

AU carillonneur participating in Guild 75th anniversary
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Laurel Buckwalter

Laurel Buckwalter, Alfred University carillonneur and technical specialist in the Performing Arts Department, is taking part in a special recital during the Bloomfield Hills Congress at Kirk of the Hills Presbyterian Church in Bloomfield Hill, Mich. The Congress, June 26-July 1, celebrates the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Guild of Carillonneurs in North America. The celebration, held in conjunction with the World Carillon Federation meeting for the first time in history, is also expected to be the largest in carillonneur history. Buckwalter's recital will take place Friday afternoon, July 1, at Christ Church Cranbrook. She will play on a team consisting of Adrian Gebruers of Ireland, Trevor Workman of England, John Wildmann of Frederick, Md., and Amy Heebner of Albany. The team will divide a song into five parts and slide on and off the bench in order to have 75 players in one recital. In addition to recitals, the congress consists of councils, meetings, exhibits, tours, workshops, presentations and dinners. A graduate of Houghton College with a major in music, Buckwalter earned a master of science degree in education from Alfred University. In addition to her carillon and music specialist duties, Buckwalter is often the piano accompanist for recitalists and choral groups on campus and throughout the area.