

## **AU Carillonneur Gives Recitals in Maryland, Pennsylvania**

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Alfred, NY -- Laurel Buckwalter, who has been Alfred University Carillonneur since 1994, recently gave two off-campus recitals. On Friday (May 7) she performed at the City Carillon in Frederick, MD, and on Sunday, at Mercersburg Academy in Mercersburg, PA. The recital program included contemporary selections such as the theme from the movie "Chariots of Fire," an arrangement of a J.S. Bach sarabande, a Japanese piece composed in 1929, and a group of American folk songs such as "The House Carpenter." In Alfred, Buckwalter plays the 47-bell Davis Memorial Carillon. She earned her Bachelor of Music degree magna cum laude from Houghton College, with piano as her major instrument, and then taught junior and senior high school vocal music for three years in Perry, NY. After teaching three years in a church high school in Ethiopia, she settled in western New York to raise her family. She earned a Master of Education degree at Alfred University, where, in addition to serving as carillonneur, she accompanies the AU chorus, string orchestra, and recitalists on piano, harpsichord, and organ. She and her husband John have five daughters, age 7-21.