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Spring 2024

## Radio Waves



Season 14

**Ring**  
Sarasota



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# Welcome



*"The power of radio is not that it speaks to  
millions, but that it speaks intimately and  
privately to each one of those millions."*  
-Hallie Flanagan, Theatre Producer

I am honored to lead the talented members of Ring Sarasota once again as we enter our 14th performance season. This year's show, "Radio Waves," pays homage to how many of our ringers first fell in love with music – by discovering performers and musicians on their radio dial.

While the music industry has grown and evolved, radio remains a tried and true medium to showcase music, sports, news, and entertainment. Ring Sarasota has curated the playlist to span the range of options on AM and FM stations from coast to coast. We hope our program will bring back many fond memories that will have you singing and tapping your toes! - **Rick Holdsworth, Principal Conductor**

## About Ring Sarasota

As the area's premier handbell ensemble, Ring Sarasota's spirited musicians captivate audiences of all ages with a unique combination of entertainment, education, and community engagement.

Dedicated to enhancing handbell ringing as an art form, the Sarasota-based group is under the direction of former Navy bandleader Rick Holdsworth. Showcasing over 200 individual handbells and handchimes, the large ensemble of ringers creates a symphony of sound with special effects mimicking the piccolo, percussion, trombone, and even the Tibetan singing bowl! Ring Sarasota attracts member ringers from as far north as Tampa Bay and as far south as Fort Myers.



# Ring Sarasota Educational Initiatives

Now in its third year, Ring Sarasota's Handchime Educational Outreach Program continues to bring handbell music to our community, and our volunteers remain dedicated to expanding our educational programming.

In 2023, charter school students in Bradenton, FL, continued to expand their music education through regular weekly classroom experiences with our Associate Conductor, Terri. Additionally, Ring Sarasota member Kathryn G. is serving as an advisor for a homeschool co-op in North Port, helping their leaders learn the basics of handbells and how to teach their students. Our members were thrilled to have attended performances by both student groups in December.

*"It would be absolutely impossible to have a handbell program in our co-op without Kathryn and without the inspiration I received from Ring Sarasota."* Natalia Novik, Director, Homeschool Music Coop, North Port.

Last spring, ringers Larry and Sara continued directing a handchime group at an area senior center. While there, they lead residents in ringing familiar tunes using chords played on the chimes. The "Holly Bells" have been on hiatus since the summer, but we look forward to rejuvenating this aspect of our educational program in 2024.

Ring Sarasota's educational initiatives continue to grow and expand. In October 2023, we hosted "Holiday Headstart," a one-day workshop for beginning and intermediate bell choirs, focusing on music appropriate for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Our Board of Directors continues to explore additional ways to partner with families, schools, and community organizations to continue our mission to share the art of handbell ringing!

**If you would like to be involved in our Handchime Educational Outreach program, please contact us by emailing [info@RingSarasota.org](mailto:info@RingSarasota.org) or visit our website [RingSarasota.org](http://RingSarasota.org).**



# Ring Sarasota Roster

Rick Holdsworth, Principal Conductor  
Terri Chapman, Associate Conductor

Larry Bauer

Katy Ellis

Debbie Freeland

Kathryn Gerken

Tim Gerken

Kathryn Hamill

Kathie Hayes

Paige Hunt

Steven Leadbetter

Sara Lindgren

Valerie Phillips

Suzi Regulski

Rebecca St. Pierre

Jane Schroeder

Chris Sheppard

Kari Sheppard

Libby Tyner Bispham

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## Special Thanks

*Special Guest DJs* - Greg Reece, Paige Hunt, Sara Lindgren, Katy Ellis, Doug Chapman, Dan Henderson, Beth Ellis, Steve Ellis, Christopher Hayes, Lori Urquiza, Emma Covey, John Flowerree, Jamal Guiler, Renee Freeman, and John Parmentar

*Drummer* - Scott Blum

*A/V Technician & Bell Mom* - Michelle Hamill

# Program

## ***Bugler's Holiday***

Leroy Anderson  
Setting by Hart Morris

## ***Classical Gas***

Mason Williams  
arr. Paul McKlveen

## ***Michael, Row the Boat Ashore***

arr. Karen Lakey Buckwalter

## ***Flashdance What a Feeling***

Giorgio Moroder, Keith Forsey, and Irene Cara  
arr. Ron Mallory

## ***Misty***

Erroll Garner  
Setting by Arnold B. Sherman

## ***Sway (Quien Sera)***

Pablo Beltrán Ruiz  
arr. Sandra J. Eithun

## ***Sports Medley***

*Take Me Out to the Ball Game*  
Albert Von Tilzer  
arr. Rick Holdsworth

## ***NFL on FOX Theme***

Scott Schreer, Reed Hays, and Phil Garrod  
arr. Kurt Meyer

## ***We Are The Champions***

Freddie Mercury  
arr. Paul A. McKlveen

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## INTERMISSION

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## ***Popcorn***

Gershon Kingsley  
arr. Amy Maakestad

## ***Rock Around the Clock***

Max Freeman and Jimmy DeKnight  
arr. John Edmondson  
handbell arr. Carol Lynn Mizell

## ***When You Wish Upon a Star***

Leigh Harline

## ***Beer Barrel Polka (Roll Out the Barrel)***

Jaromír Vejvoda  
arr. Hart Morris

## ***America the Beautiful***

Samuel A. Ward  
arr. Arnold B. Sherman

## ***Festive Dance (Farandole)***

Georges Bizet  
trans. Kevin McChesney

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### **Our Vision:**

Inspire passion for the art of handbell ringing.

### **Our Mission Statement:**

Ring Sarasota, Inc. is a non-profit organization designed to educate the community about the art of handbell ringing and to present quality handbell music to various audiences.

Ring Sarasota, Inc. is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, tax ID number 27-3886712

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*"Ring Sarasota" containing selections such as:*

*Meditation on Beautiful Savior • Amazing Grace • Rigaudon  
Festive Dance*

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to entertaining you for many years to come!

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# Radio Waves 2024 Performance Dates

**February 25, 4 pm**

Community Presbyterian Church, Englewood  
Free Will Offering

**March 10, 4 pm**

Trinity UMC, Bradenton  
\$10

**March 17, 3 pm**

Epiphany Cathedral, Venice  
Free Will Offering

**April 13, 7 pm**

St. Boniface Episcopal Church, Siesta Key  
\$20

**April 21, 5 pm**

St. George Episcopal Church, The Villages  
\$20

**June 14, 6 pm**

Sights & Sounds at Waterside Place, Lakewood Ranch  
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