



# SOUNDINGS

Music of Our Lands and Our Lives

17TH INTERNATIONAL  
HANDBELL SYMPOSIUM  
JULY 26–30, 2016  
VANCOUVER, CANADA

## Opportunities & Requests

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEERS

A successful event the size and calibre of an international handbell symposium depends upon the hard work, dedication and cooperation of scores of people, well beyond the relatively small core of the Planning Committee. Are you interested in being one of those who help to make it so? Whether you plan to be attending as a delegate, accompanying a delegate, or just there to support the event; whether you have several days to spare or just a few hours; whether you are a handbell musician, related to, friends with one, or just interested in contributing in a volunteer capacity to an exciting event that will bring together hundreds of people from around the world, we have a job that will suit your interests and abilities! Keep reading for some ideas (not necessarily a complete or comprehensive list, but the beginning of one). Consider them, share them, promote them among your choir, your church, school, community centre, family, friends and neighbours, and then contact Volunteer Coordinator Kathie Zalasky as indicated at the bottom of the list.

We are hoping to have volunteer hours contributed by local high school students recognized by the applicable school districts so that they count towards students' community service requirements. For any non-local students, we will be happy to provide a letter outlining and confirming the nature of their volunteer hours so that these students may also be able to get similar credit for their service.

Thank you so much for considering how you may help. With the enthusiasm and participation of the full community of Canadian handbell musicians, we will welcome, and amaze, the world. Let's make this an event to remember!

**YOU CAN HELP US,** and we would love it if you would! Contact Volunteer Coordinator Kathie Zalasky for further information on any of the following roles

- ▶ **Security**
- ▶ **First aid attendant**
- ▶ **Drivers (possibly long distances, such as picking up and delivering equipment from as far away as Alberta or the Pacific Northwest states.)**

- ▶ **"Bell Hops" —equipment movers**
- ▶ **Translators for workshops (Japanese or Korean speakers, to translate into and from English)**
- ▶ **Greeters/floaters**
  - ▷ Support for social activities such as decorating banquet tables
  - ▷ Marketplace hosts
  - ▷ Workshop room hosts for each session
  - ▷ Hosts for West Coast Cultural Experience
  - ▷ Airport and SkyTrain station greeters (possibly with the support of Tourism Vancouver)
- ▶ **Ushers**
  - ▷ Concert ushers and ticket takers
  - ▷ Group photo guides
  - ▷ Interfaith worship service ushers
- ▶ **MCs for miniconcerts, "housekeeping" announcements**
- ▶ **Collating and stuffing delegate packages before registration.**

**NEXT STEPS** Contact Volunteer Coordinator Kathie Zalasky by email at [zalasky@shaw.ca](mailto:zalasky@shaw.ca), or by phone at 780.458.1481 with the following information:

- ▶ **Your name**
- ▶ **Your address**
- ▶ **Your cell phone and/or land line**
- ▶ **Your email address**
- ▶ **The volunteer position(s) you might be interested in**
- ▶ **Any physical limitations (i.e. not able to stand for long periods of time)**
- ▶ **The day(s) you are available, before, during and/or after the Symposium (July 26–30, 2016)**

We are also looking for four or five individuals who are interested in registering as a Chaperone for the SOUND EFFECTS Youth Track. This is not a volunteer position — the registration fee for this delegate role is \$425, but you will receive meals with all delegates, have access to concerts and social events, and attend the final banquet.

# HELP WANTED: Equipment Loans

While ringing delegates, for the most part, will bring their own equipment for the massed ringing activities, the Planning Committee still needs to identify and procure sufficient sets of bells and chimes to supply all the workshop rooms at the Symposium with the necessary equipment, as well as for "orphan ringers" who travel without equipment. Can you help us?

- ▶ **Is your choir willing to let its complete set of bells/chimes be used at the Symposium, regardless of how many members are registering as delegates?**
- ▶ **If no-one from your choir is attending as a delegate, will you loan your equipment?**
- ▶ **Do you know of a silent set anywhere that we could approach for a loan?**
- ▶ **If you are driving from another province or state, would you be willing to pick up and return other loaned equipment?**
- ▶ **Would you be willing to liaise with area schools/community centres/churches in your area to identify and procure sets for loan, with the support of the IHS2016 Planning Committee?**

**NEXT STEPS** Contact Equipment Coordinator Cara Beirnes by email at [headdingaling@shaw.ca](mailto:headdingaling@shaw.ca), or by phone at 250.758.6977 with the following information:

- ▶ **Your name**
- ▶ **Your address**
- ▶ **Your cell phone and/or land line**
- ▶ **Your email address**
- ▶ **Information on any equipment loan with which you can help.**



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