

Attention handbell and handchime musicians!

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

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 and June;
- ✓ Receive a Guild pin and an annual membership 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;
- ✓ Participate in and pay member rates at all Guild 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 BC;
- ✓ 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;
- ✓ To encourage all BCGEHR members to engage with and become members of the national handbell organization, Handbell Musicians of Canada (HMC). *Handbell Musicians of Canada (HMC), our incorporated national organization, features a revised model of membership and a modernized governance structure. The individual membership format makes HMC open to ALL Canadian handbell musicians, offering true national representation. Membership in HMC provides each individual the opportunity to be engaged in the national and international handbell communities, including attending workshops, festivals and symposium events. www.handbellmusiciansofcanada.ca*

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;
- ✓ Annual General Meeting;
- ✓ Chime and Bell Loan Programs;
- ✓ 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.

Membership Application 2024–25

Please fill out the appropriate form on the reverse, and note the following:

- ✓ **Individual memberships** are \$40 per year, and for the purpose of BCGEHR official business, are granted one (1) vote. Members will receive the newsletter by e-mail.
- ✓ **Choir memberships** are \$250 per year, and for the purpose of BCGEHR official business, are granted five (5) votes. Follow the instructions on the choir membership application form carefully. List only the mailing addresses of the conductor, and contact person if different, but include the email address for individuals so that they can receive the newsletter.

Send the fully completed form(s) and payment (see options on reverse), to:

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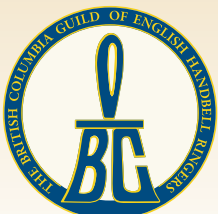
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- Visual and aural art for all ages
- Harmony with voice and instruments
- Listening skills, rhythmic skills
- Music skills, and
- A lot of fun!



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