

# Snake River Handbell Conference

February 5-6, 2016

Central Gym

1415 5<sup>th</sup> Street South

(NW corner of 15<sup>th</sup> Ave South & 6<sup>th</sup> St South)

Nampa, Idaho

**Clinician: Kevin McChesney**



Come and join many other handbell musicians ringing seven great pieces under the direction of Kevin McChesney. The pieces are level 2-3 and include a variety of techniques. The weekend begins with set-up Friday, February 5 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 \$55 per person on or before December 1, 2015 and \$65 after December 1. This includes all conference activities plus 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.



**Kevin McChesney** graduated with highest honors from the University of Colorado at Boulder with a BMus in Composition and Theory. A composer and arranger of handbell music, Kevin currently has over 900 titles in print and is one of the very few musicians who makes handbells a full-time vocation. He has won numerous awards for his work, including winning American Guild of English Handbell Ringers Composition Contests and Jeffers Composer of the Year. Kevin is the handbell editor for Jeffers Handbell Supply and the RingingWord catalog. He is also

co-founder of the Solo To Ensemble Project, STEP, <http://www.sonologymusic.com>. He is Music Director of one of the premier handbell concert groups, the Pikes Peak Ringers of Colorado Springs, and also the Artistic Advisor of the Atlanta Concert Ringers. His work with PPR includes the premiere and 13 further performances of his Concerto for Handbell Choir and Orchestra and a recording with world-renowned cellist Yo-Yo Ma. He is in demand throughout the handbell world as a workshop clinician and festival conductor.

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

**There are several options for lunch on Saturday.** – For \$7, you may order a turkey or ham sandwich lunch complete with chips, dessert, and drink. Sign up for this option on the registration form. 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, only 3 blocks away from the gym, has a multitude of fast food restaurants within a half mile. You may also bring a 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 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Go over the railroad tracks (high bridge going over them) and turn right on 6<sup>th</sup> Street South. In one block the gym will be on your right.

**Membership in Handbell Musicians of America (AGEHR)** – 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](http://www.handbellmusicians.org) and click the “click to join” ribbon or you may simply add the \$85 membership fee to your registration. One membership is good for 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. 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 good place to challenge yourselves. Others are playing the same notes so if you miss some of yours, no problem.

**Make plans now to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Snake River Handbell Conference!!!**

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**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:**

**Friday, February 5**

	1:30 pm	Showcase concert	
4:00 pm	Registration and set-up begins	2:00 pm	Rehearsal with Break
Dinner on your own	4:30ish	Dinner on your own; evening	
6:30 pm	Opening bell and rehearsal	showcase concert rehearsals	
8:30 pm	Time to sleep	6:15 pm	In place for concert

**Saturday, February 6**

8:00 am	Gym opens for afternoon	6:30 pm	Concert
	showcase concert rehearsals	7:30 pm	Pack up
9:00 am	Rehearsal with Break		
12:00 – 1:30	Lunch (Go to a class then eat, eat then attend a class, or bring lunch to Notation Bingo!)		
12:00	Classes: Notation Bingo and 4-in-hand		
12:45 pm	Classes: Move to the Beat and Handling Bell Changes		