

## **Groningen Duo offers final Wingate Carillon Recital**

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The Groningen Carillon Duo of Adolph Rots and Auke de Boer will present the fourth and final recital in Alfred University's Wingate Memorial Summer Carillon Recital Series on Tuesday, July 26, at 7 p.m. at the Davis Memorial Carillon. Their program varies from baroque to popular tunes and marches, a selection they say shows the versatility of the carillon. They will open with "Sonata in G minor" and "Sonata in D minor" by Domenico Scarlatti; "Menuetto" by Johan David Scheidler and "Minuetto" by Carl Ludwig Traugott Glaser, for their baroque portion of the program. Their selection of American music - all written expressly for the carillon - includes "Emanations" by Gary C. White; "Prelude on the hymn tune 'Hyfrodol';" and "Andante cantabile" by Ronald Barnes. The central portion of the program will feature selections from "Symphony #101 in D" by Joseph Haydn, with a number of popular tunes to follow. They include "Narcissus" by Ethelbert Nevin; "Le Secret" by Leonard Gautier and "King Porter Stomp" by Fred "Jelly Roll" Morton. The Groningen Duo will conclude with "Grande March #2" by Franz Schubert and "Semper Fidelis" by John Philip Sousa. Rots studied organ, church music and school music at the Utrecht Conservatorium. His carillon instructor at the Netherlands Carillon School was Bernard Winsemius. Currently city carillonneur in Appingedam, Veendam, Winschoten and Groningen, Rots has also been cantor-organist of the Nicolaikerk in Appingedam, where he plays the famed Hinsch organ, since 1983. He also teaches music pedagogy at the Hanze Hogeschool in Groningen, and is a member of various professional organizations, as well as a published author on the subject of bells and organs. De Boer also studied at The Netherlands Carillon School under Winsemius, and also studied organ, conducting and church music. Currently, he is city carillonneur and organist in Dokkum and Groningen, and is employed by Groningen State University. He also teaches at "de Waldsang" music school in Buitenpost and at the Liudger College in Drachten. He has previously toured in the US, Canada and Japan. Each year, as the Groningen Duo, Rots and de Boer perform several recitals in Holland, and have previously toured Denmark, France and the US. They have been city carillonneurs in Groningen since 2002, and regularly play the famous Hemony carillon, which dates to 1662, located in the Martini Tower in Groningen. The Wingate Memorial Summer Carillon Series honors the memory of Dr. Ray Winthrop Wingate, who served as a professor of music at Alfred University for 56 years. When the bells of the Davis Memorial Carillon were installed in 1937, he was named University Carillonneur, a position he held until his death in 1968 at the age of 82. Widely known as a carillonneur, Wingate arranged more than 5,000 selections for the carillon and composed nine suites for the instrument. He was a member and president of the Guild of Carillonneurs in North America. The Wingate Memorial Summer Carillon Series is funded by the Margaret Merrill and Ray W. Wingate Memorial Carillon Foundation. Margaret Wingate Rase, a long-time Alfred resident, is trustee of the Foundation.