

Vermont musician to perform on AU carillon

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George Matthew Jr., carillonneur of Vermont's Middlebury College and Norwich University since 1986, will perform at 7 p.m. Tuesday (July 17) in the second installment of Alfred University's 2001 Wingate Memorial Summer Carillon Recital Series. His performance, like all recitals in the series, is free and open to the public. As well as his appointments as carillonneur, Matthew has been a church organist since age 13 and is currently organist of Middlebury Congregational Church. Until retiring in 1998, he was carillonneur of the First Presbyterian Church, organist and choir master of St. Andrew's Anglican Church, and associate organist of St. Mauricius Roman Catholic Church, all in Stamford, CT. For 18 years he served as organist and choir master of Temple Sinai and for 23 years as director of instrumental music at Rogers School, also both in Stamford. An active carillonneur member of the Guild of Carillonneurs in North America since 1980, Matthew is a graduate of Columbia, Bridgeport, and Wesleyan universities. He has made 23 carillon concert tours of the US and ten of Europe. He has also composed and arranged some 100 pieces for carillon, including many ragtime piano works. Tuesday's program includes American English, Danish, Celtic, Hebrew, and ragtime selections, plus "Rejoice, O Zion" by J.S. Bach. The sound of the carillon is best enjoyed on the lawns, where picnicking is encouraged, or on Upper College Drive. The only view from the ground of the carillonneur in action is found on the lawn in front of the apartments behind Howell Hall. Visitors may also climb the 69 steps to the top to watch the guest artist in action, but are cautioned to be quiet. The recital series will continue at 7 p.m. July 24 (the visiting recitalist is Julianne Vanden Wyngaard of Michigan), and July 31 (Linda Dzuris of South Carolina.)