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## **Bells on Temple Square Annual Concert Kicks Off Holiday Season**

Salt Lake City — Ring in the 2015 holiday season with the annual concert of the Bells on Temple Square, “Celebrate with Joy.” The concert will be presented in the Tabernacle on two nights, Friday and Saturday, November 20 and 21, 2015, at 7:30 p.m.

“The music will be a mix of Thanksgiving and Christmas,” explains LeAnna Willmore, conductor of the 33-member ensemble. “The audience will recognize and delight in every piece.” Included in the program will be “On This Day the Earth Shall Ring,” “Come, Ye Children of the Lord,” “Go Tell It on the Mountain,” and a piece based on music from Tchaikovsky’s *Nutcracker Suite*. Bell arrangements of “Silent Night” and “God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen,” as well as Christmas folk arrangements from the West Indies, Ukraine, and Puerto Rico, will be featured. The music for the evening will include performances by a harpist, violinist, cellist, and percussionists, as well as organ solos by Linda Margetts and Bonnie Goodliffe.

This year marks the Bells on Temple Square’s tenth anniversary as part of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir family. Willmore, who has been with the bell choir since its beginning, first as associate conductor and now as conductor, says of the bell choir’s growth in that decade, “They have become a tighter musical ensemble; they play more as a team, more like one person rather than 33 separate performers.”

For complimentary tickets, call 801-570-0080 or visit [lds.org/events](http://lds.org/events) beginning today.

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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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.

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