



Announcing 2023 Fall Workshop Clinicians

White's Chapel Methodist Church Southlake, Texas

Saturday, September 16 ~ 8:00 am to 2:30 pm



Beth Watson Judd -- is retired from full-time Music and Arts Ministry after 40+ years of conducting singing and ringing choirs with children, youth and adults, overseeing Liturgical Dance and Art Gallery ministries, and developing concert series. She served as Music Chairman and later as President of AGEHR, and has proudly been attending AGEHR/HMA events since 1965! She also served as president of the Greater Dallas Handbell Association, Secretary/Treasurer for Area 9, Associate Conductor of the Dallas Handbell Ensemble, and the first conductor and artistic director of Concert Bells of Fort Worth. Beth continues as conductor and clinician for seminars, festivals, and denominational worship and music conferences. She conducted the 2015 HMA Distinctly Bronze East and the 2021 Distinctly Bronze West events, as well as the International Symposium in Toronto. Beth is honored and excited to be on the podium again for and renew her association with GDHA!



Dana Lobaugh -- recently retired from the full-time position of Minister of Music and Worship at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Arlington, TX, where, in addition to her other duties, she directed and rang handbells since 2008. Dana has led handbell and handchime ringing in numerous camps, conferences, summer church programs, and churches over the course of her 44-year career in music leadership. She led youth handbell choirs on out of state summer tours for several years, including a 10-day tour through England. Dana has served on several area music organization boards and currently serves as President of the Greater Dallas Handbell Association.

Josh Fitzgerald -- originally from Colorado, but has had handbell experiences all over the world. Some career highlights include starting a handbell ministry in Nicaragua, playing for crowds in Germany and Austria with Kokopelli, and performing in BYU-Idaho's televised Christmas special with Sonos Handbell Ensemble. Although he's currently a member of his local ensemble - Concert Bells of Fort Worth, he has been a member of 9 different auditioned community choirs around the country, a couple of which required airplane transportation to attend rehearsals. Josh is a Distinctly Bronze Alumni of 17 years, a Virtuoso alumni, and has served on the leadership boards of both Area 5 and Area 9. Once upon a time, he was the Director of Creative Arts for a large UMC where he led a handbell ministry of 8 ensembles, other choirs and instrumental groups, theatre ministries, and a blacklight puppet team. He's now a Flight Attendant for a major carrier and runs an e-commerce and auction business.





Carol Lynn Mizell -- has been the Handbell Director at First United Methodist Church in Denton, TX, since 1994. She rings handbells with *Concert Bells of Fort Worth* (charter member-1998), and has been the Conductor of the *Denton Community Band* since 1978. Carol Lynn is a published composer, has served as Handbell Clinician at Area and National events, and as Massed Conductor for Area Events. She has rung since 2002 with *Distinctly Bronze*, an international event for advanced handbell ringers, and rang with the *Dream Team at Pinnacle, 2004*, an event for community handbell groups, and the National Seminar All-Star Choirs (2013, 2014, 2016, 2019). She has served as President of the **Greater Dallas Handbell Association (2018-2021)**. Carol Lynn conducted the **Intermediate Track** at the **Handbell Musicians of America National Seminar** in Irving, TX, in 2023.



Chris Burton -- Chris Burton brings his extensive handbell experience to bear in his varied activities as a director, ringer, and musician. His ringing experience includes bring a bass bell ringer in Baylor Bronze, Cast of Bronze, and Austin Handbell Ensemble. He has directed ensembles at Parkway Presbyterian Church in New Orleans, LA (7 octaves) and First United Methodist Church in Round Rock Texas (5 choirs, up to 6.5 octaves). In addition, Chris is a composer with a doctorate in Music Composition. He has a number of works available for handbells from *Beckenhorst*, *Hope*, and *From the Top*.

Rebecca Sawyer -- serves as Music Associate for First Presbyterian Church Fort Worth, where she Directs 4 handbell choirs and leads the WHAM (Worship, Handbells, Arts and Music) program for Children. A native of Alabama, she holds bachelor's degrees in Organ Performance and Music Education from Judson College in Marion, AL, and a MM degree from the University of Michigan in Organ Performance. Before coming to Fort Worth, she served churches in Midland, TX; Detroit, Michigan; and Selma, Alabama. Becca began playing bells in college when the touring choir director decided a handbell processional should begin each choir concert.



Reading Session Offerings

**2024 Combined Intermediate and Advanced Festival Repertoire
Saturday, February 17 ~ Beth Watson Judd, Festival Conductor**

Seasonal & General Repertoire Sessions

Frank Shroyer, Conducting

Level 1 & 2 Reading Session

Dana Lobaugh, Conducting