

Winter Warm Up – Class Descriptions

Basic Bell Techniques

(Beginner – Intermediate)

Learn to pick 'em up and lay 'em down and ring 'em in between!

Whether you are a beginning bell ringer, want to strengthen your core ringing skills, or are looking for ideas on how to teach the basics to your own bell group, this workshop will cover all the bases. Come learn basic techniques, approaches and tips to bell ringing in this fun, hands-on workshop.

“Technical” Techniques

(Intermediate – Advanced)

For you ringers who want to perfect your skills and techniques, this class will “pick you apart.” This is the 2nd level class to basic bell techniques and will address the correct way to execute bell techniques taking into account rhythm, dynamics, musicality and performance.

Creative Directing

(Director’s Seminar)

Sometimes you need to think outside the box in order to move your group to the next level. This class will address ways to get your group to ring more musically, conquer those “hard to ring” spots, and keep your group motivated in practice.

Bass and Battery Techniques

(All levels)

Calling all bass bell ringers! Come and learn more about the different ways to ring that bowling ball on a stick. We will discuss different ringing techniques, how to master those hard to ring trouble spots, and “healthy” ringing.

Rocking out Rhythm

Level 1 (Beginner – Intermediate)

Level 2 (Intermediate – Advanced)

Experience how to listen, move and play. This class features fun ways to work with rhythm and improve coordination and teamwork. Learn how posture, body movement, and mood, all contribute to your ringing in time.

Ring – a – Holics

Beginner – Intermediate (Level I & II)

Intermediate – Advanced (Level III & IIII)

For those of you who just love to ring, this is the class for you. This sight-reading session is offered in intermediate and advanced level classes so all ringers will have the opportunity to read new music and enjoy the art of ringing. Find a new stand partner, and take on a new challenge! If you find a piece that you really like, the music will be available for purchase.

Solo and Small Ensemble Ringing

(Intermediate – Advanced)

Be the ultimate bell hog and have a table full of bells all to yourself! Go it alone, and learn how the soloists do it. See how solo ringing is an art of its own, and learn the different techniques used to ring multiple bells. If you are interested in duets, trios, quartets etc., this class will also show how to apply techniques for small ensembles.

Treble Techniques

(All levels)

Grab those baby bells, and come learn how to ring multiple bells in the treble techniques workshop. Get hands on experience with shelly, 4-in-hand, and 6-in-hand techniques. If you’ve always longed to be a diva, here’s your chance!

Polishing your Performance

(All levels)

What should a good performance look like? What should it sound like? Learn to watch each other and play as a group. How can you conquer those hard to turn pages or hard to ring passages? How do you make those impossible to ring measures look like a piece of cake? Come uncover some “little known secrets” that can take your ringing to the next level.

Come Play with Me!

(All levels)

Come learn rhythm, weaving, and ringing techniques in a fun-filled atmosphere of games and exercises. Who says kids get to have all the fun?

Mix it up

(All levels)

Most all of us know basic bell techniques so come discover the different ways bell sounds can be modified along with proper techniques for the many songs that compliment bells with a focus on percussion techniques: castanets, wind chimes, finger cymbals, woodblocks, triangles, and drums.

Ask the Expert

Ringer's Session (All levels)

This is a free for all! Come and ask what you've always wondered about. We are here to answer your questions and to provide hands-on demonstrations. If we are unable to help you on the spot, we are committed and willing to use our contacts and resources to help you find the answer.