

**Jim Fackenthal will perform Tuesday in Wingate Summer Carillon Recital Series**  
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ALFRED, NY – Jim Fackenthal will perform Tuesday, July 17, in the 2018 Wingate Memorial Summer Carillon Recital Series at Alfred University.

Fackenthal's recital on Alfred University's Davis Memorial Carillon begins at 7 p.m. and is the second of four scheduled for each Tuesday in July. His program will include works by Matthias van den Gheyn (Prelude No. 8) and Frederick L. Marriott (Wingate Fantasia); the Carnival Suite by John Courter; and a trio of popular tunes (Let Me Call You Sweetheart, Smiles, and 'Til We Meet Again).

The recital is free and will be held rain or shine.

Fackenthal began his carillon studies with David Caldwell at the University of Rochester and became a Carillonneur Member of the Guild of Carillonneurs of North America in 1986. For seven years, he performed regularly on both carillons at Indiana University, then served for several years as assistant/associate carillonneur at Rockefeller Chapel at the University of Chicago.

He currently performs regularly on Crane Carillon at St. Chrysostom's Church, the Millennium Carillon in Naperville, IL, and the Butz Carillon at Chicago Botanic Garden. Fackenthal also performs with the University of Chicago's piano program and Early Music Ensemble. He is an associate professor of biology at Benedictine University in Lisle, IL.

Two other carillonneurs will perform during the 2018 Wingate Memorial Summer Carillon Recital Series: Gordon Slater on July 24; and Carlo van Ulft on July 31. Each of those free concerts will begin at 7 p.m. The series opened on Tuesday, July 10, with a performance by Tatiana "Tanya" Lukyanova.

Alfred University's Wingate Memorial Summer Carillon Recital Series honors the first University carillonneur, Dr. Ray Wingate, professor of organ, who served as carillonneur from the arrival of the first 35 bells on campus in 1937 until his death in 1968. More than 20 additional bells were added over the years, some replacing original bells, and a new keyboard was installed in 1953, covering four octaves from C to C. Pedals span one octave, plus a musical fifth. The original tower on which the bells were hung was an oil derrick, hearkening back to the days when the Alfred and Wellsville areas were part of the northeast oil and gas fields mined for carbon-based fuels. The current steel tower was built in 1953, and modified in 1980.

The Wingate Memorial Summer Carillon Recital Series is generously funded by the Margaret Merrill and Ray Winthrop Wingate Memorial Carillon Foundation. The summer series was created by the late Margaret "Peggy" Wingate Rase to recognize and honor her parents' love of carillons and their dedication to the Davis Memorial Carillon.

Concerts are held rain or shine and guests are advised to bring folding chairs and warm clothes. Guests are also welcome to climb the 69 steps to the top of the carillon, enjoy the view, and watch the guest artists perform.