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Bells on Temple Square Annual Concert Kicks Off Holiday Season

Salt Lake City — The joyous ethereal sound of bells and chimes will usher in the holiday season at the Bells on Temple Square’s popular annual concert on Friday and Saturday, November 21–22, at 7:30 p.m. in the Salt Lake Tabernacle.

In this year’s concert, “Ring We Now of Christmas,” the Bells on Temple Square will perform an array of familiar hymns, classical arrangements and Christmas songs. Included in the broad variety of hand bell repertoire will be “Fantasy on Kings Weston,” which features the music of Vaughan Williams, Neumark and Hassler; “With Tambourine and Dancing”; and “Sweet Hour of Prayer.” The evening features holiday favorites such as “Sing We Now of Christmas”; “Still, Still, Still”; two Spanish carols (“Fum, Fum, Fum” and “Riu, riu, chiu”); and “Away in a Manger.”

LeAnna Willmore, conductor of the Bells on Temple Square, will conduct both performances, with Larry Smith, associate conductor, leading the ensemble for several numbers. Willmore taught choir in the Utah area for 40 years and has served in many leadership positions for the state and national music educators association.

“Rehearsing for this concert has been very rewarding,” said Willmore. “I know the audience will enjoy watching these experienced ringers and be delighted with the variety of unusual sounds produced by the bells.”

The annual holiday bell concerts have been enormously popular with the public, with the last concert distributing all its tickets in one day. For complimentary tickets, call 801-570-0080 or visit lds.org/events beginning Tuesday, November 4, at 10:00 a.m.

Children ages eight and older are welcome. Food and beverages are not permitted in performance halls. The length of the performance is approximately 90 minutes.

The Bells on Temple Square hand bell choir is an official music organization of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The bell choir was formed in 2005 under the direction of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. The Bells on Temple Square frequently accompanies the Mormon Tabernacle Choir in concerts and on the weekly *Music and the Spoken Word* radio and television broadcast.

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