

## AU announces guests for summer carillon recital series

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Alfred University will once again offer a summer series of carillon performances during the month of July. The 2010 Wingate Memorial Summer Carillon Recital Series will run on Tuesdays from 7-8 p.m. at the Davis Memorial Carillon on campus. Admission is free and the performances go on rain or shine. Guests may sit on the lawn adjacent to the carillon. Feel free to bring along chairs and blankets to enhance your listening pleasure. This summer's featured carillonneurs and the dates of their programs are: Carlo van Ulft, director/carillonneur of the Centralia Carillon in Illinois, July 6; Margo Halsted, adjunct professor, teaches and plays the carillon, University of California-Santa Barbara, July 13; Lee Cobb, organist, choirmaster, carillonneur of the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, Clearwater, FL, July 20; John Lehrer, carillonneur, member of the Guild of Carillonneurs of North America (GCNA), July 27. van Ulft opens the series with an evening full of a wide range of pieces from concertos to marches to tangos. His selections will include: "Prelude and Fuga in G Major" by Benoit Franssen; keyboard concertos "Largo, Concerto V, BWV 1056" and "Larghetto, Concerto IV, BWV 1055" by Bach; "Capricho Arabe," Francisco Tregua; famous marches "Under the Double Eagle," Wagner, "Radetzki March," Johann Strauss Jr.; salon music "The Fountain," Brahms, "Through Mountains and Gorges," Brindley, and "La Zingana (The Gypsy)," Brahms; improvisation on "Here There and Everywhere," (John Lennon/Paul McCartney); Argentinean tangos "Cata," "El Conventillo," "El Cantor de Buenos Aires;" overture to "Poet and Peasant." van Ulft was appointed director/carillonneur of the Centralia Carillon in 1997. Besides playing three weekly concerts, he is also responsible for further development of the instrument and promotes the carillon through scheduled tours and maintaining media attention. van Ulft is a native of the Netherlands and holds European master's-level degrees in organ, carillon, and theater organ. From 1984-97, he served on the faculty of the Royal Carillon School "Jef Denyn" in Mechelen, Belgium. Prior to his appointment in Centralia, he held the position of municipal carillonneur in four cities in The Netherlands and was organist at St. Martinus Church in Venlo, The Netherlands. As a guest recitalist, van Ulft has appeared at all major carillon festivals and carillon summer series in North America and Europe. Additionally, he has served as adjudicator for several prestigious national and international carillon competitions. van Ulft serves on the GCNA Board of Directors and several subcommittees. He received the medal of honor of the University of California-Berkeley in 1993 for "distinguished service to the carillon." During the academic year, van Ulft plays the carillon and teaches the art of carillon playing at Principia College in Elsah, IL. He is organist at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Hamel, IL. 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 the University carillonneur and continued in the position until his death. He arranged more than 5,000 selections for the carillon and composed nine suites. The Margaret Merrill and Ray W. Wingate Memorial Carillon Foundation funds the series. The carillon at Alfred University is made of a double row of rounded oak levers, called batons (which are struck with loosely clenched fists), with a pedal board (octave and a fifth). The ground-floor display by the carillon has information on its history. Guests are welcome to climb the 69 steps to the top to enjoy the view and watch the guest artists at work.