



737 Holland Lane  
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**For immediate release:**

“The Westminster Ringers” will present a concert of exciting handbell music on [your information here](#)

The concert, a multi-sensory program under the direction of Larry Henning, will celebrate familiar sacred songs, secular favorites and original bell compositions.

[Admission information here](#)

The Westminster Ringers, Inc. is supported by a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council, an agency dedicated to cultivating a vibrant cultural community where the arts thrive. An agency of the Department of Business & Economic Development, the MSAC provides financial support and technical assistance to non profit organization, units of government, colleges and universities for arts activities. Funding for the Maryland State Arts Council is also provided by the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency, which believes that a great nation deserves great art.

“The Westminster Ringers, a Maryland Handbell Ensemble” was founded in September 1997 to afford gifted area musicians the opportunity to play advanced repertoire at the highest level possible. In addition to local appearances, the group has performed ‘showcase’ concerts for Arts/Educational conferences, participated in numerous Concert Series, and played individual concerts for churches, schools and other institutions. In June of 2007, the ensemble embarked upon their first extended tour of the Mid-West.

The current membership consists of 16 advanced, auditioned ringers, whose cumulative handbell experience alone is in excess of 150 years. The group has at its disposal one of the largest collections of bell and chime instruments in the Mid-Atlantic area. They are designated a Community/Professional Group by the Handbell Musicians of America, a classification held by less than 1% of the member choirs/ensembles on Handbell Musicians of America’s roster. In July 2010, they were honored to be selected by the Handbell Musicians of America to perform a Showcase Concert at the Guild’s national gathering, *Pinnacle*.

In addition to live performances, the ensemble conducts educational workshops for youth and adults, host a biennial mass ringing event for advanced community handbell ensembles, and has produced two CDs: “A Handbell Holiday” a collection of Christmas music, and “Celebrate The Journey” to commemorate their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an ensemble.

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