

## Carillon bell ringing, recital to mark worldwide Universal Peace Day events

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On Tuesday, Aug. 5, Alfred University (AU) Carillonneur Laurel Buckwalter will join the bells of the Davis Memorial Carillon on campus to bells around the world to Ring Bells for Peace & A World Without War on Universal Peace Day, a program of the NYC Peace Museum.

At 7:15 p.m. EDT, the exact moment of the Hiroshima bombing, bells worldwide will take part in A Peal for Peace. The largest bell of the AU carillon (3,850 pounds) will be swung for five minutes. Any guests who would like to assist in the swinging of the bell are welcome. Please meet Buckwalter on the second floor of the carillon at 7:10 p.m. The public is invited to attend this free event, to be followed by a recital performed by Buckwalter.

Last year, A Peal for Peace Bell Ringing ceremonies took place around the world in Japan, New Zealand, Australia, Mexico, Georgia (Eastern Europe), and throughout the United States including nine churches in New York City. This year marks the 69th anniversary of the United States& dropping of the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima.

Following this year&s peal, there will be a minute of silence for Prayers for Peace, then Buckwalter will play a recital of pieces appropriate for the theme of peace, including the John Lennon song “Imagine,” “In Memoriam” by John Courter, “Haru no Umi” (“The Sea in Spring”) written by Michio Miyagi for koto and shakuhachi, “Dona Nobis Pacem,” and others. Buckwalter has performed on a number of carillons. She&s been a recitalist in San Antonio, TX; Mercersburg, PA; Erie, PA; Frederick, MD; the Oratory of St. Joseph&s, Montreal; Norwich University, VT; Middlebury College, VT; University of Rochester, NY; Albany, NY; The University of Toronto and the Metropolitan Church of Toronto, Canada; University of Chicago, IL; Botanic Gardens I Chicago; the Millennium Carillon, Naperville, IL; and the International Carillon Festival in Springfield, IL.

The AU carillonneur since 1994, Buckwalter earned a bachelor of music degree from Houghton College and a master of science degree in education from AU. She is a member of the Guild of Carillonneurs in North America and has presented guest recitals in six states as well as in the Province of Ontario, Canada.

A music specialist in the University&s Performing Arts Division, Buckwalter she provides piano instruction among other duties including serving as accompanist for University ensembles and recitalists and for groups throughout the area. She also gives private piano lessons and is organist at the Union University Church, Alfred.