



Attention handbell and handchime ringers!

We invite you to become a member of the British Columbia Guild of English Handbell Ringers. Please fill in the application form and submit it, with your cheque or money order, to the address on the reverse.

BCGEHR members are entitled to:

- ◇ Receive the Guild newsletter, *Quarternotes*, published September, December, March & June
- ◇ Receive a Guild pin and an annual roster
- ◇ Vote at the Annual General Meeting
- ◇ Make use of the Guild's music lending library
- ◇ Make application to any Guild loan, grant, or bursary program
- ◇ Receive notice of all Guild events
- ◇ Pay member rates at all Guild events
- ◇ Participate in all Handbell Guilds of Canada and International Handbell Symposium events

The British Columbia Guild of English Handbell Ringers

began in Abbotsford in 1993. Our Constitution and By-laws were approved at the Annual General Meeting in Vancouver in 1994, and we were incorporated as a non-profit organization under the BC Societies Act on January 18, 1995.

BCGEHR's objectives are:

- ◇ To bring together handbell choirs from all parts of British Columbia
- ◇ To encourage the formation of new choirs on an inter-generational basis
- ◇ To sponsor workshops for ringers and directors
- ◇ To publish a regular newsletter, *Quarternotes*
- ◇ To offer a variety of programs and services to support our members

BCGEHR offers a variety of services to its members, including:

- ◇ Biennial provincial festival "Spring Ring," with regional workshops offered in alternate years
- ◇ On-site "mini-workshops" to meet the needs of individual choirs
- ◇ AGM
- ◇ Chime Loan Program
- ◇ The quarterly newsletter as a forum for publicizing upcoming events, and articles about ringing, handbells and handchimes, music, updates from our sister guilds, and other news.
- ◇ Voluntary participation in our music lending library
- ◇ Endowment Fund grants
- ◇ Student Bursaries
- ◇ Participation in the handbell community in BC

Our national organization, Handbell Guilds of Canada (HGC), is an umbrella organization representing four provincial guilds: BC, Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario.

Join a province-wide community of people who love to ring!

A warm welcome awaits you.



CHOIR Membership Application 2012 (January 1 – December 31, 2012)

\$175 per year Send form and cheque (payable to BCGEHR) to Peggy Bensler, Treasurer, #119-1950 Capistrano Drive, Kelowna, BC V1V 2N7

Number of octaves _____ Renewal New Membership Lapsed membership (No membership for two or more years)

Choir name and conductor

School/Church organization

Address of School or Church

City

Postal Code

Phone

! IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHOIR MEMBERSHIPS: Using the form on the reverse, list the name, email and complete address for your choir's conductor and then contact person, if different. Then list the name and email address of every member of your choir. Indicate in the box at the right those who wish to receive an e-mail copy of the newsletter. For the purpose of BCGEHR official business, choir memberships are granted 5 votes, which are designated at the choir's discretion: all 5 votes granted to one person, 1 vote each to 5 people, or any combination thereof. You do not need to designate your choir's voting representatives at this time, but will designate them when registering for any Guild function at which voting will take place.

INDIVIDUAL Membership Application 2012 (January 1 – December 31, 2012)

\$35 per year Send form and cheque (payable to BCGEHR) to Peggy Bensler, Treasurer, #119-1950 Capistrano Drive, Kelowna, BC V1V 2N7

Renewal New Membership Lapsed membership (No membership for two or more years)

Check here if you are a bell choir director

Name

Address

City

Postal Code

Phone

Fax

E-mail

Bell choir in which you play

Receive newsletter by Canada Post

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