freedom Elementary
School led by Yelena Yund (Colorado Springs Concert)*
Keith Redpath, violin & Jenny Yopp, cello
Forté Handbell Quartet, percussion

INTERMISSION



The Forté Handbell Quartet

Luke Nabeta (artistic director)

Megan Reishus

Dillon Ekle

Tory Marting

Forté is an advanced quartet marked by artistry, energy, and dedication to their craft. They continually challenge themselves to "Rethink Possible," expanding their musical and performance horizons, adding new pieces to their already-challenging repertoire, and seeking out new performance venues and educational opportunities as they strive to explore, innovate, inspire, and glorify God through the gift of music. Stay tuned to Forté's website (fortehandbells.org) and Facebook page for announcements of local concerts and upcoming tour dates and locations, new music videos, and more.

Guest Performers

Rachel Cerullo – Chelmsford, MA

Megan Corey – Norman, OK

Suzanne Holton – Atlanta Concert Ringers

Craig Krueger – Atlanta Concert Ringers

Steve Leadbetter – Atlanta Concert Ringers

Alice Myers – Atlanta Concert Ringers

Dale Myers – Atlanta Concert Ringers

Reese Phillips – Norman, OK

Elaine Rhoades – Atlanta Concert Ringers

Shelley Williams – Omaha, NE

*Children's Choir from Smoky Hill United Methodist Church
and St. Paul's Presbyterian Church
directed by Becky Stevens*

*Freedom Elementary School Falcon Choir
directed by Yelena Yund*

**Come see Kevin direct, and many of the
members of these ensembles play, at the
40th Annual Southern Colorado Handbell
Festival Concert!**

Colorado Springs Christian Schools (Gymnasium)
4855 Mallow Road | Colorado Springs, CO

Concert begins at 5:30pm

The Pikes Peak Ringers would like to thank...

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Minister of Worship & Music Eric Wicks**
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for all of your love and support



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