



Bells on Temple Square Celebrates 10 Years of Performing With Its 2015 “Joyfully Ring” Concert

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SALT LAKE CITY — The Bells on Temple Square will perform a celebratory concert marking the 10th anniversary of the formation of the ensemble in 2005. Entitled “Joyfully Ring,” the concert will be held for one night only on June 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Salt Lake Tabernacle. LeAnna Willmore will conduct the bell choir with Larry Smith, associate conductor, leading the ensemble for several numbers.

The “Joyfully Ring” concert will include a variety of music ranging from classical to contemporary. “For this 10th anniversary concert the ringers have suggested some of their favorite pieces as the repertoire,” Willmore says. “The audience will find it an enjoyable concert of familiar hymn tunes, classical transcriptions and light entertaining music.” Such fan favorites as “Finlandia,” “Good Vibrations,” and “The Stars and Stripes Forever,” will find their place in the concert.

Last year’s concert featured Rimsky-Korsakov’s “Flight of the Bumblebee,” which has since been posted on YouTube where it has more than 90,000 views. View it here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TjZvm256rRo>.

In March 2005, an anonymous donation to the Mormon Tabernacle Choir made possible the initial purchase of handbells and permitted the creation of a 32-member ensemble. The set of handbells that serves the Bells on Temple Square now includes a 7-octave set of English handbells, a 6½-octave set of handbells, and two 6-octave sets of hand chimes.

When the formation of a bell choir was announced 10 years ago, the Mormon Tabernacle Choir office received over 200 applications. Of these, 32 were selected and became the charter members of Bells on Temple Square. Thirteen of those original ringers will perform in the 10th anniversary concert. “To be celebrating our 10th anniversary is a great tribute to our musicians,” Willmore says.

Free tickets are available on Tuesday, May 19 at 10:00 a.m. with a limit of four per person. Tickets can be obtained at www.lds.org/events, by phone at 801-570-0080, or from the Conference Center ticket office.

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