

Carillon series set for four Tuesday evenings

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Alfred village will be ringing to the tunes of yet another Wingate Memorial Summer Carillon Recital Series hosted by Alfred University (AU) and AU Carillonneur Laurel Buckwalter throughout the month of July.

Admission is free for each performance by a guest carillonneur, beginning Tuesday, July 9 and continuing each Tuesday thereafter from 7 to 8 p.m. The performances will be held rain or shine at the University Davis Memorial Carillon, located on upper campus between the Steinheim and Susan Howell Hall. Guests may sit in the lawn adjacent to the carillon and can feel free to bring lawn chairs or blankets to ease their listening experience. If inclement weather persists, Howell Hall will be open to visitors.

This summer&s featured carillonneurs and the dates of their programs are:

- Tuesday, July 9: Carol Jickling Lens, University of Denver carillonneur, will play old British folk songs, upbeat variations on classics such as "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star," and much more.
- Tuesday, July 16: Sally Harwood, assistant carillonneur, Michigan State University, will perform classics such as "Moonlight Serenade" and "Dancing Queen."
- Tuesday, July 23: Tim Sleep, City Carillonneur, Naperville, IL, will play renowned pieces such as Pachelbel&s "Canon in D" and a medley from "Les Miserables."
- Tuesday, July 30: Philippe Beullens, assistant carillonneur, City of Leuven, Belgium, will offer pieces by Bach, Borodin, and Rachmaninov.

The first performer, Lens, began her carillon studies at Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, MI. In 1971, Lens continued her studies at the University of Michigan and then, from 1972 to 1974, attended the Netherlands Carillon School in Amersfort where she studied with Leen&t Hart and played many recitals, including a series of five at the Palace in Amsterdam.

The Wingate Memorial Carillon Recital Series honors Dr. Ray Winthrop Wingate (1886-1968), who was a professor of music at Alfred University for 56 years. After the installation of the bells in 1937, he was appointed to the position of University carillonneur and held that title until his death, having arranged more than 5,000 selections for the carillon and composed nine suites.

The Carillon at Alfred University is made of a double row of rounded oak levers, called batons, and a pedal board tuned in the fifth octave. The carillon tower&s ground floor display has information on its historic legacy. Guests are welcome to climb the tower&s 69 steps to the top, enjoy the view, and watch the guest artists at work.

